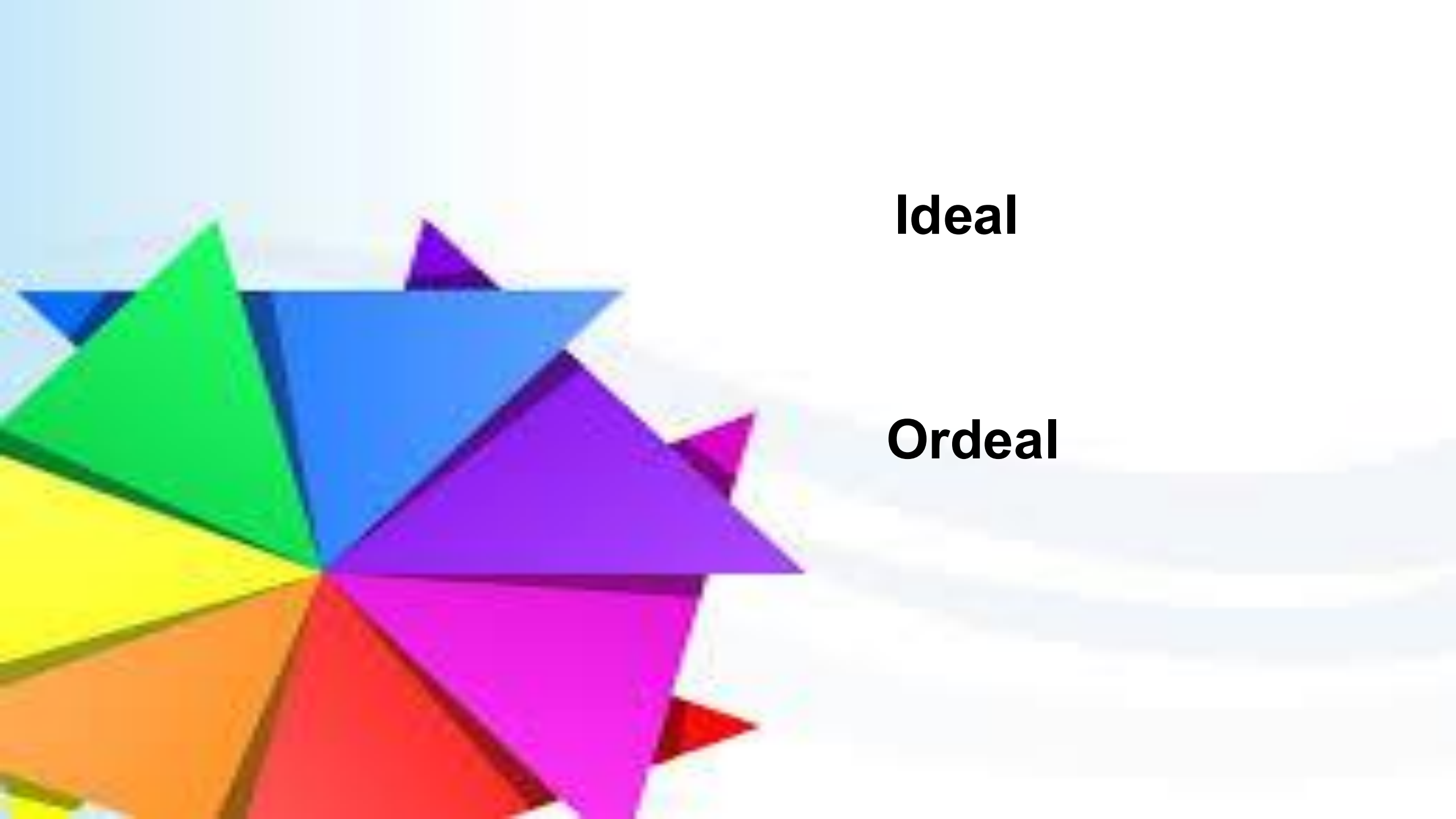


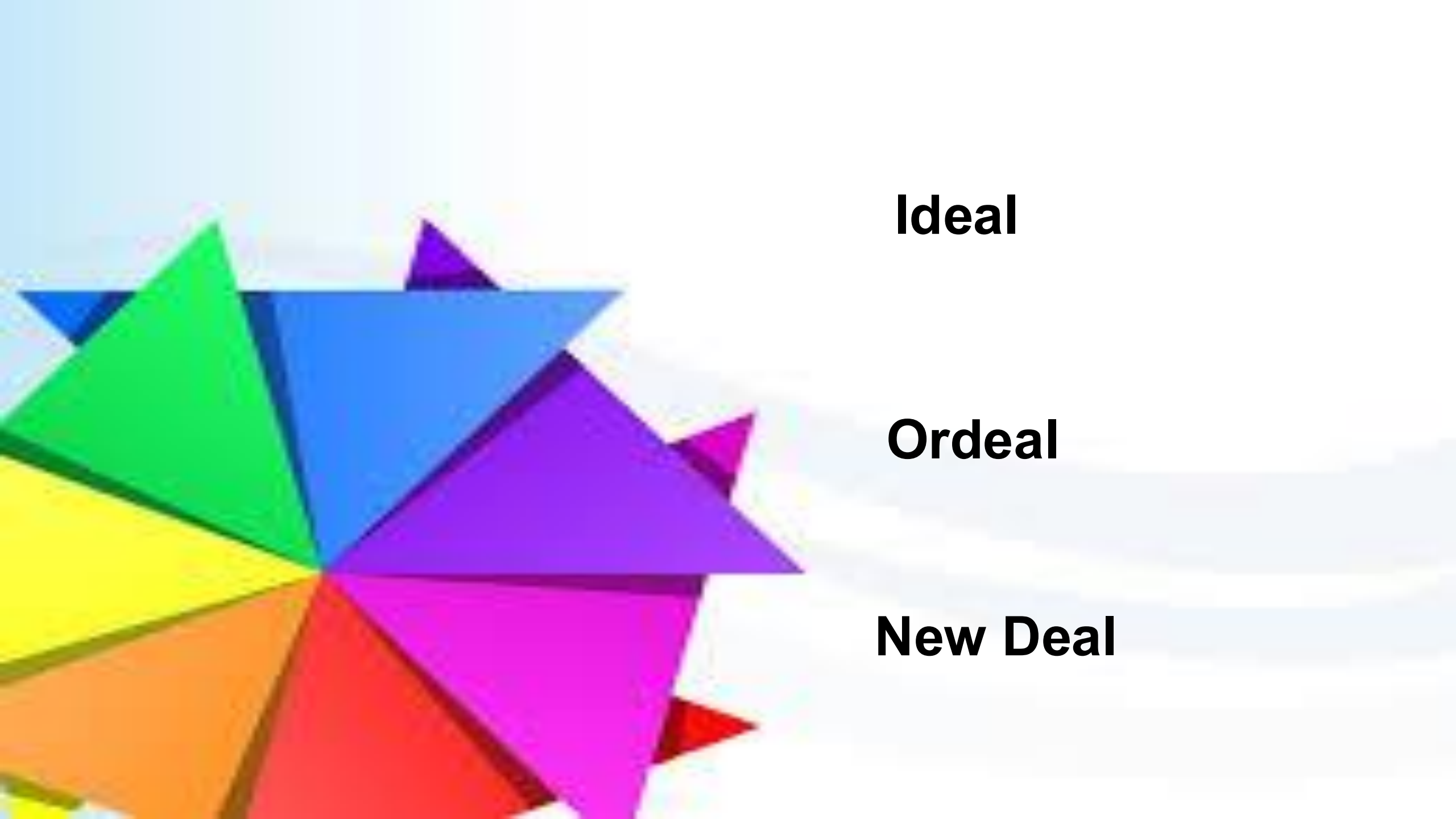
