

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

12:6-8

more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Every single Christian **has** a spiritual gift
that they **received** from God **when they were saved**

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LET US USE THEM

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order that "the body of sin might be "destroyed, "so that we would no longer be "enslaved to sin."⁷ "For "one who has been set free "from sin, "now "if we are "dead with Christ, we believe that we will also "live with him.⁸ "We know that "Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; "he no longer has dominion over him. "Death he died he died to sin, "once; "the life he lives he lives to God.⁹ "So "we must consider ourselves "dead to sin, "and "alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² "Let not "sin therefore reign in your body, to make you obey its passions. "Do not "present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but "present yourselves "to God as those who have been brought "dead to life, and your members "as instruments for righteousness.¹⁴ "For "sin will have no dominion over you, since you are "not under law but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁵ "What then? "Are we to sin "because we are not under law but under grace? "By no means! "Do you not know that if you "present yourselves "to anyone as obedient slaves, "you are slaves of the one whom you obey, "either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?¹⁷ "But "thanks be to God, that you who were once "slaves to sin, "have now become obedient from the heart to the teaching of the Word, "so that you are "free from the law, "and "slaves to righteousness, "which leads to holiness and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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GOSPEL-POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION (1:1-17)

WRATH-ALL SINNERS-CONDEMNATION (1:18-3:20)

GRACE-MADE BY FAITH-JUSTIFICATION (3:21-5:21)

SANCTIFY-BY FAITH-SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:13)

HOPE-EXPECTING HEAVEN-GLORIFICATION (8:14-39)

SOLID-FAITHFUL PROMISES-REVELATION (9-11)

LIVING-PRACTICAL FAITH-CONSECRATION (12:1-15:13)

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BE SURRENDERED - LIVING SACRIFICES

DON'T BE CONFORMED BY WORLD

BE TRANSFORMED IN MINDS

BE APPROVING - ABLE TO DISCERN

GOOD, PLEASING, PERFECT WILL OF GOD



THINKING RIGHTLY ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS (v.3-5)

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- ① Think **INDIVIDUALLY** - *every Christian has a gift* (v.3)
- ② Think **HUMBLY** - *not more highly than ought* (v.3)
- ③ Think **SOBERLY** - *sound judgment, rightly* (v.3)
- ④ Think **Appointedly** - *as God has given* (v.3)
- ⑤ Think **VARIEDLY** - *many different gifts* (v.4)
- ⑥ Think **Christly** - *one body in Christ* (v.5)
- ⑦ Think **CONNECTEDLY** - *members of one another* (v.5)

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Graces from the Grace of God to us

Gifts = χάρισμα *chárisma* - workings of Grace

Grace = χάρις *cháris* - unmerited favor

Differing- we do not all have the same gift

Given - but these are already given to us

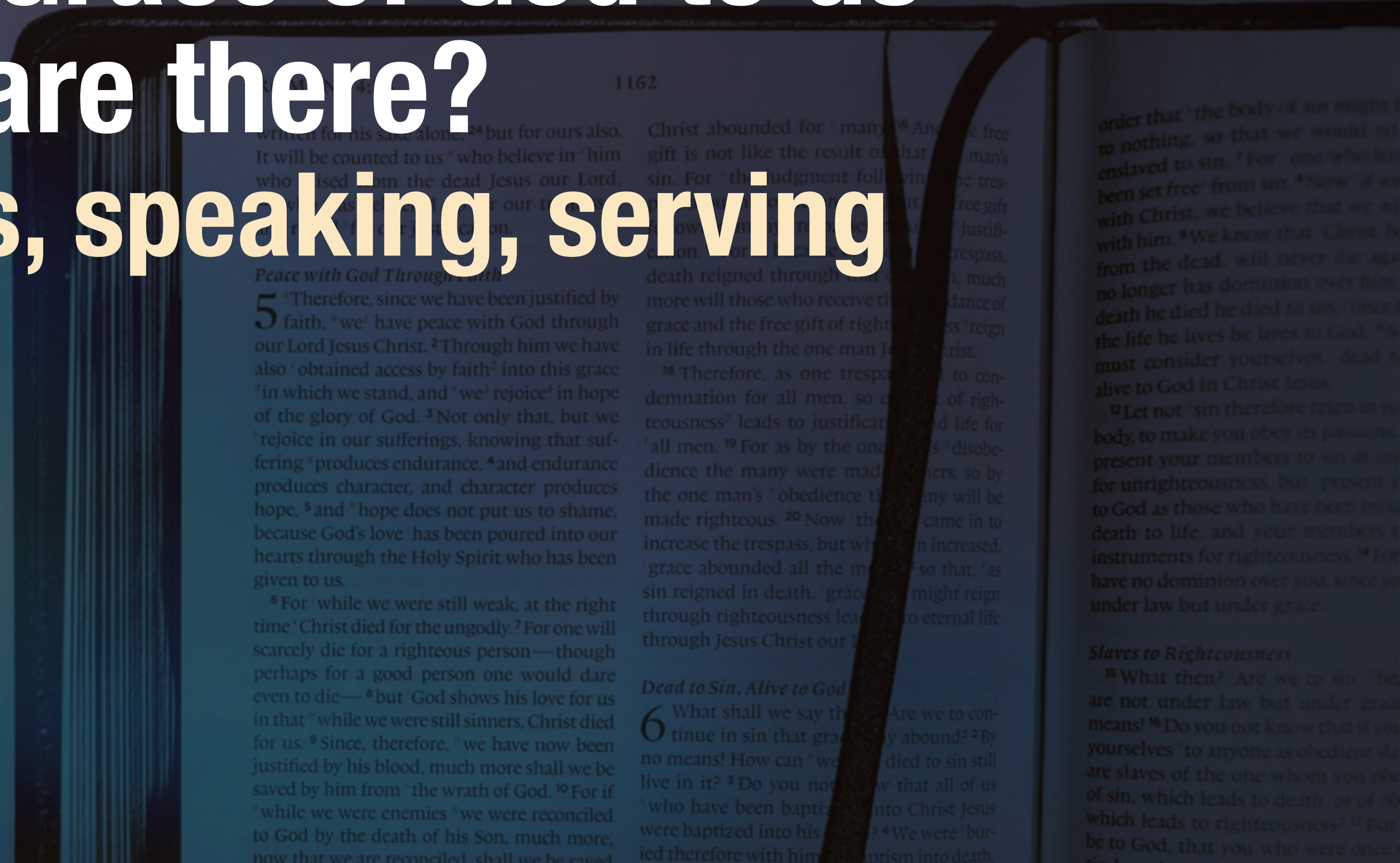
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**As each one has received a gift,
minister it to one another, as good
stewards of the manifold grace of
God.**

1 Peter 4:10

**If anyone speaks, let him speak as
the oracles of God.**

**If anyone ministers, let him do it as
with the ability which God supplies...**

1 Peter 4:11

**that in all things God may be
glorified through Jesus Christ, to
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There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ...But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

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- **Rom 12** - 7 gifts mentioned

Are they innumerable - lists representative

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IF not, how recognize what is a gift?

