

STARTING POINT:

DEFINITIONS



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BUILDING REAL SPIRITUALITY FOR THE GLOWING SOUL

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The Helix Nebula
The “EYE OF GOD”

SO, HOW DO YOU DEFINE
‘SPIRITUALITY’ IN YOUR MIND ??

FAMOUS DEFINITIONS OF “SPIRITUALITY”:

1. “Spirituality” is a connection to something ‘bigger’ in our lives, something that gives meaning and value in our lives. It is always an upper calling
2. “Spirituality” is a place where you find yourself, over and over again. It is always self professed.” [Joseph Campbell](#)
3. “Spirituality” is a one-on-one relationship with God. [Steve Earle](#) [It does not have any borders or rules to govern its existence.
4. “Spirituality” is very much like a river, ever flowing. We do not need to ask what is “faith”, nor what is “spirituality”. They are the river itself. It is always a relative thing, different for every person, yet a river none-the-less. [Richard Rohr](#).
5. “Spirituality” is not to be confused with any form of ‘thinking’ as you peel the potatoes. It is just to peel the potatoes. Zen Buddhism,”, by [Alan Watts](#)

STARTING POINT: DEFINITIONS

II Timothy 2: 14-16

Practically speaking, “spirituality” is not an ever larger gifting of the spirit, as some are prone to think. Neither is it even a perceived deeper and more intimate understanding of God and God’s will, based on pure knowledge. It is a whole lot more than that. Spirituality is never a point where “the self” rises ever upward to a point where the “New I” is on the ultimate supreme level, complete with a supremely high sense of self generated entitlement accompanying “me” where ever “I” go, and what ever “I” say.

Now, we mere mortals, mortals that we are, would also be very accurate if we noted that people who hold such a mindset-attitude-belief will effectively come to function as if they command God, and or, in a more diminished sense, wait on God to directly yell them what He wants them to do. as that God works around them in a world that is principally centered on this “new supreme and exalted central-self”, the one who is now the new self proclaimed, and functionally seated, as the next great messiah in the long chain of multiple messiahs which God has purportedly anointed.

Such a view of “spirituality” is nothing more than a false sense of narcissistic control-mongering where “the self” reigns supreme. Thus, it is actually a highly deceptive personality and becomes a totally antichristian mindset, and even though it extolls Christ and all elements of self made spirituality vigorously and continuously, God and Jesus are forced into the a closed and locked closet of passed realities, never to emerge again. The real Jesus is the real enemy in such minds, regardless of what is actually said. They still treat Jesus cordially, but walk away from Him in all conversations.

Such a personal view of spirituality is sin-filled, akin to that of Satan’s views of himself. Such a “new high prince of this “pseudo-Christendom” is often encountered as being self-elevated to a point where he, or she, is above all norms of Christian service, law and logic. They can make no mistakes and thus do not need a sacrificial Jesus in their personal theology. They conduct all arguments as if they have been trained and commissioned by the “old-man God” to take over the throne as “the new prince of all religious and spiritual thought”, using all non-associative logic to over-ride the old dispensational concepts of New Testament law.

In all truth, they are not at all spiritual, nor are they ever humble. They are, however, hell bound and loving the ride. It is very exciting to be this new messiah, without responsibilities or any guiding measure, to live like a king who can not be toppled from power as long as his minions rescue and support him in his impregnable humanistic derived delusions. We must place this type of quasi-Buddhistic thinking behind us and restore Jesus of Galilee to His throne once again. No more monergism!! No more little God thinking where He does all the work and we just sit and nibble on the ever provided grapes of our minions. [-NOTE: As an aside, far too many elderships work this way, and far too many preachers, as well. It is conservative syntax in action.]

This is from a suggestion as a basic topic from Dennis Yealland: It is **Some Reflections on “What is Sin?”**
 To truly answer the questions that this brings up we need to do it in a series of graduated steps, just as God did in Israel's 3000 year long training.