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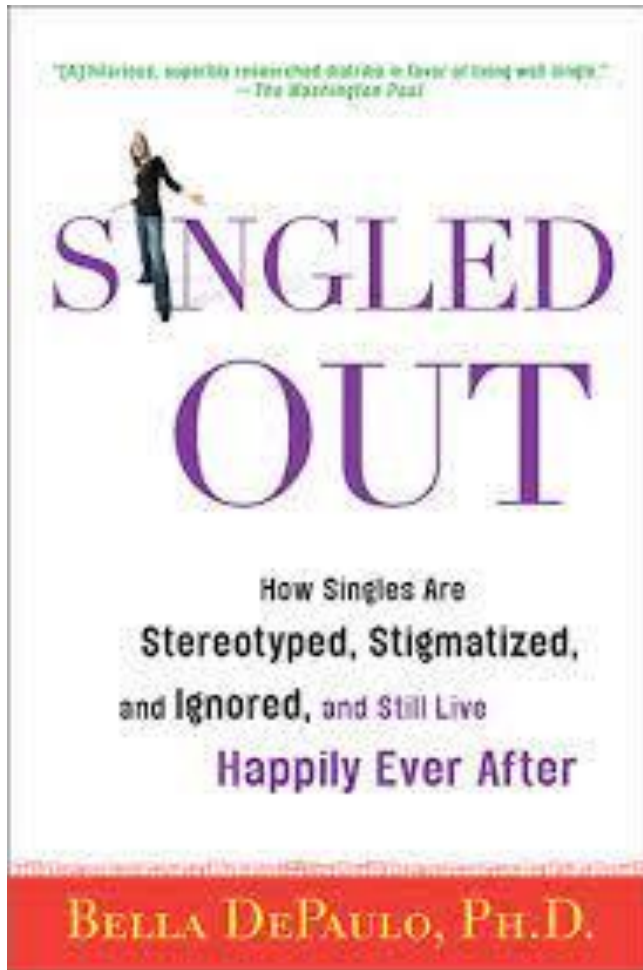