- could claim gift of humor, sarcasm, or chocolate?

IF so, we have a full parameter of the gifts

- your gift would be in one of these 7, only one

- all of these are yours in minor, but 1 major

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**But he who prophesies speaks
edification and exhortation and
comfort to men.**

1 Corinthians 14:3

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 - if how God wired you, Prophecy!
in proportion to your faith (within)

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- lit. serving (being a servant)
- surely many people's gifts are here
- often children's ministry, worship, ushers and greeters, meals, etc
- find joy & power in serving, not leading, not speaking...serving
- if how God wired you, **Serve, Minister!**

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**So they read distinctly from the book,
in the Law of God; and they gave the
sense, and helped them to
understand the reading.**

Nehemiah 8:8

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- often pastors, children's ministry missionaries, Home groups, etc
- what grabs these is God's word understanding it, helping know it
- if how God wired you, Teach!

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④ If **EXHORTS** - *let us use in Exhorting* (v.8)

- lit. coming alongside & speaking to
- encouragers, comforters, exhorters
- most often a one-on-one ministry
- often counselors, disciplers, mentors
- often in youth ministry, etc
- driven by encouraging to move forward
- if how God wired you, **Exhort!**

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- ⑤ **If GIVES** - *let us use in Liberality* (v.8)
- one who distributes, gives, sees need
 - one who connects supply with need
 - often supporting churches, missions
 - those with a heart to distribute alms, or benevolence to those in need
 - perhaps even prayer warriors
 - if how God wired you, **Give Liberally!**
with hilarity, gladness

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**So let each one give as he purposes
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2 Corinthians 9:7

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⑥ If **LEADS** - *let us use in Diligence* (v.8)

- those with the heart and ability to lead
- a sense of organization, God given ability to navigate, administrate
- often ministry leaders, starters, and maintainers
- if how God wired you, be **Diligent!**

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⑦ If **MERCY** - *let us use in* **Cheerfulness** (v.8)

- compassion, care for those who are hurting, broken, sympathy, driven by
- often evangelists, counselors, greeters, heart for people, community jail ministry, hospital visitation
- if how God wired you, be **Cheerful!**

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In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

If your gift is **serving** others, serve them well.

If you are a **teacher**, teach well.

If your gift is to **encourage others**, be encouraging.

If it is **giving**, give generously.

If God has given you **leadership ability**, take the responsibility seriously.

And if you have a gift for **showing kindness** to others, do it gladly.

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Romans 12:2

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I believe the Lord is looking for an army of sharpshooters who will zero in on their target and say, "This is where I function," as they make the development and exercise of their spiritual gift their priority and passion.

