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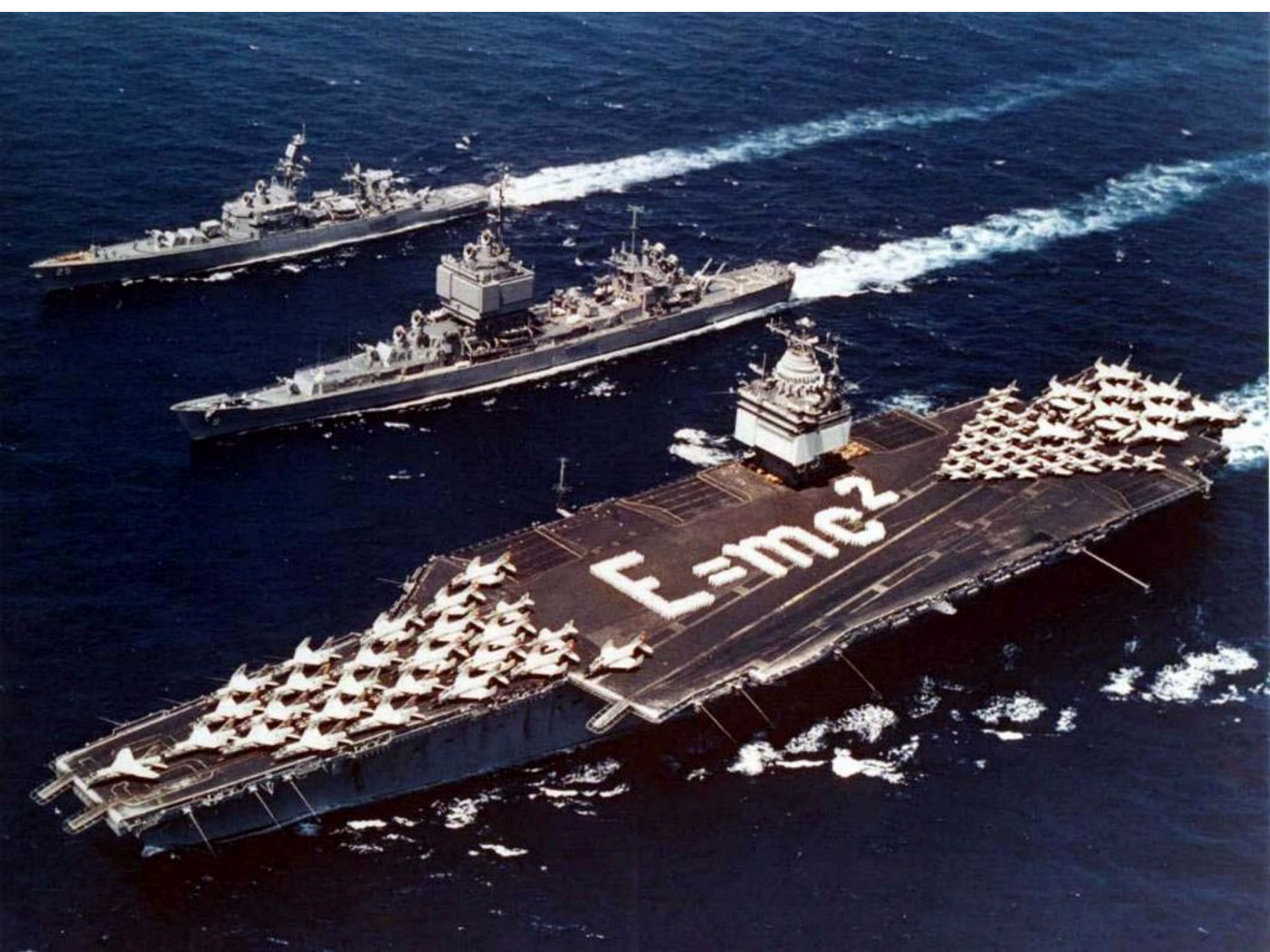
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**Locks**  
**Truth**  
**Transformation**

**Rom. 7:7 What shall we say, then?  
Is the law sin? Certainly not!**



**Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

**James 1:22-24** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.

**Problem?**

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**Solution!**

**Is knowledge power?**



**Information without application = nothing**

**Information (Biblical truth) becomes  
transformation (Christlikeness)  
when applied to your life in power  
(Holy Spirit).**

**Rom. 7:7** Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “Do not covet.”

## Ten Commandments:

1. No other gods
2. No idols
2. Don't take God's name in vain
4. Keep the Sabbath
5. Honor mother and father
6. Don't murder
7. Don't commit adultery
8. Don't steal
9. Don't bear false witness against your neighbor
- 10. Don't covet**

**Rom. 7:8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead.**

**Pay attention...what is the trajectory  
of your heart over time?**

**"Stolen water is sweet, food eaten  
in secret is delicious"**

**Proverbs 9:17**

**Rom. 7:9-11** Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.



**Rom. 7:11 For sin, seizing the  
opportunity afforded by the  
commandment, deceived me**

**Rom. 7:12 So then, the law is holy,  
and the commandment is holy,  
righteous and good.**

**The “normal” Christian life?**

**1. Already/Not yet**

**2. "Train to be godly" rather than  
"try to be good"**

**3. Indicative and Imperative**

**4. The realm of the Spirit's power is  
the realm of God's will**