Step One: Our Current Quagmire <small>OUR CURRENT PROBLEM</small>	So, What Is Real Spirituality ? <small>OUR ULTIMATE GOAL</small>	... My Building Of A Better Spirituality <small>OUR CONTINUAL PROCESS</small>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For you and I to truly understand the very nature of sin, we must first understand the higher ground of what “spirituality” really is. 2. NOTE: A witch doctor from Africa, an advocate of Voo-Doo From the Caribbean, the Philosophy of Confucius from China, a Sadhu from India, and even the conservativisms of a Donald Trump, -OR- a Malcom Turnbull, -or the economics of Karl Marx, or the communism of a Vladimir Lenin are various forms of “conservative-spirituality” that people still follow today.. There are religious implications in every one of these., yet they all are very different, one from another, and all prone to sin(s). 3. We bring our experiences and understandings along with us in this ‘comparative’ study. This can be both good and bad. 4. We should bring along the ideas of God, in total purity, but alas, we all contaminate our understanding of “SPIRITUALITY” with what is already in our minds. This is very natural and very difficult to rise above, at any level. 5. It is never good enough to just say what the bible says, for we all read the words with these same set of pre-conceived ideas in place.. They filter our words out from even our own ears far too often. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monasticism / Monergism is the worship of “me doing nothing but God does everything” and thus serves man rather than man serving god 24/7. Thus the first thing is me serving to advance the kingdom for god, as God has commanded us to do 2. This requires a totally “God” focused way of looking at life in General. Jesus first said it this way, “...You are to seek God and his righteousness first, above every thing or person...” Matt. 6:33 3. Our primary goal / job is to pass judgements on sin-sinners and to support-sustain all preaching in support of God and His righteousness. → walking then in the “way of the light”. Odd that 4. Peter put it this way <u>Acts 3:22-28 “HEED HIM”</u> 5. <u>Paul said it even more plainly, “DO NOT GO BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN...” I Cor 4:6</u> 6. This sets the stage for all spirituality and all actions that we may undertake as the servants commissioned by God, -- that which we are !!! 7. Whenever we take our definition out of the range of WRITTEN scripture, we are serving “anti-spirituality” and that is “Satan-territory”. It is no different than Voo-Doo / Witchcraft. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing a greater and deeper spirituality does have some daily requirements for all of us. 2. These are all taken from actual scripture. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Beware of the little foxes Song of Sol 2:15 --- PROVERBS 23:7 --- B. Let your mind dwell on these... Phil.4:8 C. Speak of Jesus, never self John 7:18 D. Rejoice and then always Pray I Thess. 5:16f E. Serve one another in love Galatians 5:13 F. Be attentive to the weak of soul Rom. 15:1-2 G. Visit the widows and orphans James 1:27 H. Be a loving sword carrier Matt. 10:33-35 <p>➤ Surround yourselves with like-minded people who hold common interests and common perspectives with you, those who will challenge your weird thoughts and applaud your profound thoughts.</p> <p>➤ Do not surround yourselves with the weak and those that are willing to settle for token answers and token responses, thinking that in tokenism you will have peace. Surround yourselves with people with whom you can truly talk and from whom you can truly learn, those who truly love the Lord more than they love self.</p> <p>➤ Remember God approves those that carry and use the sword, just as Jesus did, but not quite as far as Malchus' ear, there in the garden of Gethsemane. “HOLD GROUND”</p>

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II Timothy 2: 14-16

**LOOKING CLOSER
AND
MORE PERSONALLY**



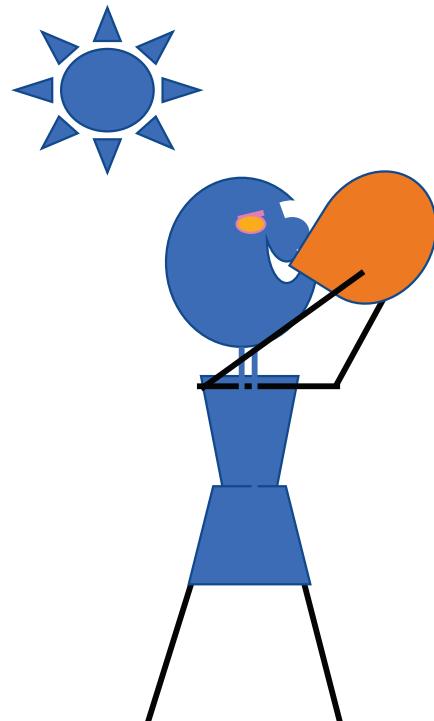
A very simple answer to start with :

- “Ruach” is Hebrew for ‘wind’, ‘breath’, ‘spirit’, as is used in **Genesis 1**.
The Koine Greek term for “spirit” is “pneuma”. It is translated like “ruach”, but is also used in the sense of the air-inflated “pneumatic tires” of a car.
- Thus it is the filling up of a balloon with air, giving it a new dynamic force and a new and more dynamic shape.
- Spirituality always pushes faith from the inside, outward, by sharing.
- Spirituality is not some mystical or romantic religious experience, nor is it a special gift of the Holy Spirit. **It is given, in part, at baptism.**



**So, HOW does this “Spirituality-Ruach-Pneumatos”
expand “me” ??**

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Illustration

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The blowing in of the air changes the basic shape of the balloon from flat to round.