Jon Courson 1944-

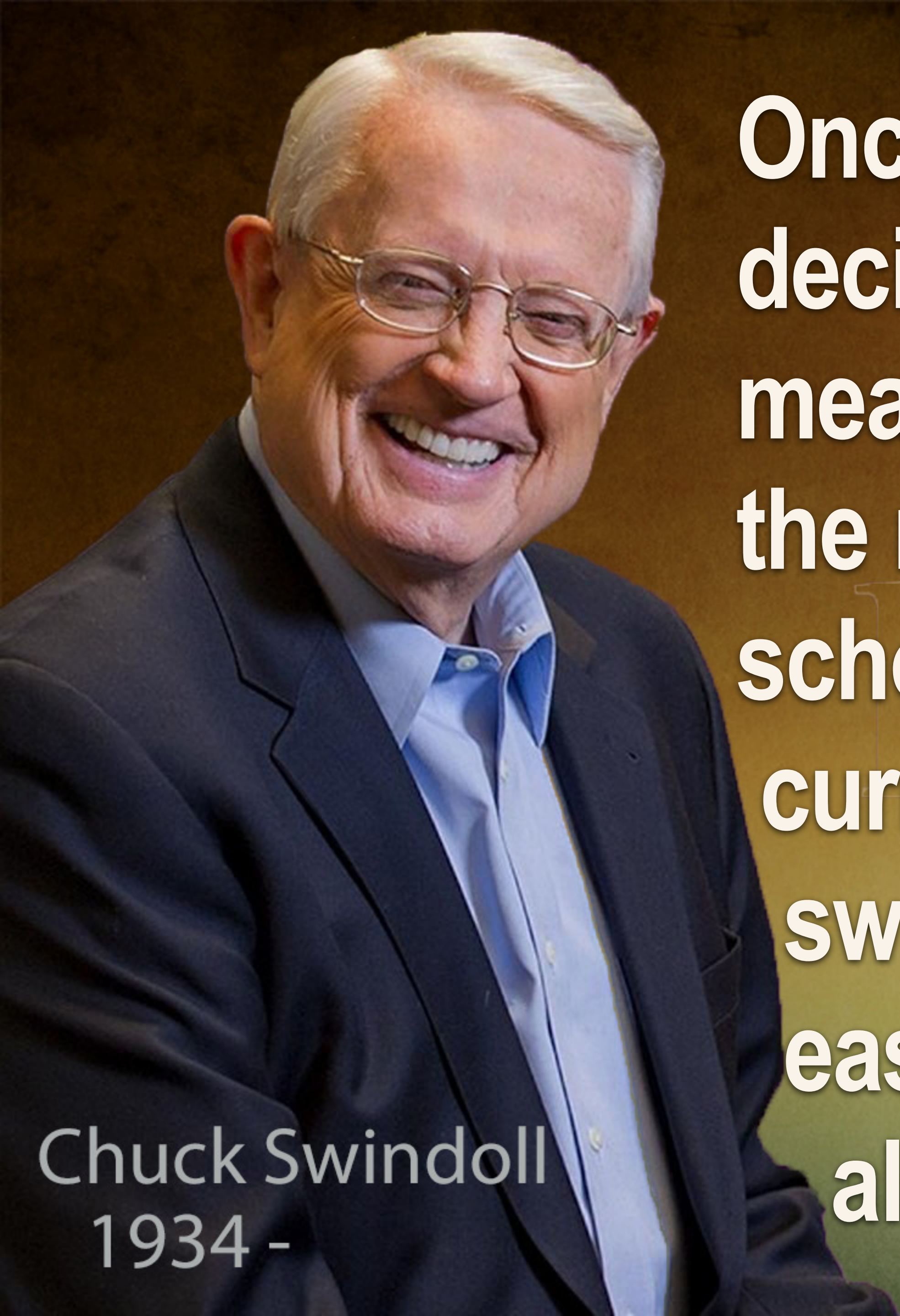
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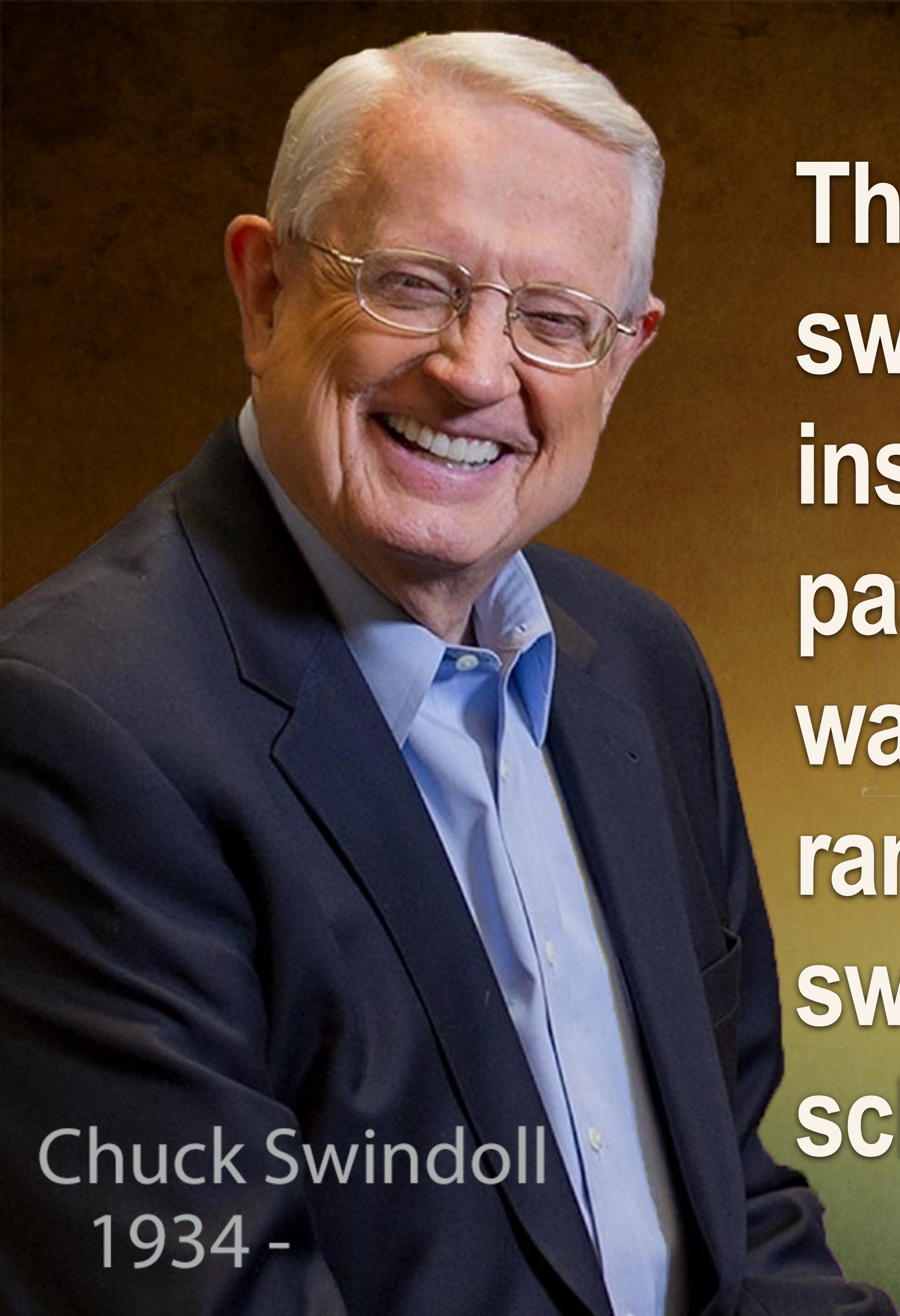
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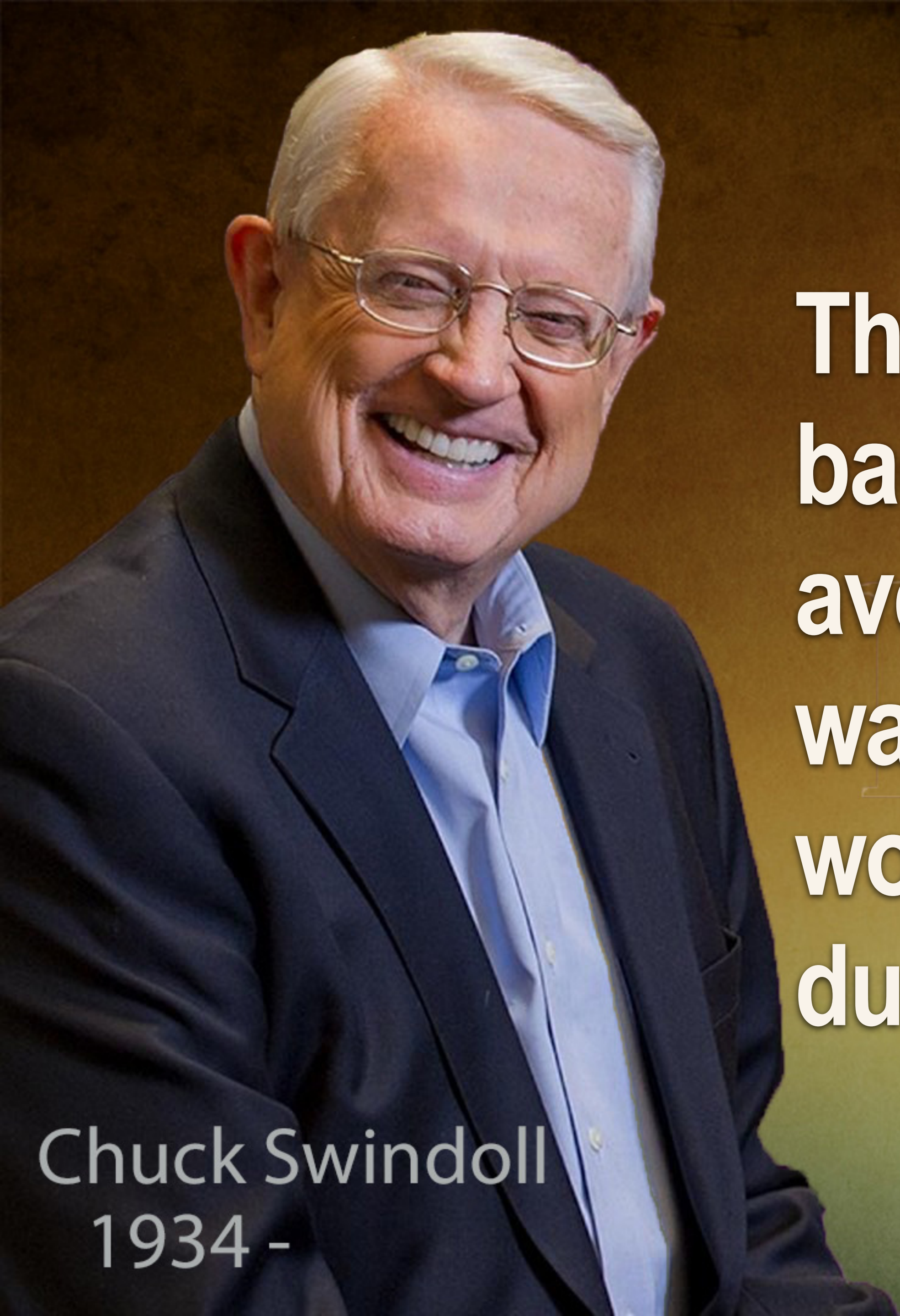
Once upon a time the animals decided they should do something meaningful to meet the problems of the new world. So, they organized a school. They adopted an activity curriculum of running, climbing, swimming and flying. To make it easier to administer the curriculum, all the animals took all the subjects.

