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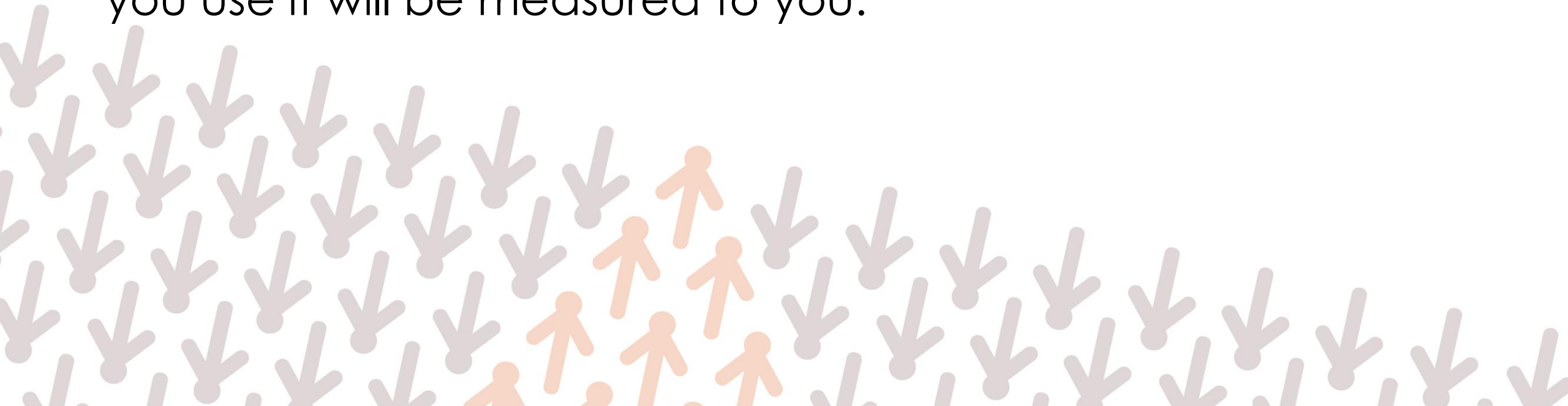
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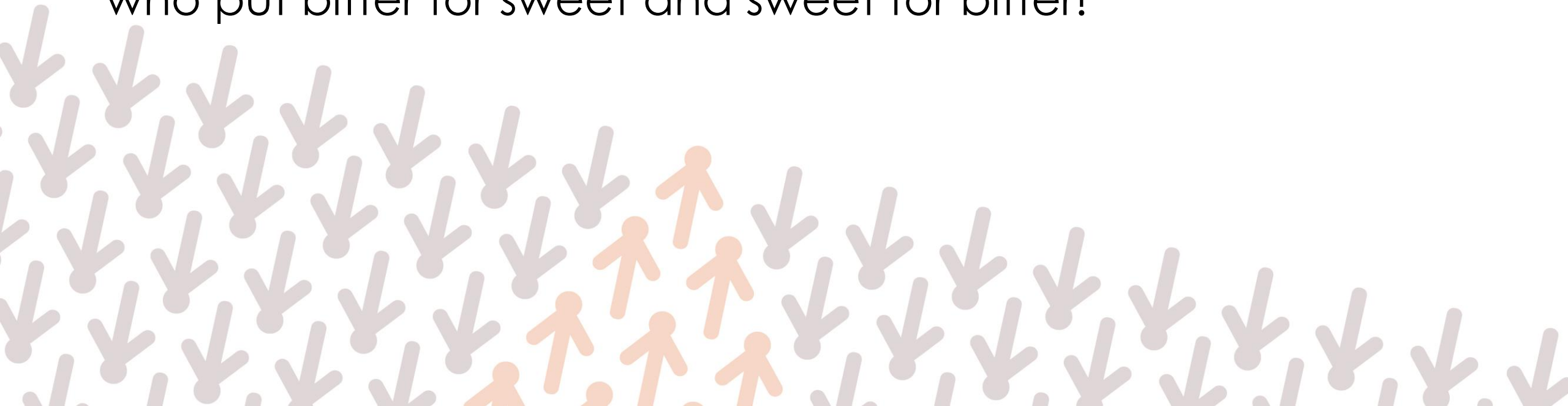
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Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!