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Spirituality is the ‘breathing in’, the giving of shape, to that which already exists, but without shape, form or purpose.

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Spirituality originally comes from the Hebrew word “ruach” which means wind. It was, and still is, used like the word ‘breath’ and or **the filling up of a balloon with air**, giving the latex of the balloon’s exterior a new dynamic force, one that expands a persons sense of internal structure simply by its presence. Thus spirituality gives form to all religious encounter, and like the air in the balloon, and it now changes how one sees our own balloon-soul.

Spirituality uniquely pushes a persons faith from the inside outward to an ever stronger strength and clarity of perception with all of the necessary beliefs and values that are required in being a fully in-tune, loyal, harmoniously serving servant, of God. It is basically then a way of life that is expressly defined by God who is the Supreme Sovereign of that “ruach-wind” inside of us. It develops in the person a true and an “in-tune” nature within itself through living out all that God has commanded. Anything that is not in-tune with God is anti-spiritual and is associated with the anti-Christ.

Spirituality is not some mystical or romantic religious experience. It is definable and can be / will be, regularly demonstrated. As an example, some believe that being able to “speak in tongues” is a sign of a greater spirituality. This “tongue experience” is not greater spirituality, but it is the devolving of a person into one that fundamentally serves the person himself and not the Lord God. Spirituality serves God totally ad continuously. **We must learn what spirituality is to be able to present our very own lives as a workman who lives his life, for God, through his works and who does not use the word in a vain manner, to produce a vain faith.**

HOW ??

STARTING NOTE

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1. OVERVIEW OF WHOLE SPIRITUALITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN



THERE ARE OTHERS AS WELL, BUT IT CAN OVER-WHELM
US IF WE PRESENT TOO MANY AT THE START.