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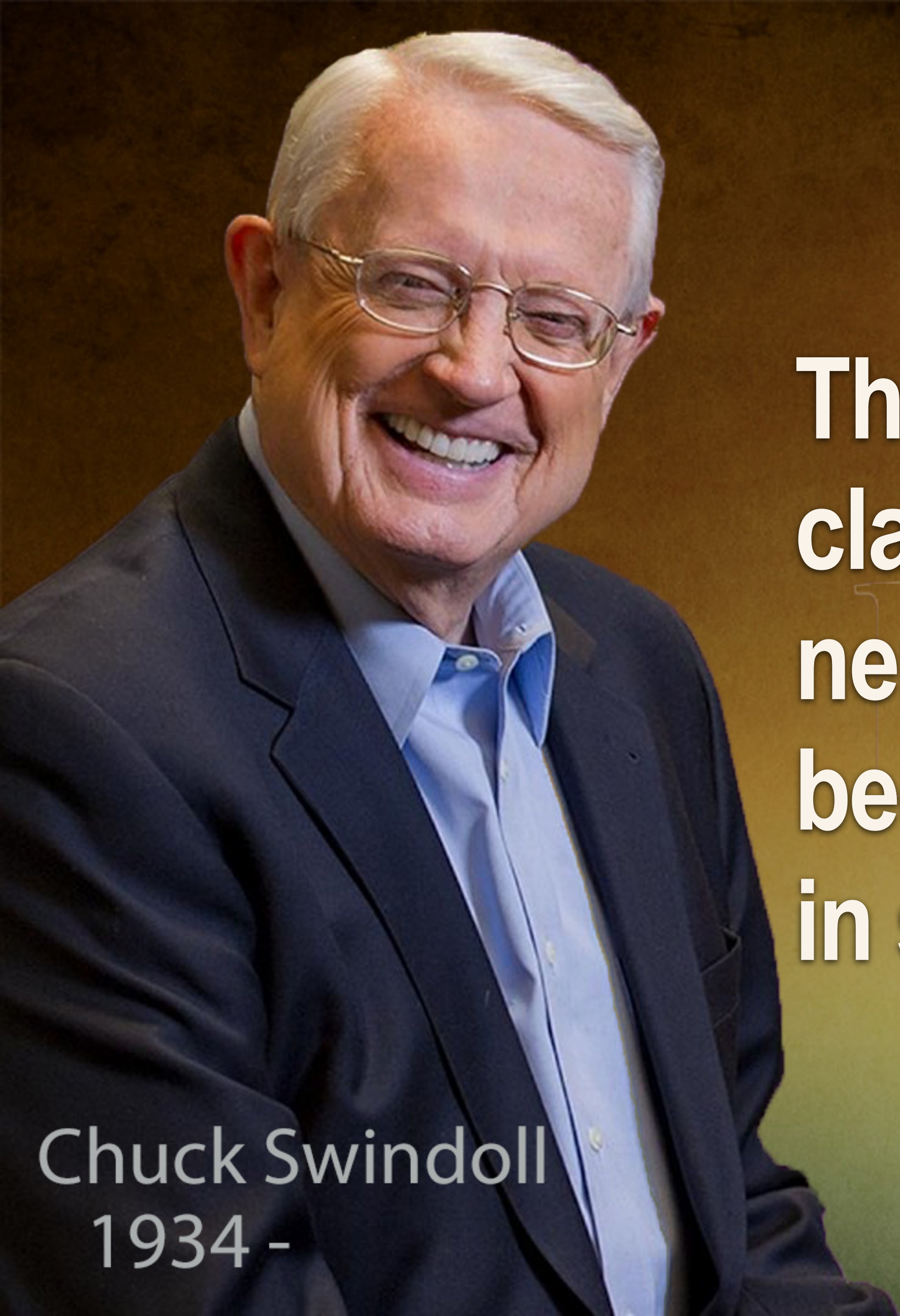
The duck was excellent in swimming – in fact, better than his instructor. But he made only passing grades in flying, and he was very poor in running. Since he ran so slowly, he had to drop swimming class and stay after school to practice running.

