

Ephesians Series

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Spiritual Skills

What Grace Orientation Looks Like

Ephesians 4:25–28



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 4:26, “ ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

Eph. 4:27, “nor give place to the devil.” [NKJV]

Anger is a Gateway Sin



Three Enemies of Every Believer

1. The Devil

1 Pet. 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

2. The World

John 14:30, “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”

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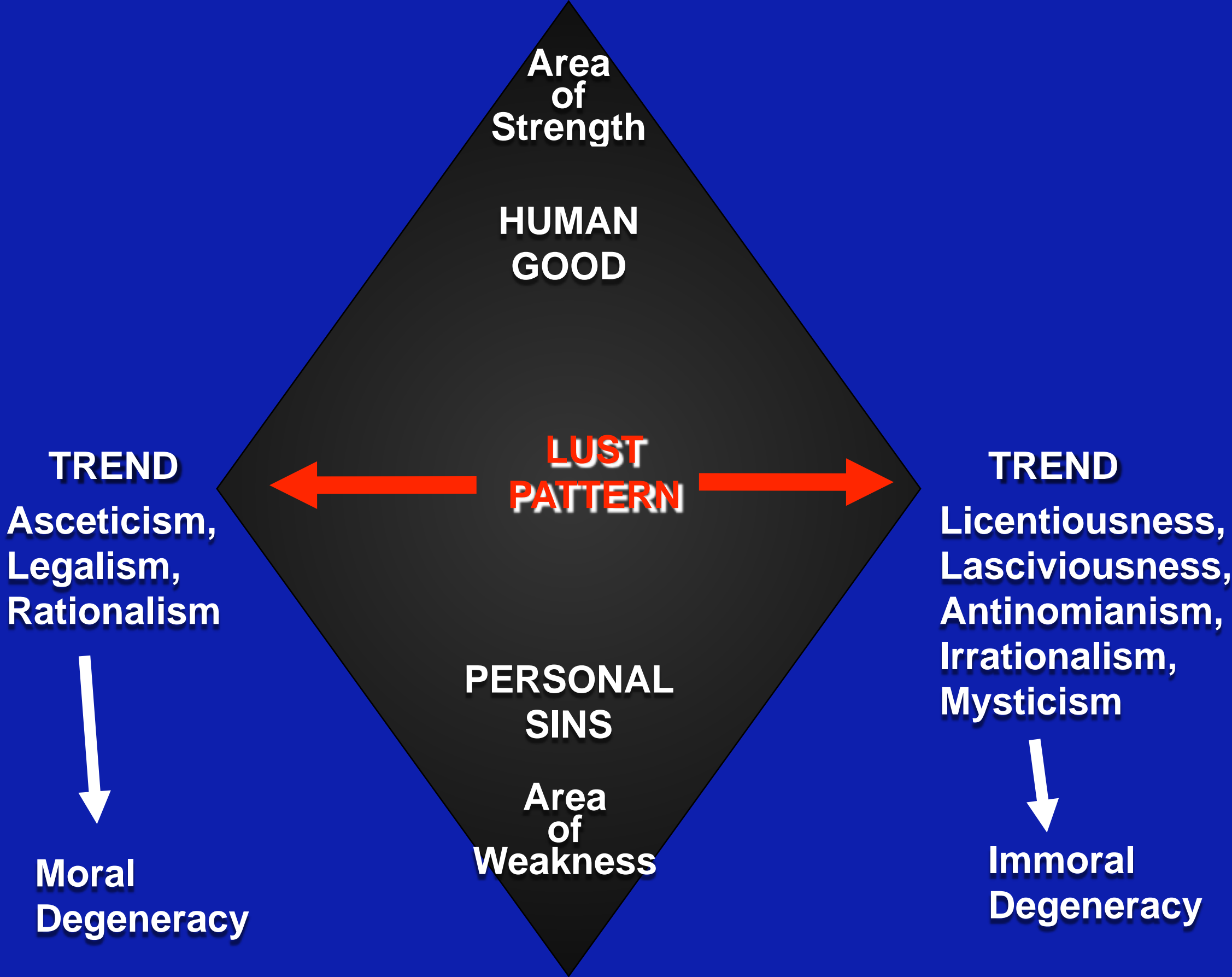
3. The Flesh [Sin Nature]