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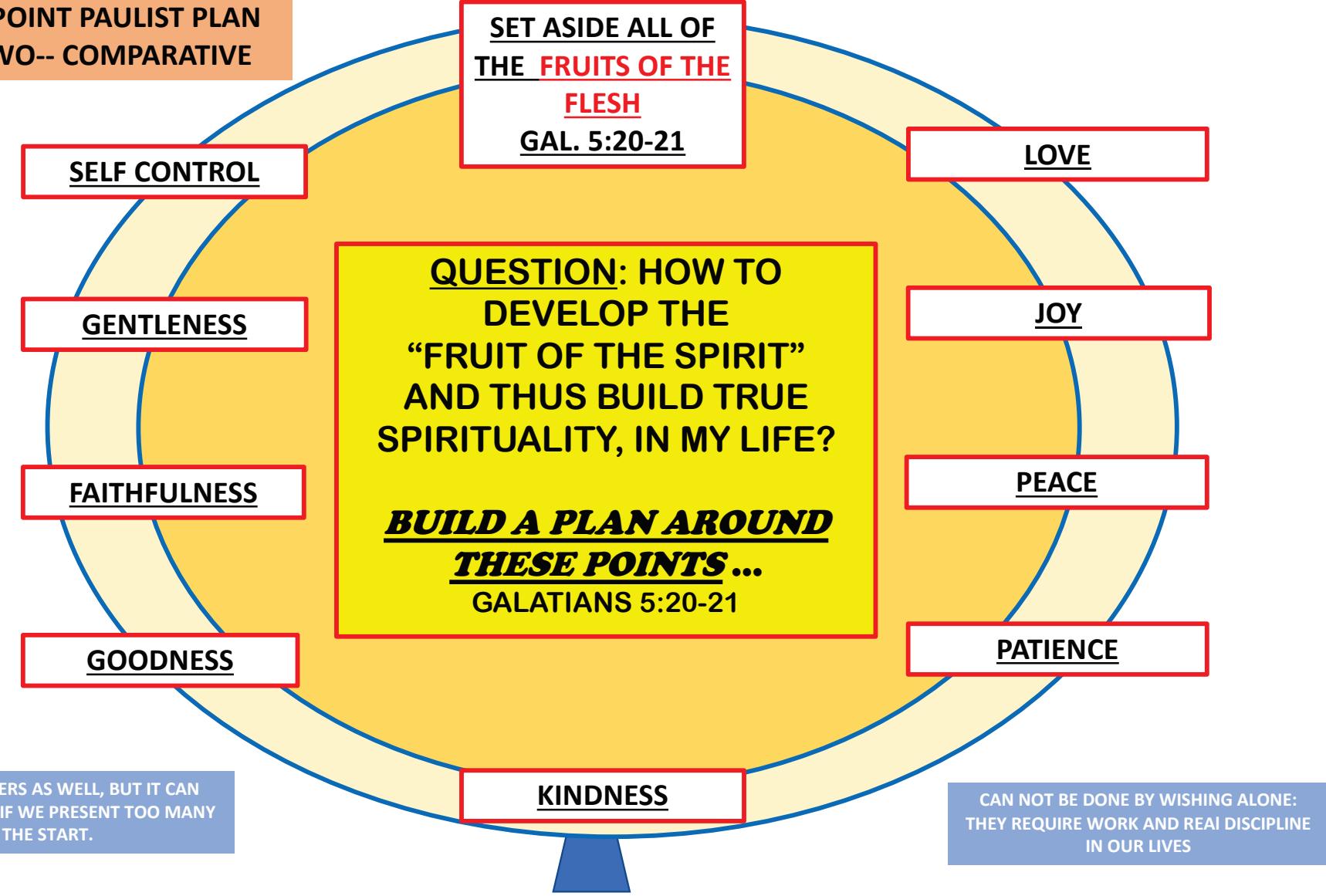
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