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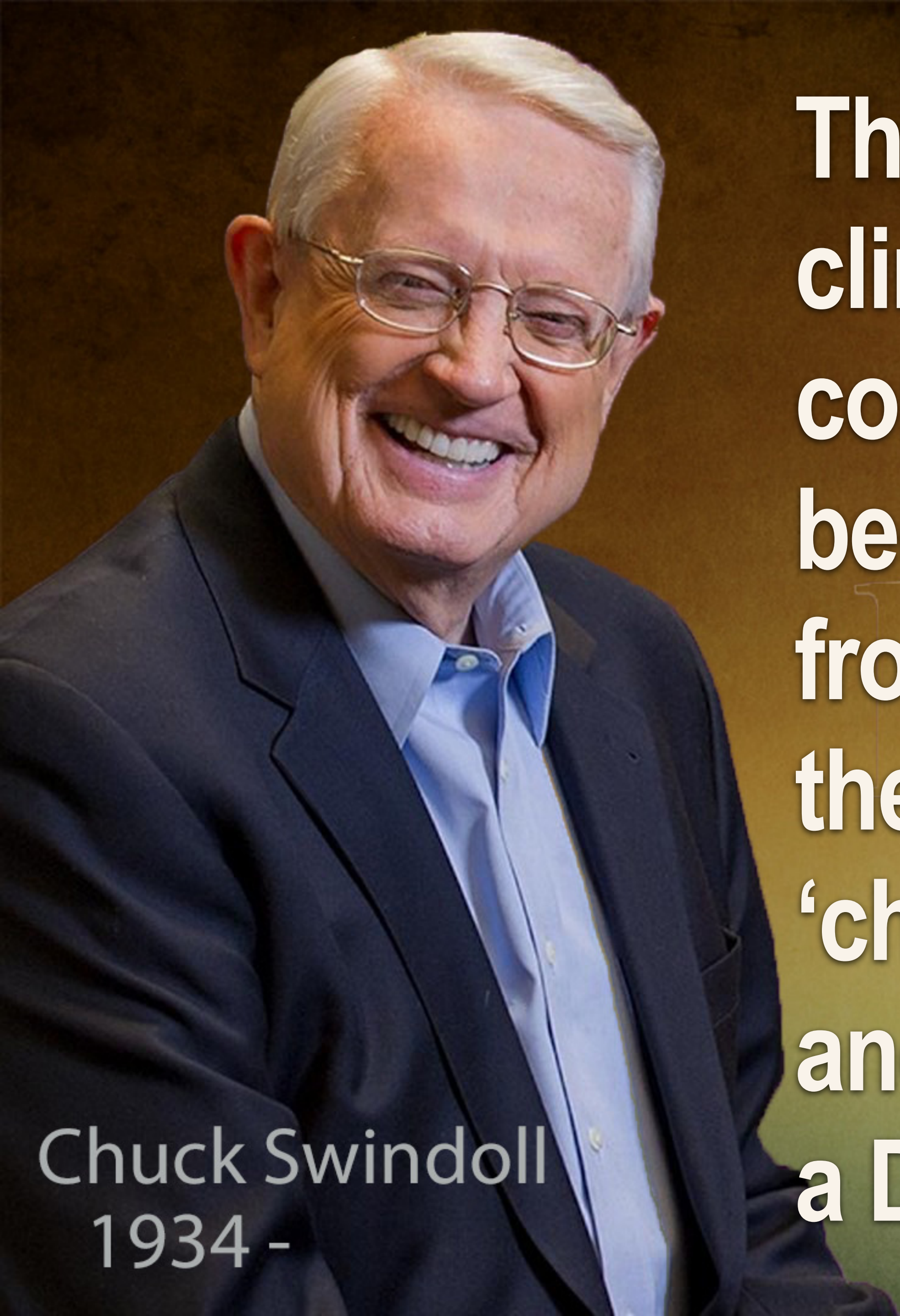
This caused his web feet to be badly worn, so that he was only average in swimming. But average was quite acceptable, so nobody worried about that – except the duck, that is.

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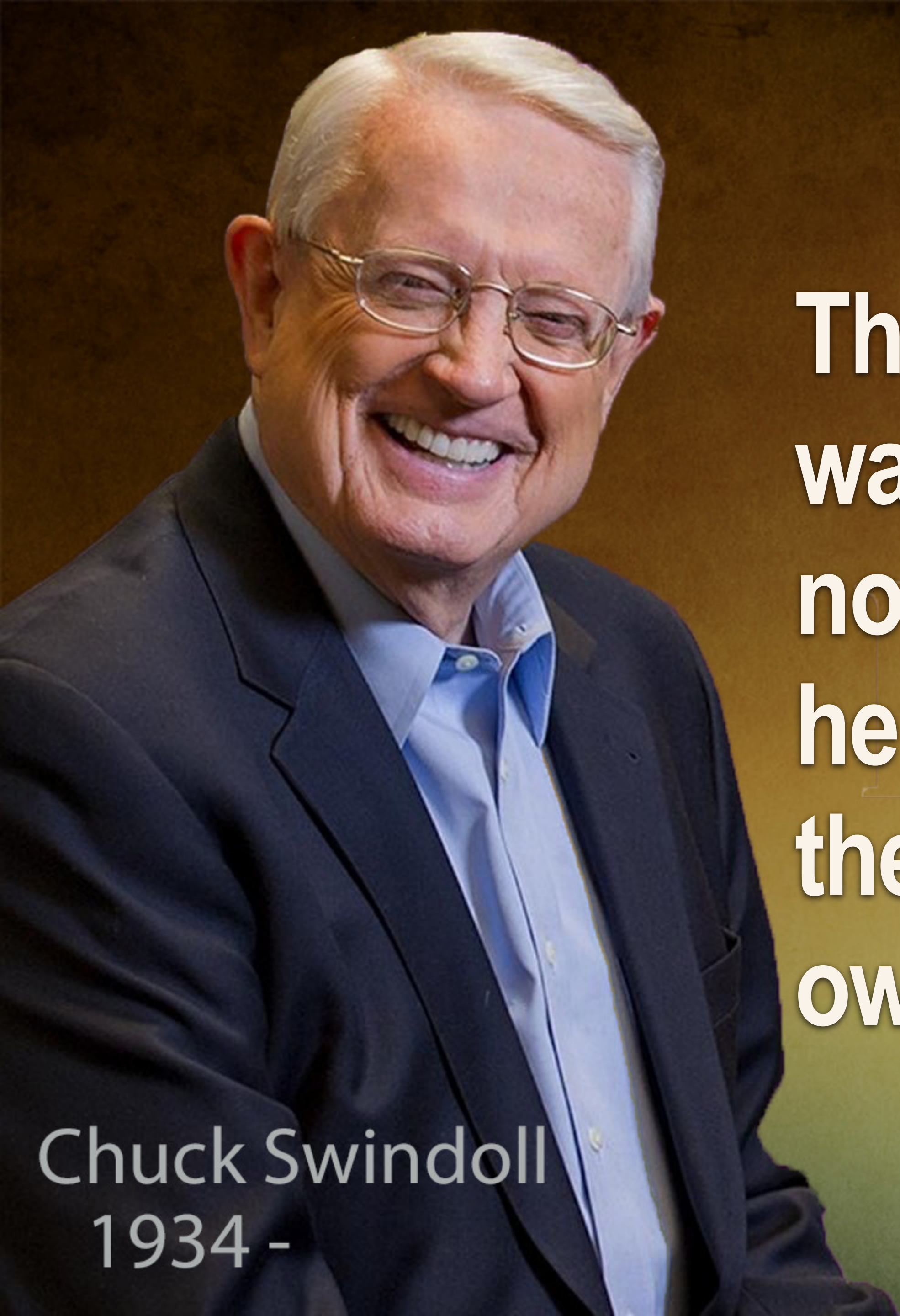
The rabbit started at the top of his class in running, but developed a nervous twitch in his leg muscles because of so much make-up work in swimming.