Rom. 8:13, “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

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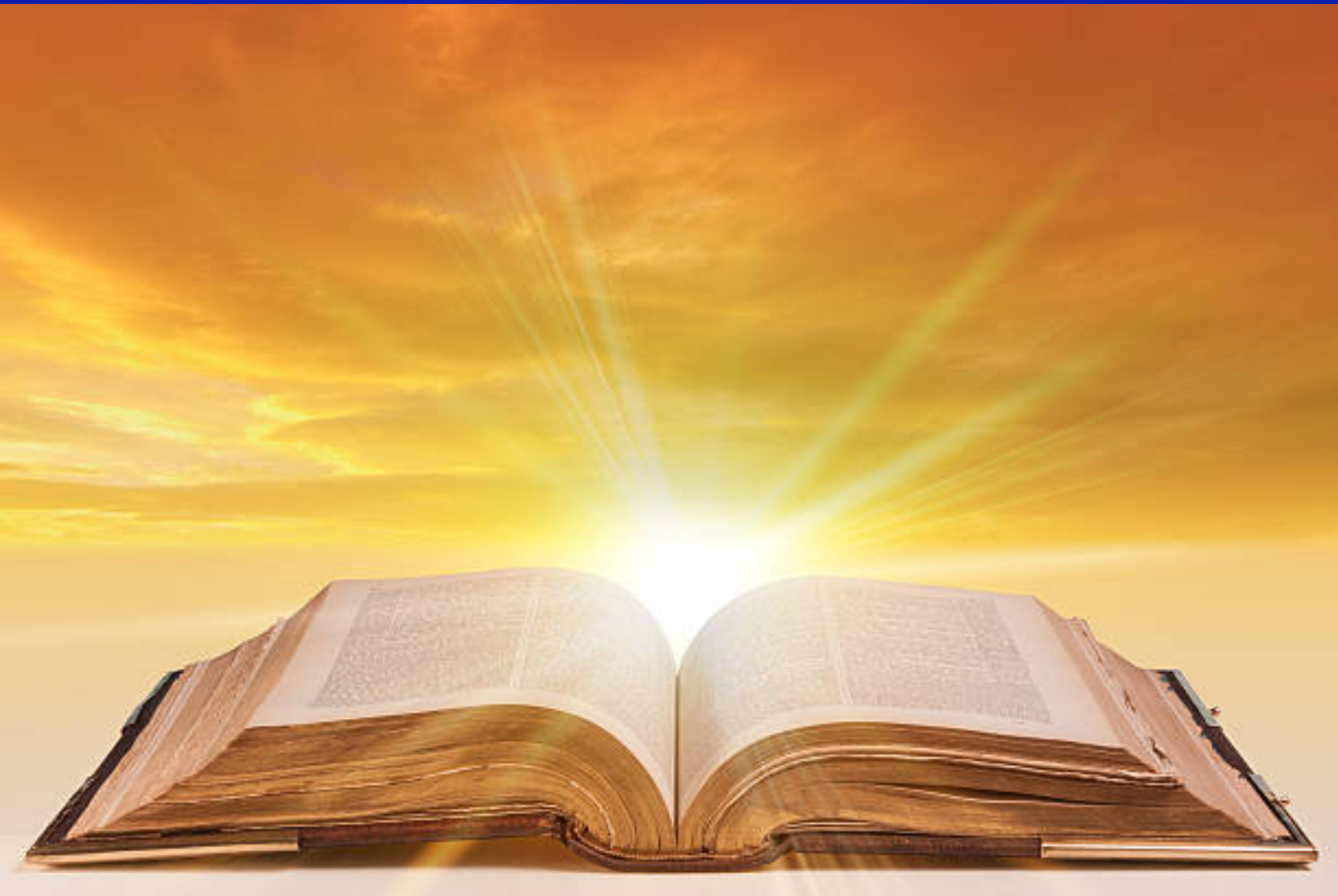
- 4. It is not important to know the source of the attack (sin nature, world, the devil). The solution always comes from the 10 spiritual skills.**

Human Viewpoint Solutions



Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

Divine Viewpoint Solutions



Psa. 119:50, “This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life.”

Jer. 2:13, “For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.” [NKJV]

1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”

Heb. 10:39, “But we are not among those who shrink back and thus perish, but are among those who have faith and preserve their souls.”

Deut. 30:19, “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;”

Our Worthy Walk, Eph. 4:1ff

Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Eph. 4:2, “with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

Eph. 4:3, “endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Christ's Provision for Us

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”

Speaking THE Truth in Love

Eph. 4:14, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Eph. 4:15, “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph. 4:16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Our Walk Should be Different

Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,”

Old vs. New Man

Eph. 4:22, “that you have put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

Eph. 4:23, “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Eph. 4:24, “and that you have put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Speaking the Truth

Eph. 4:25, “Therefore having already put off the lie, let each of you speak THE TRUTH with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.”