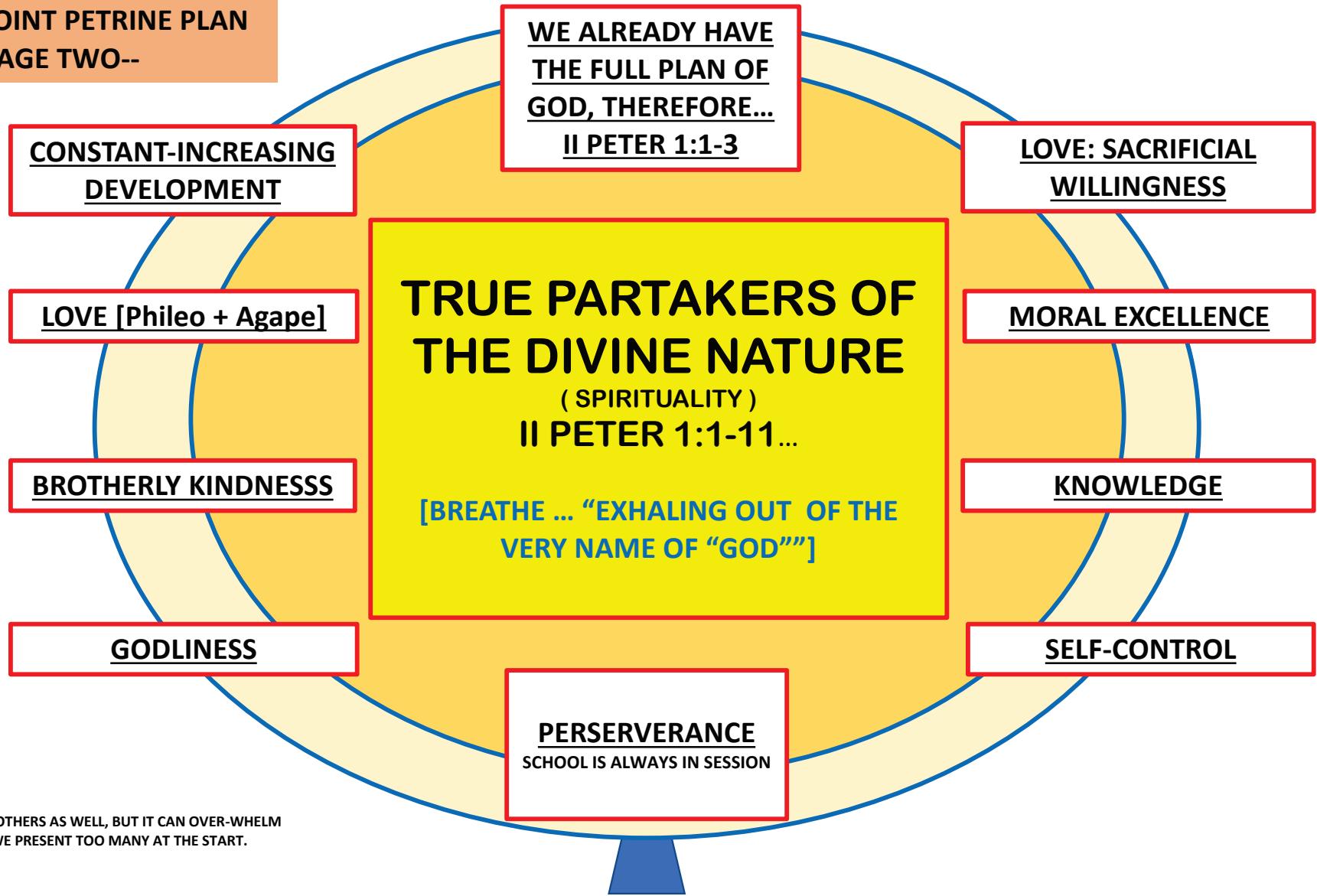
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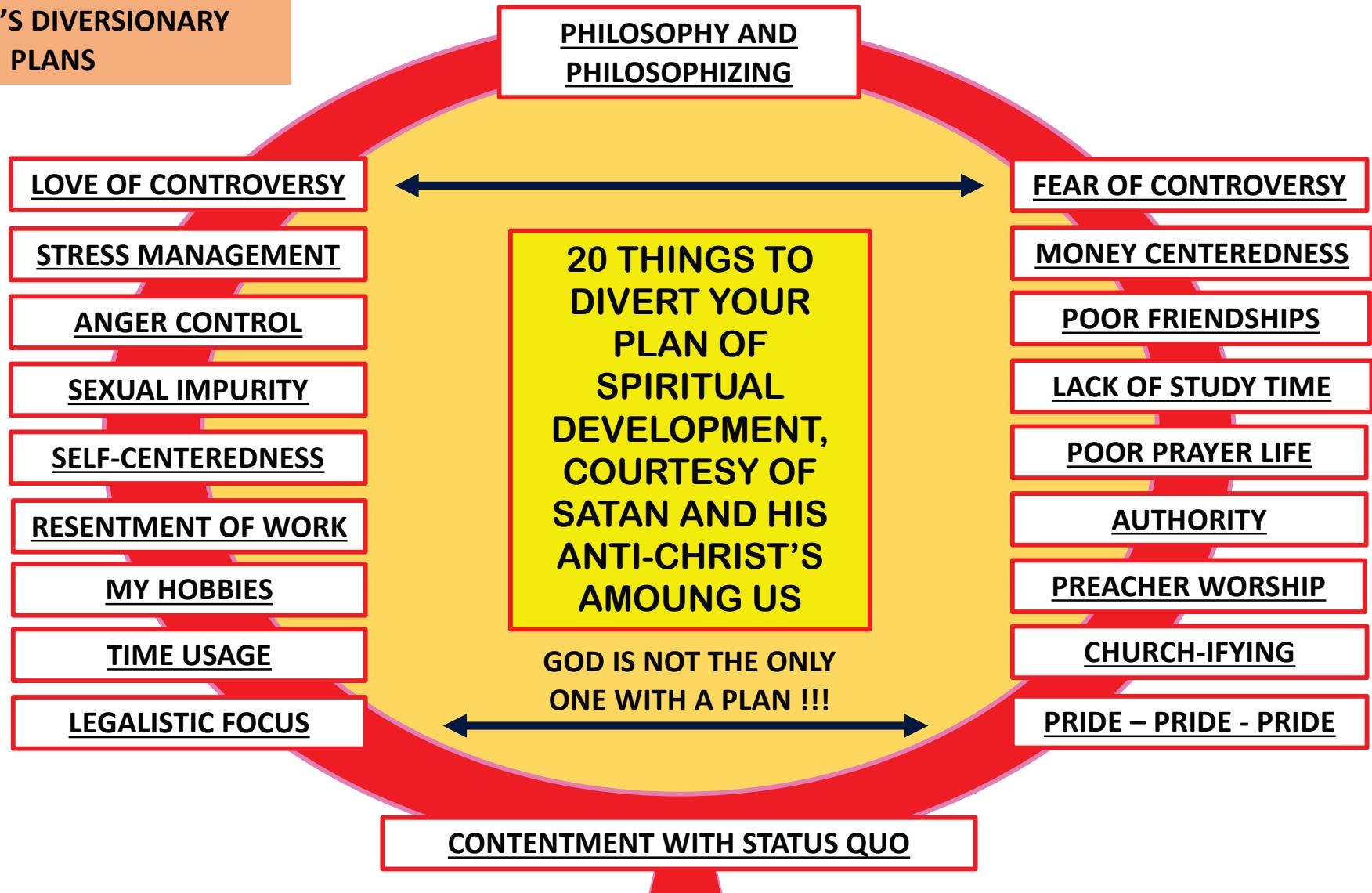