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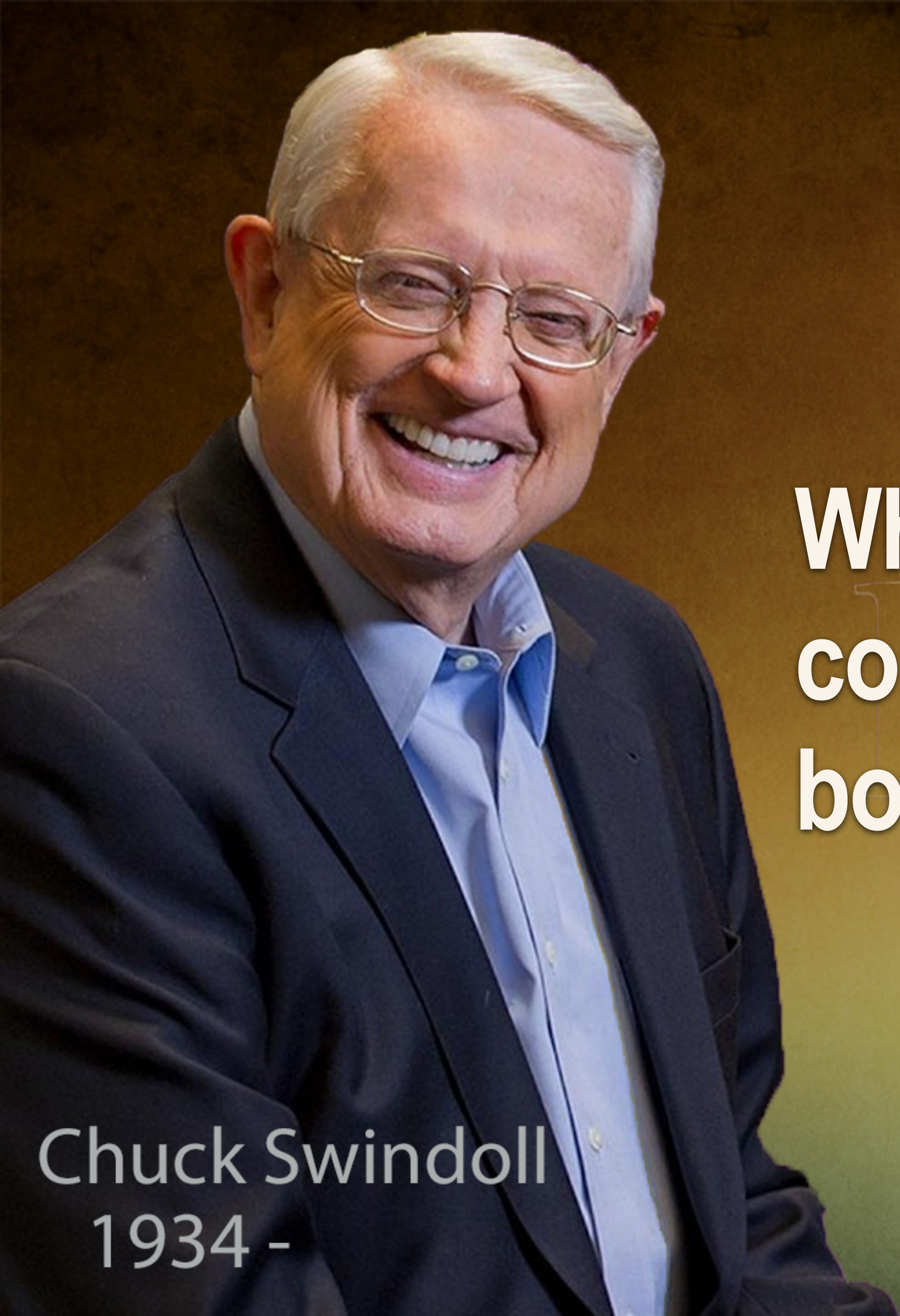
The squirrel was excellent in climbing, but he encountered constant frustration in flying class because his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of from the treetop down. He developed 'charley horses' from overexertion, and so only got a C in climbing and a D in running.

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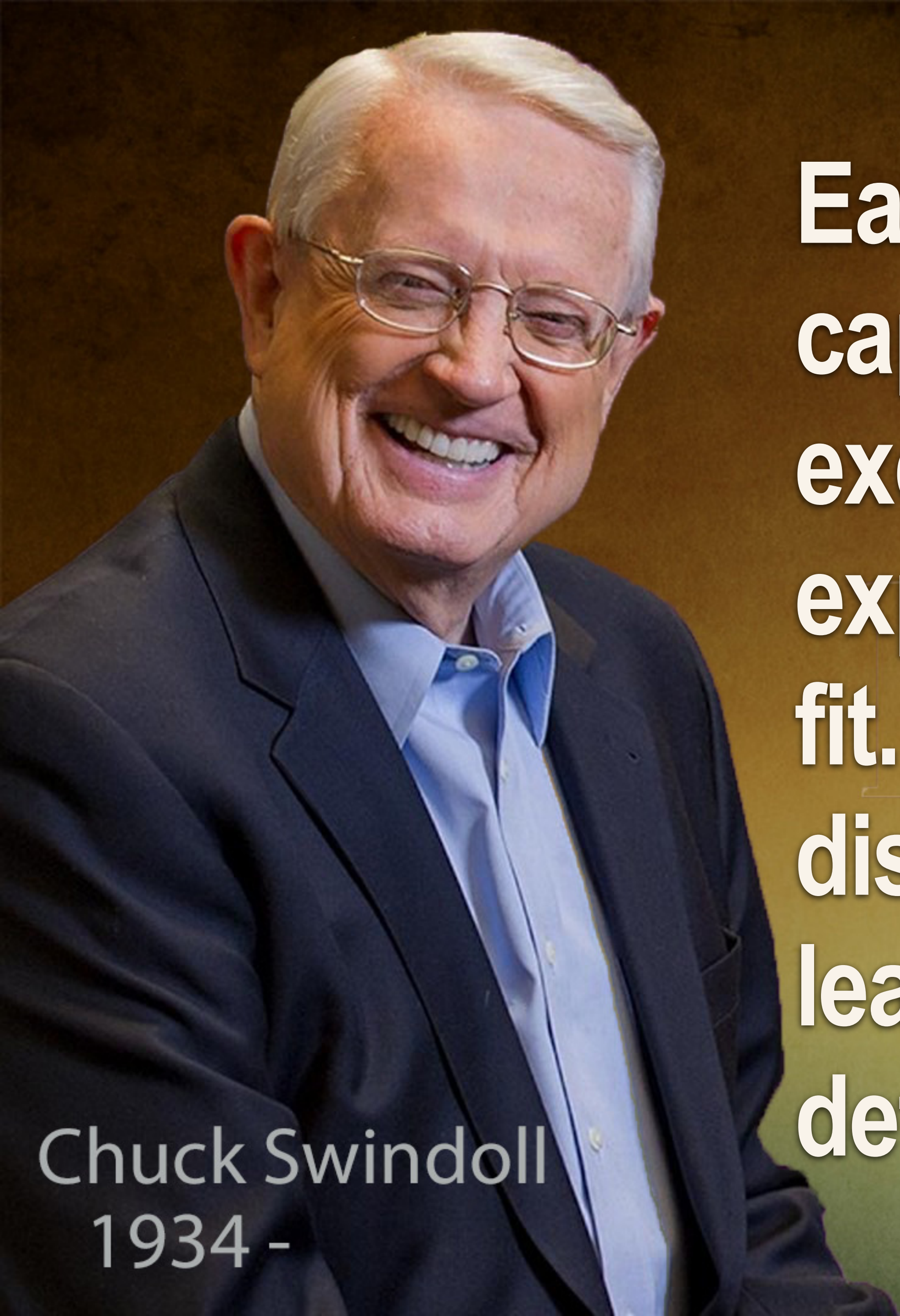
The eagle was a problem child and was severely disciplined for being a non-conformist. In climbing classes he beat all the others to the top of the tree, but insisted on using his own way to get there.