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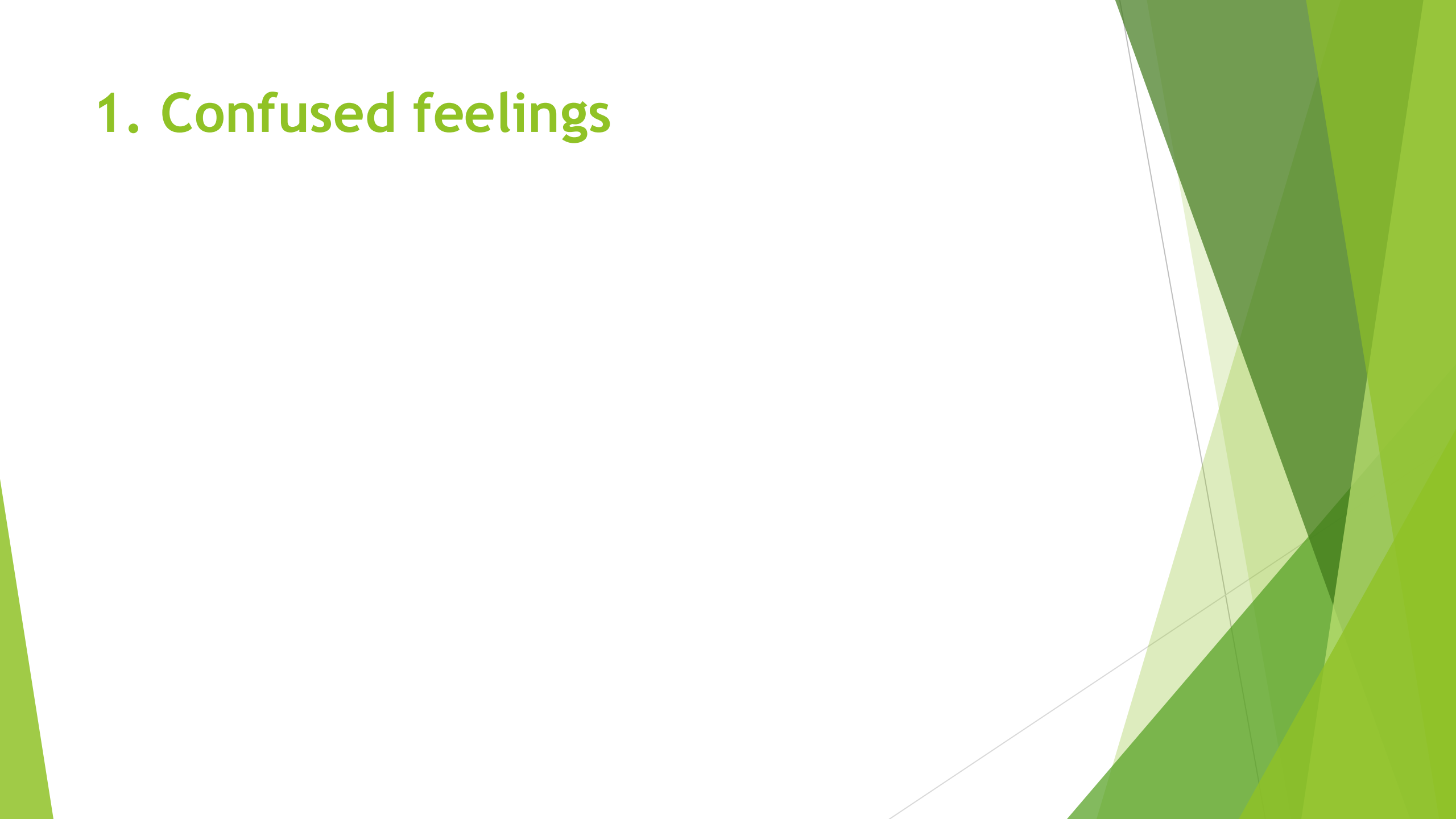
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“I think there are untold numbers of singles leading secret lives of untold joy.”


