

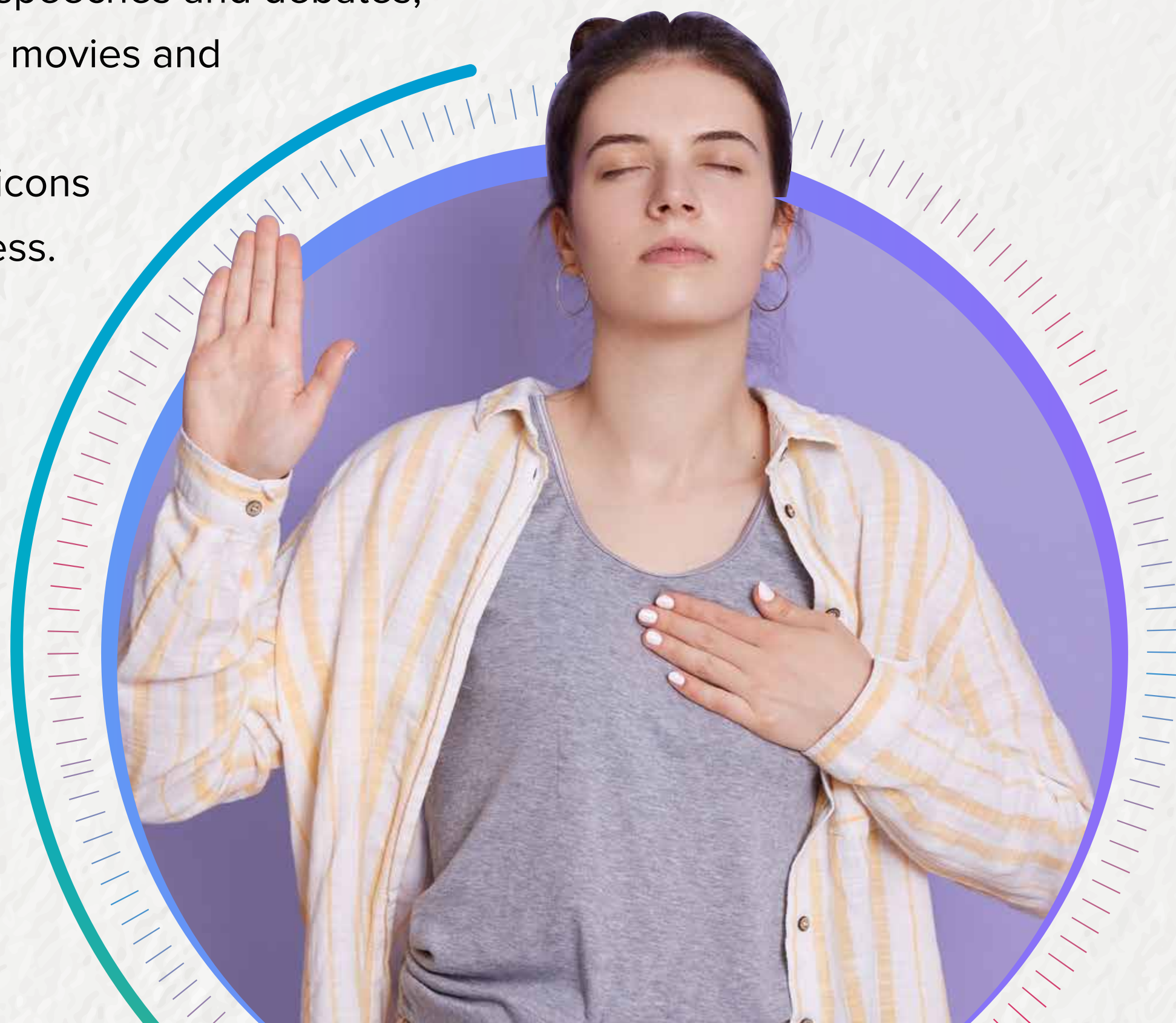
## MEEKNESS

The shift of today's culture from character to image has turned vanity and pride into virtues.

Pride has been redefined in today's culture as a virtue. The strong, the beautiful, the powerful, the intelligent, and the privileged take every opportunity to put themselves forward. Politicians manifest pride in speeches and debates; entertainers glamourize pride in their movies and lifestyles; educators teach pride by emphasizing self-esteem and sports icons reinforce pride as the path to greatness.

Probably the least admired character quality in today's life is meekness. And yet the greatest Person who ever lived was a meek and humble man

—“learn from Me, for I am gentle [meek] and humble in heart”





“Meekness” is a humble attitude that expresses itself in the patient endurance of offenses.

“Gentleness” is a virtual synonym. It implies leniency and long-suffering.

Meekness is not weakness; it is power under control. Gentleness always uses its resources appropriately, unlike the out-of-control emotions that so often are destructive and have no place in your life.

And don't equate gentleness with cowardice, lack of conviction, or mere human niceness. It's a virtue that draws courage, strength, conviction, and a good disposition from God, not from self-centered human resources.

Meekness is a path worth following. It may not lead you to a spot on “Today's Idol” or “Survivor,” you may not win a political campaign, but you'll find the reward of God is yours in abundance. Think about this.

**MAKE YOUR DAY JOYFUL.**