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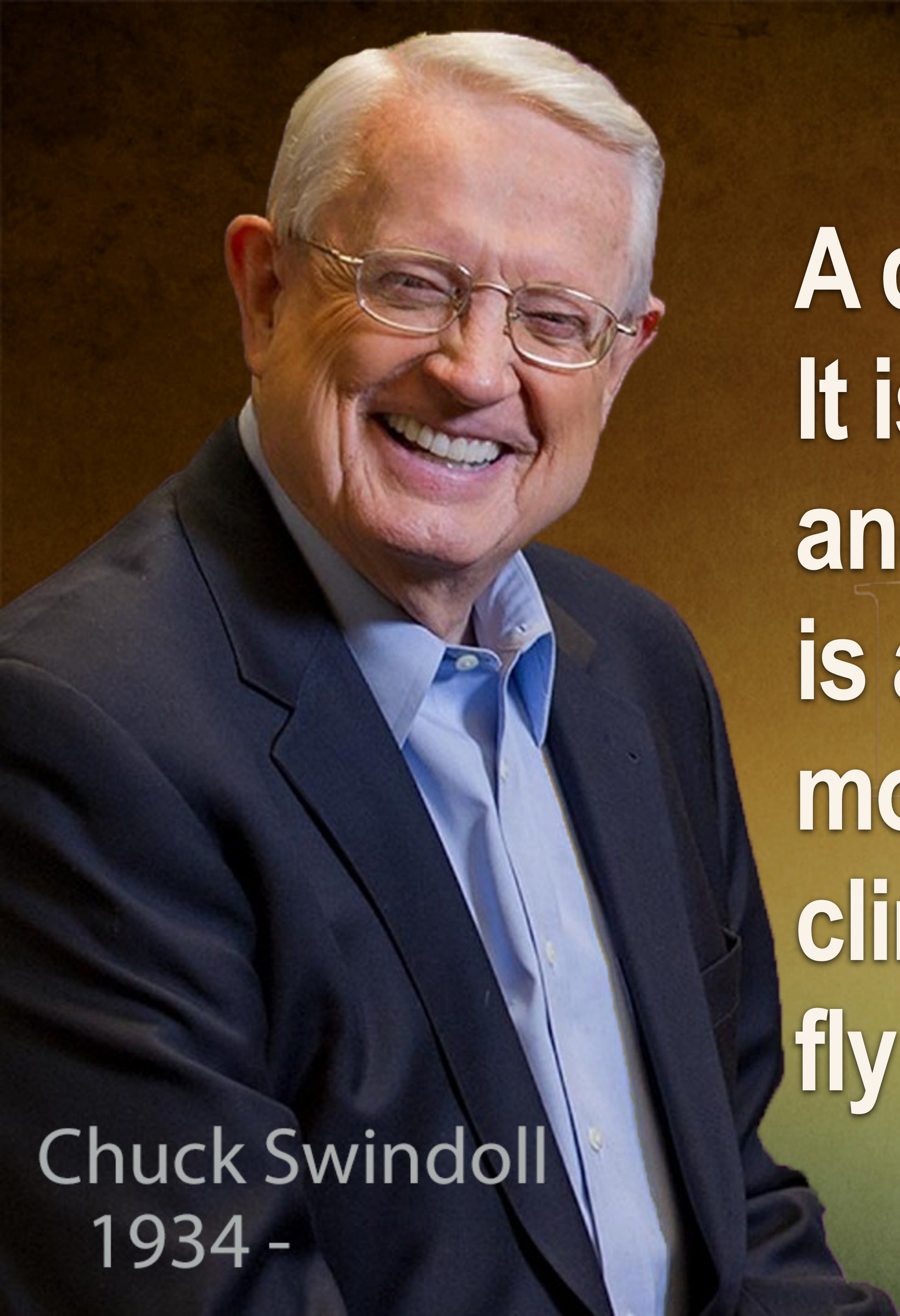
What powerful truth this parable contains! The moral it conveys is both simple and very profound.

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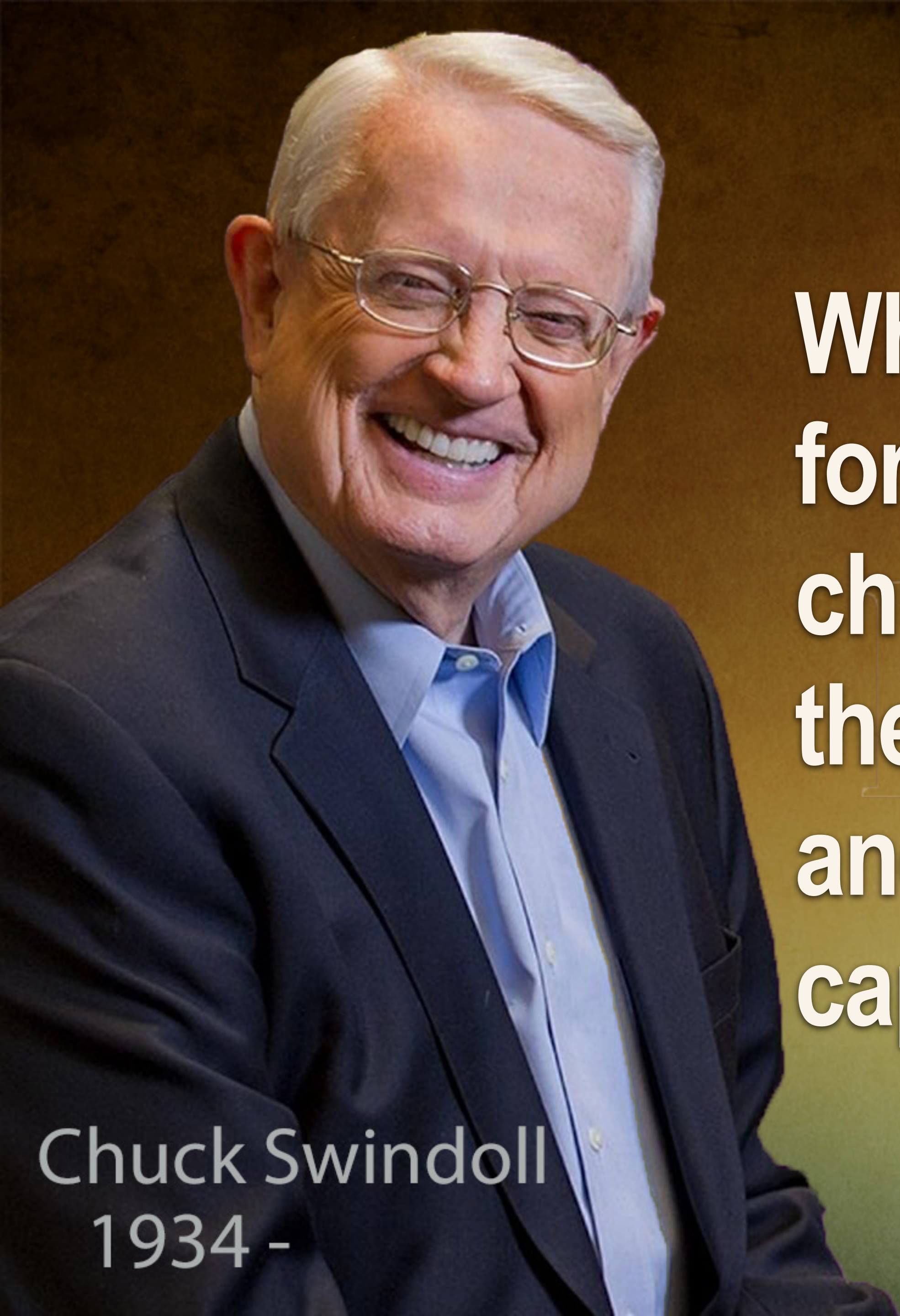
Each creature has its own set of capabilities in which it will naturally excel – unless it is asked and expected to fill a mold that doesn't fit. When that happens, frustration, discouragement, and even guilt will lead to mediocrity or even complete defeat.