1. Confused feelings

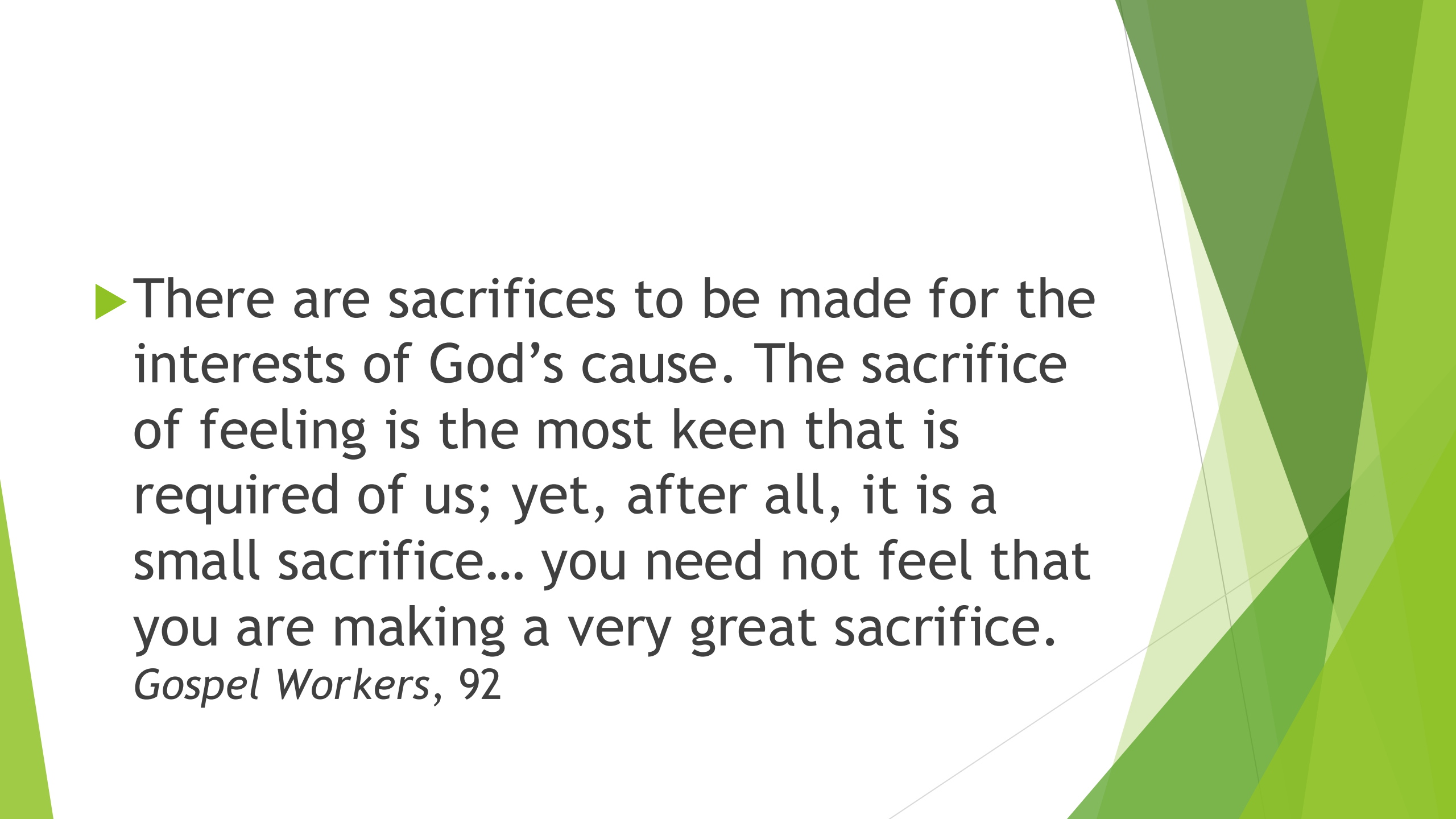


1. Confused feelings

- ▶ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ¹ Cor. 7:1-2

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- ▶ ⁵ Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so that you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Cor. 7:5

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- ▶ ⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. 1 Cor. 7:8-9

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- The background of the slide features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of green, creating a modern and dynamic design.