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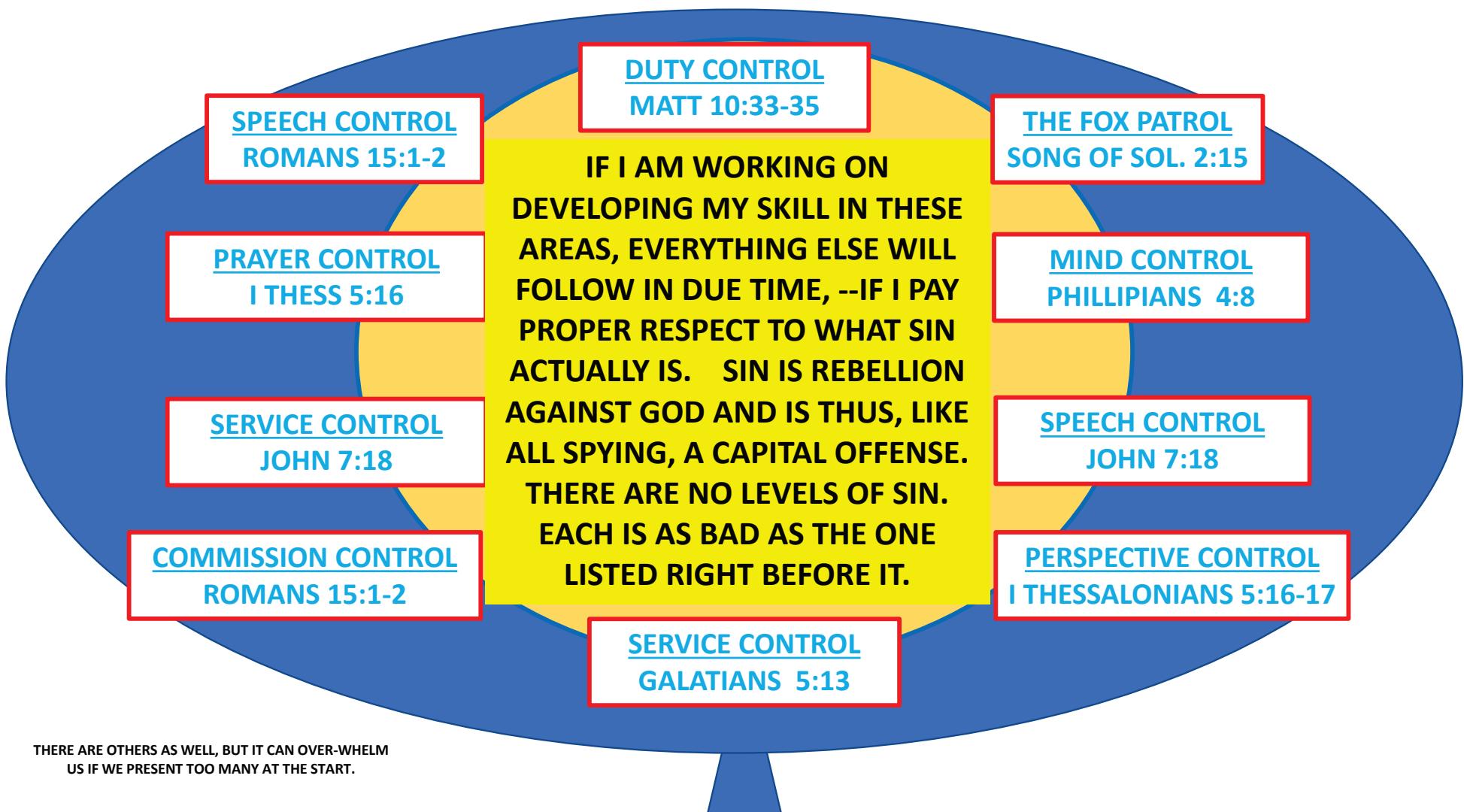
4. SATAN'S DIVERSION PLANS