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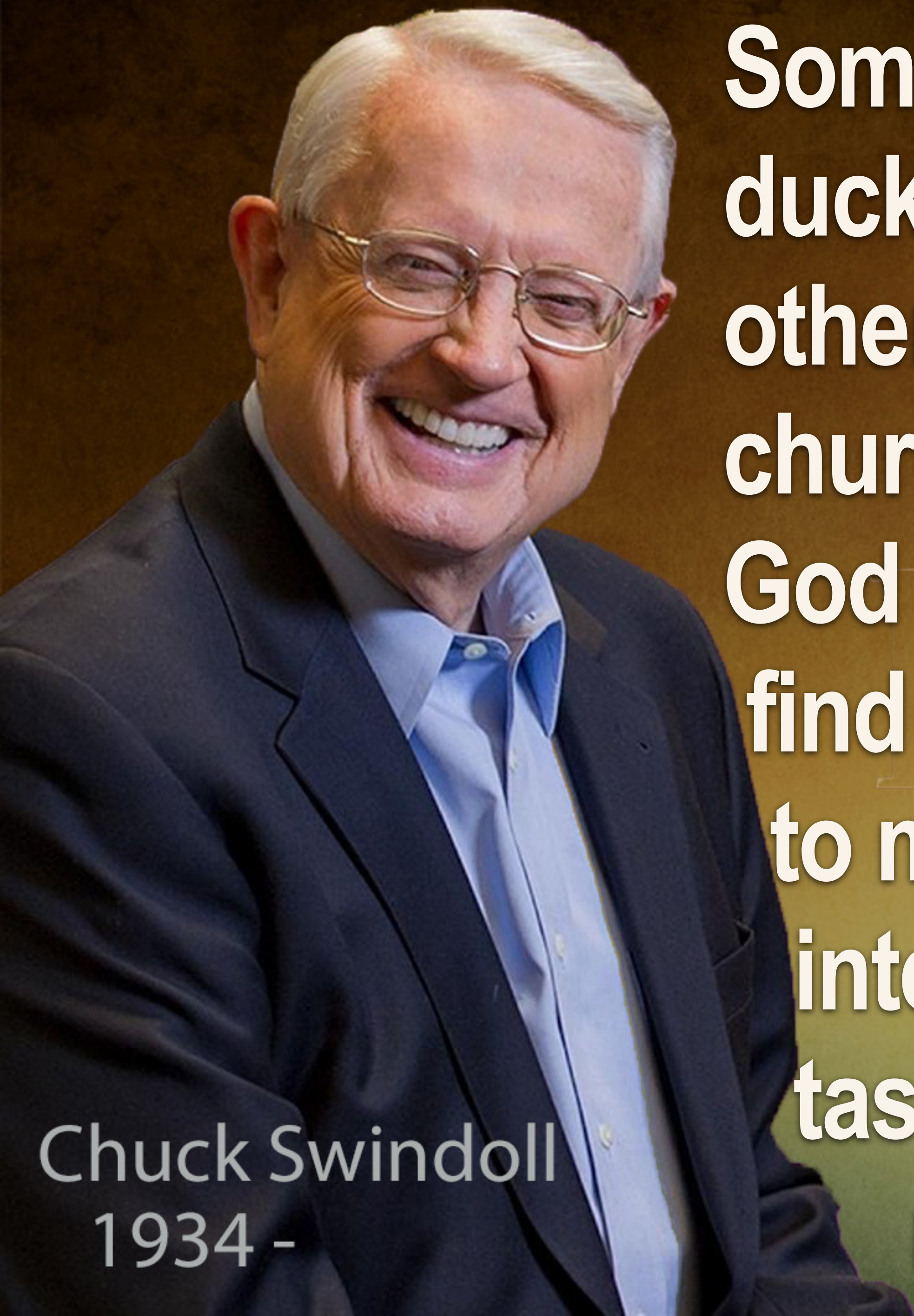
A duck is a duck – and only a duck. It is built to swim, not to run or fly, and certainly not to climb. A squirrel is a squirrel – and only that. To move out of its greatest strength, climbing, and expect it to swim or fly would drive the squirrel crazy

Chuck Swindoll
1934 –



What is true of creatures in the forest is true of every Christian church. God has not made us all the same. It was He who planned and designed our differences and capabilities.

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Some of church members will be ducks. Others will be rabbits. Still others will be squirrels or eagles. The church that succeeds in the mission God desires for it to accomplish will find a way to assign responsibilities to members whose spiritual gifts and interests equip them to get each task done. In other words, don't put rabbits on the swim team!

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- ⑥ If **LEADS** - *let us use in Diligence* (v.8)
- ⑦ If **MERCY** - *let us use in Cheerfulness* (v.8)

Each of you should use
WHATEVER

gift you have received
to **SERVE**
OTHERS

as faithful
stewards of

God's

grace in its various forms

1 Peter 4:10

Thank you for
joining with us !

our **PRAYER TEAM**
is available down
front after service



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