- ▶ There are sacrifices to be made for the interests of God's cause. The sacrifice of feeling is the most keen that is required of us; yet, after all, it is a small sacrifice... you need not feel that you are making a very great sacrifice.

Gospel Workers, 92

2. Committed faith



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- ▶ I wish everyone could get along without marrying, just as I do. But we are not all the same. God gives some the gift of a husband or wife, and others he gives the gift of being able to stay happily unmarried. 1 Cor. 7:7

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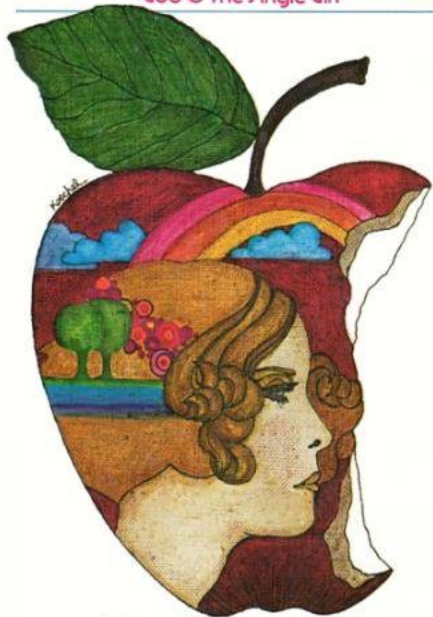
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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:17

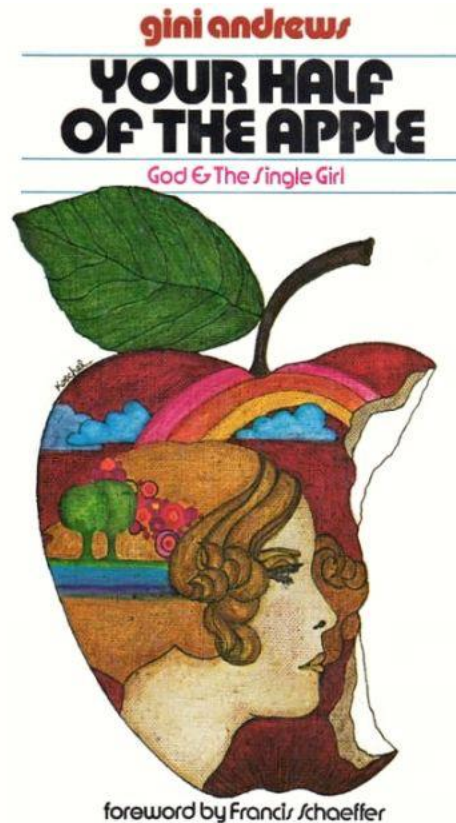
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YOUR HALF OF THE APPLE