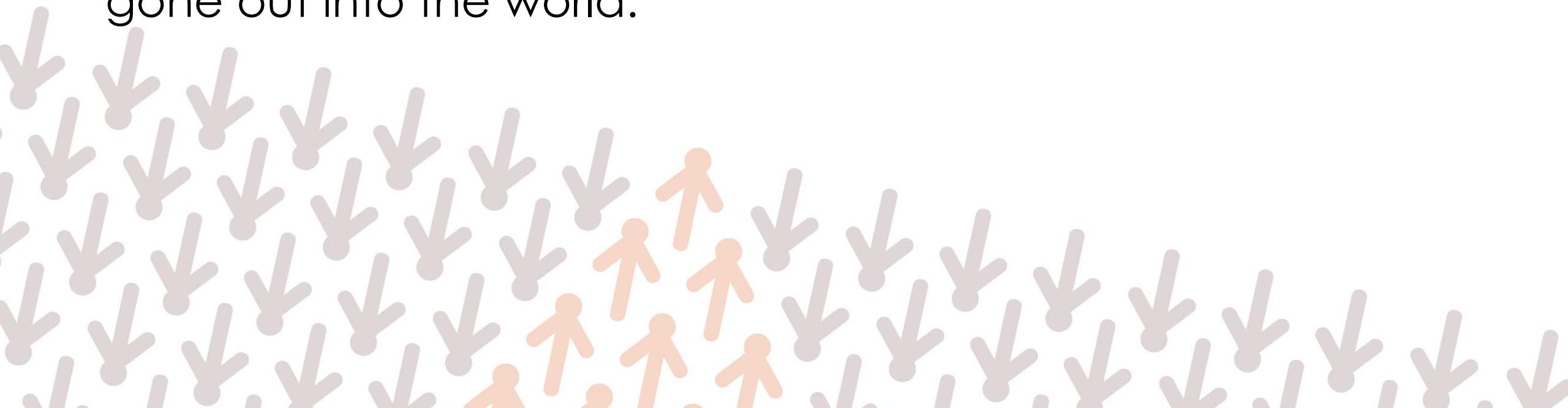
1 Corinthians 5:12–13

¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



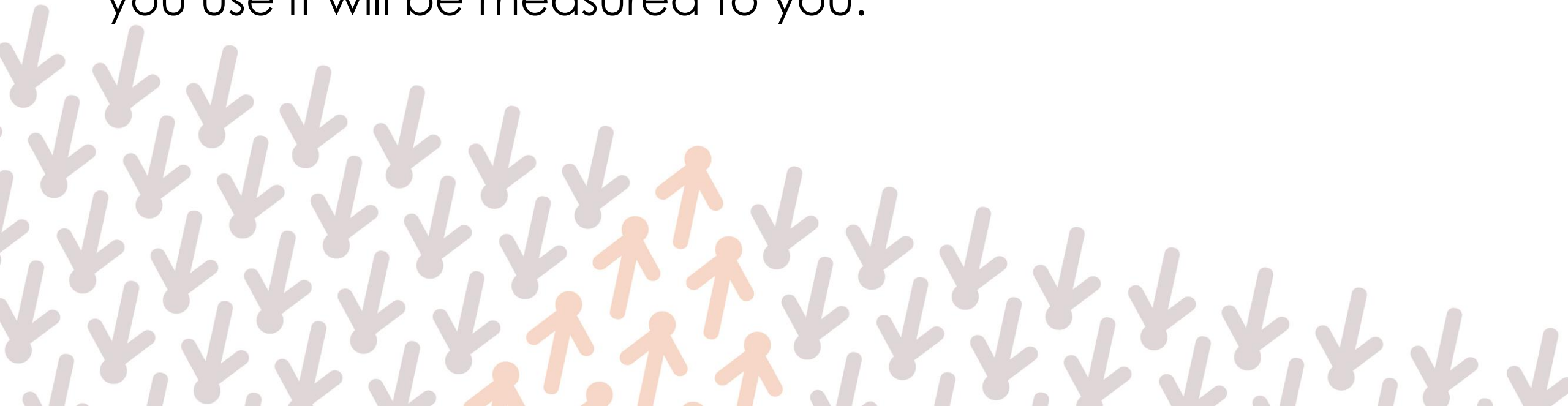
1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.