Walk Worthy of our Position

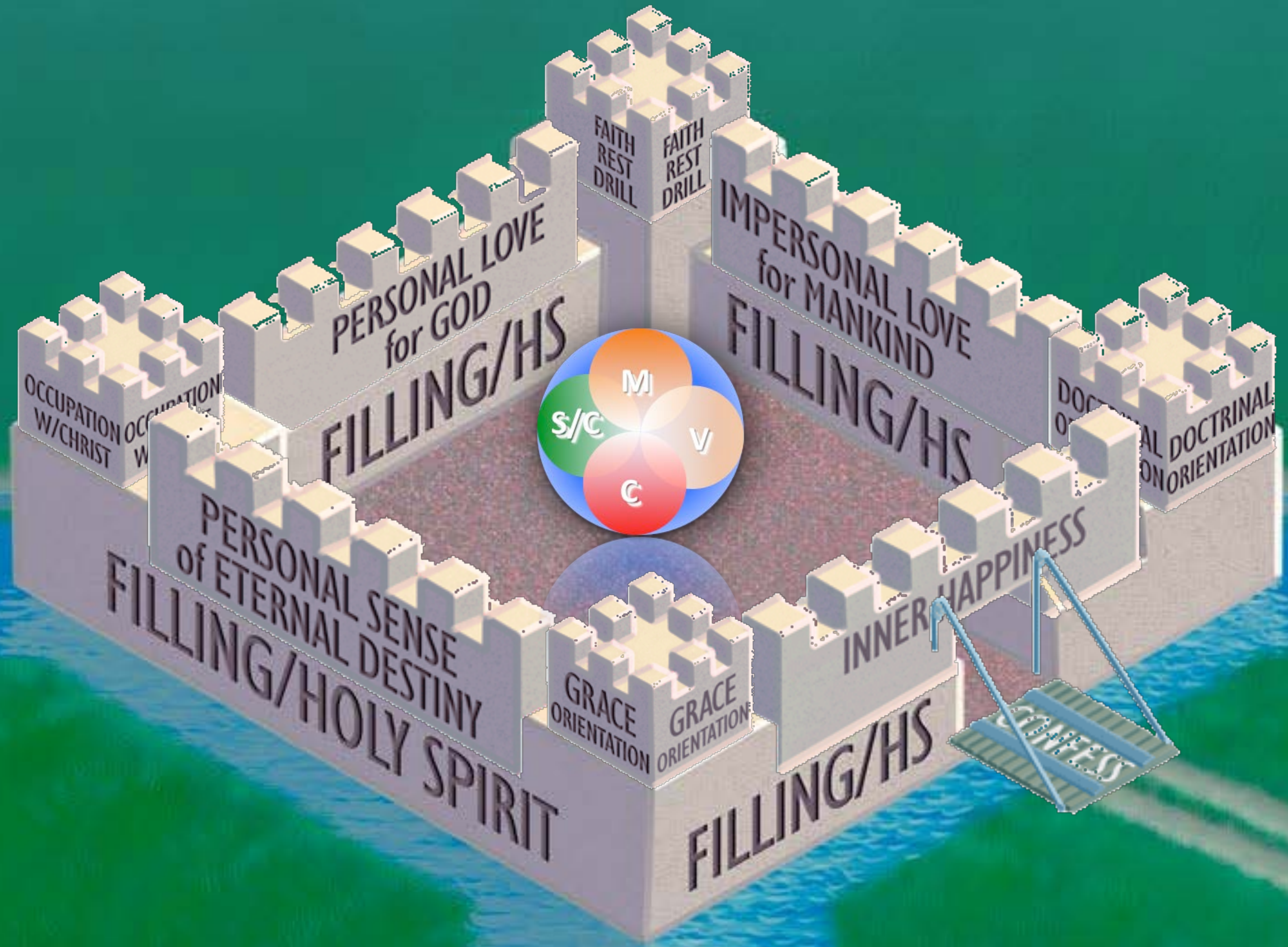
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Observations on the Passage

The section from Eph. 4:25–5:21 has 27 imperatives (plus several imperatival participles)

8 more from Eph. 5:22–6:9



Joy/Inner Happiness/Tranquility of Soul
James 1:3; John 15:11; 17:13

**Personal Love
for God**
Deut. 6:5

**Biblical Love for All;
Christian Love for
Other Believers**
Lev. 19:18; Jn. 13:34, 35

**Occupation with
Christ**
Heb. 12:2; Php. 3:20

Personal Sense of our Eternal Destiny
Col. 3:24; 1 Pet. 1:4

Faith-Rest Drill
Prov. 3:5, 6

Grace Orientation
Eph. 2:8, 9
2 Pet. 3:18

**Doctrinal
Orientation**
2 Pet. 3:18

Walking by the Spirit/Filled by the Spirit
Gal. 5:16

Confession of Sin, 1 John 1:9

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