God & The Single Girl



foreword by Francis Schaeffer



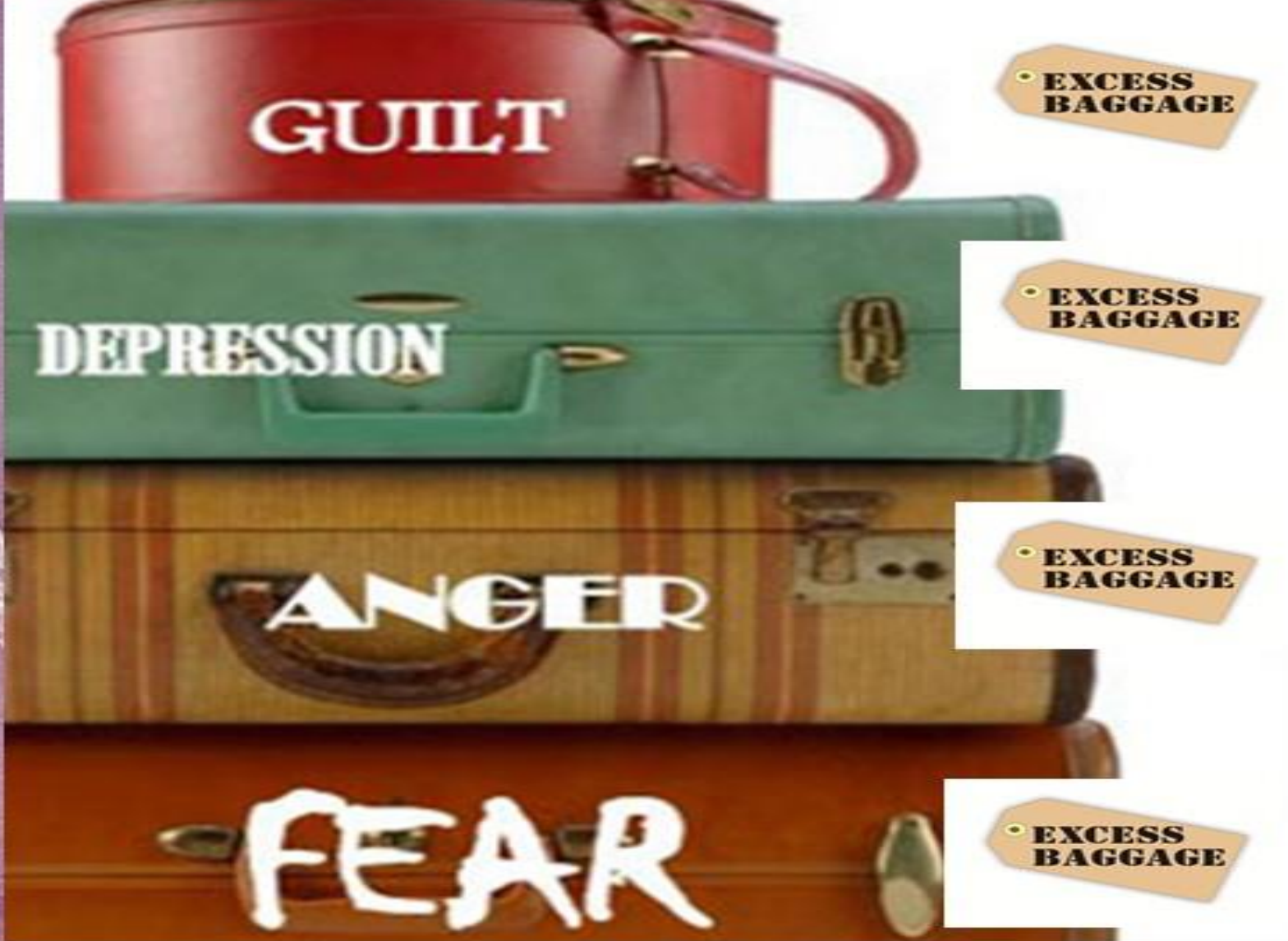
Some of the most interesting persons I know are single. Often they have developed their minds and skills in a way married people have not had time to do.

3. Clear focus



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- ▶ ²⁹ What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁵ I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord. 1 Cor. 7:29, 35



Too Much Baggage





'Voluntary Exiles', Norman Manley, Chief
Minister of Jamaica, on his visit to Birmingham,
1961