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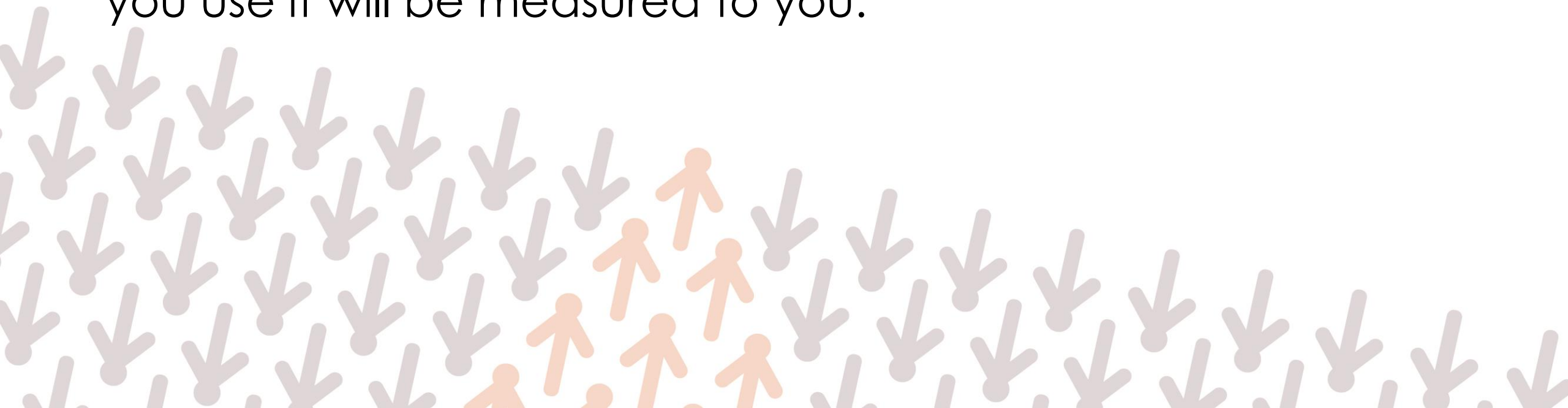
Luke 6:37–38

³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”



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James 2:13

For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.



James 4:11–12

¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

James 5:9

Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

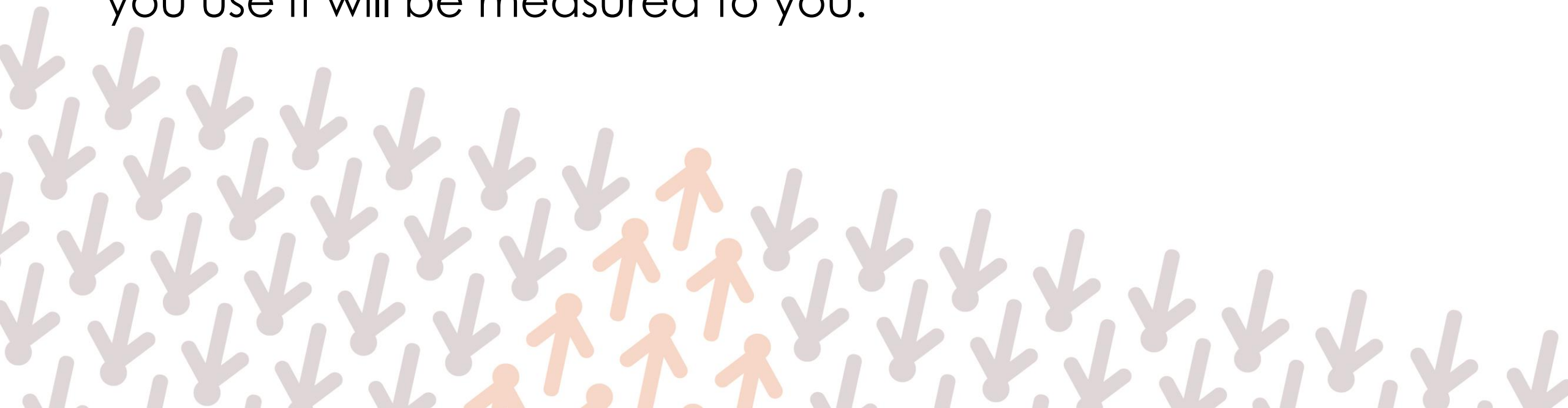


Romans 14:4, 10–12

⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand... ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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2. Judgy people are blinded and hurtful (7:3–4)

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The Speck and the Log

Other People (we confront)	Ourselves (we ignore)
surface blemishes	deep faults
personality quirks	character flaws
temporary struggles	long-term bondage
annoying habits	moral compromises
grey areas	clear sins

3. A humble heart makes you a helpful sibling (7:5)

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Galatians 6:1–2

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



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Matthew 18:15–17

[Step 1] ¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, **[Step 2]** take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, **[Step 3]** tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, **[Step 4]** let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

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Proverbs 9:8

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.



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