KNOWING WHAT SIN ACTUALLY IS, IS BUT THE FIRST STEP
IN THE PURSUIT OF A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
THEN COMES THE PERSONAL APPLICATION OF THE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE REAL REALITY OF SIN IN MY OWN
LIFE.

IT IS ALL JUST LIKE IN ACTS 2 AT PENTECOST WHEN PETER
PREACHED THAT VERY FIRST SERMON.

CONTENTMENT WITH STATUS QUO

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DEFINING MOMENT

FACT: THIS IS OUR JOB, -ALL OF US. IT IS OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST JOB !!!

SPEECH CONTROL
ROMANS 15:1-2

PRAYER CONTROL
1 THESS 5:16

SERVICE CONTROL
JOHN 7:18

COMMISSION CONTROL
ROMANS 15:1-2

DUTY CONTROL
MATT 10:33-35

IF I DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANY FRIEND, ANY ACQUAINTANCE, ANY PERSON GO TO THE FIRES OF HELL, "I" MUST WARN THEM, TEACH THEM, AND ACTUALLY LOVE THEM ENOUGH TO GET OUT OF MY SAFETY ZONES AND TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS THUS HELPING THE BLIND TO SEE !!!

IF THEY WILL NOT LISTEN THEN I NEED TO SHAKE THE DUST OFF OF MY FEET AND USE MY TIME ELSE WHERE !!!

MATTHEW 28:16-20

THE FOX PATROL
SONG OF SOL. 2:15

MIND CONTROL
PHILLIPPIANS 4:8

SPEECH CONTROL
JOHN 7:18

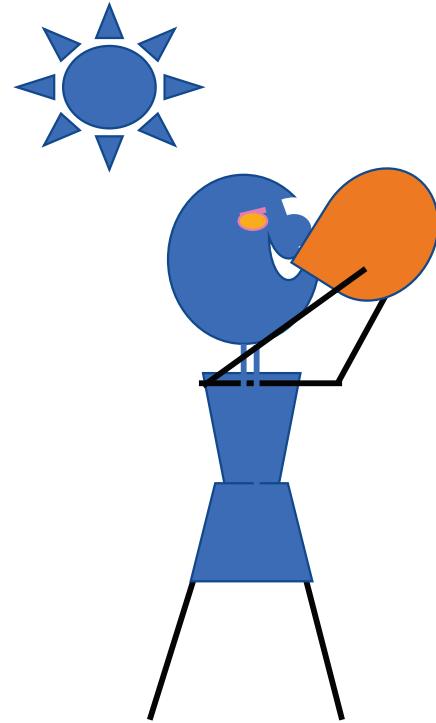
PERSPECTIVE CONTROL
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**MISSION
CONTROL**



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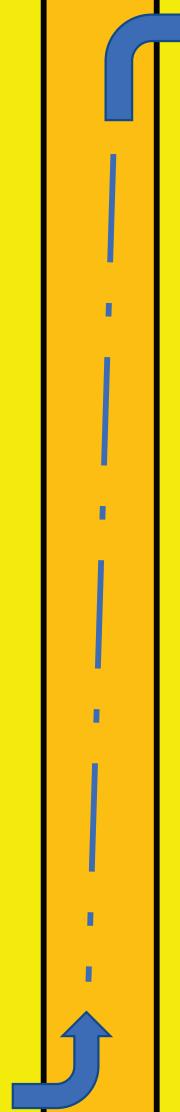
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Therefore, because spirituality is the ‘breathing in’, the giving of shape to that which already exists, but currently is without its intended shape, form or purpose...



...spirituality becomes first, then a gift of God, obtained at baptism. It then becomes a piece of iron that can be sharpened only by other pieces of iron. This is basic, natural development.



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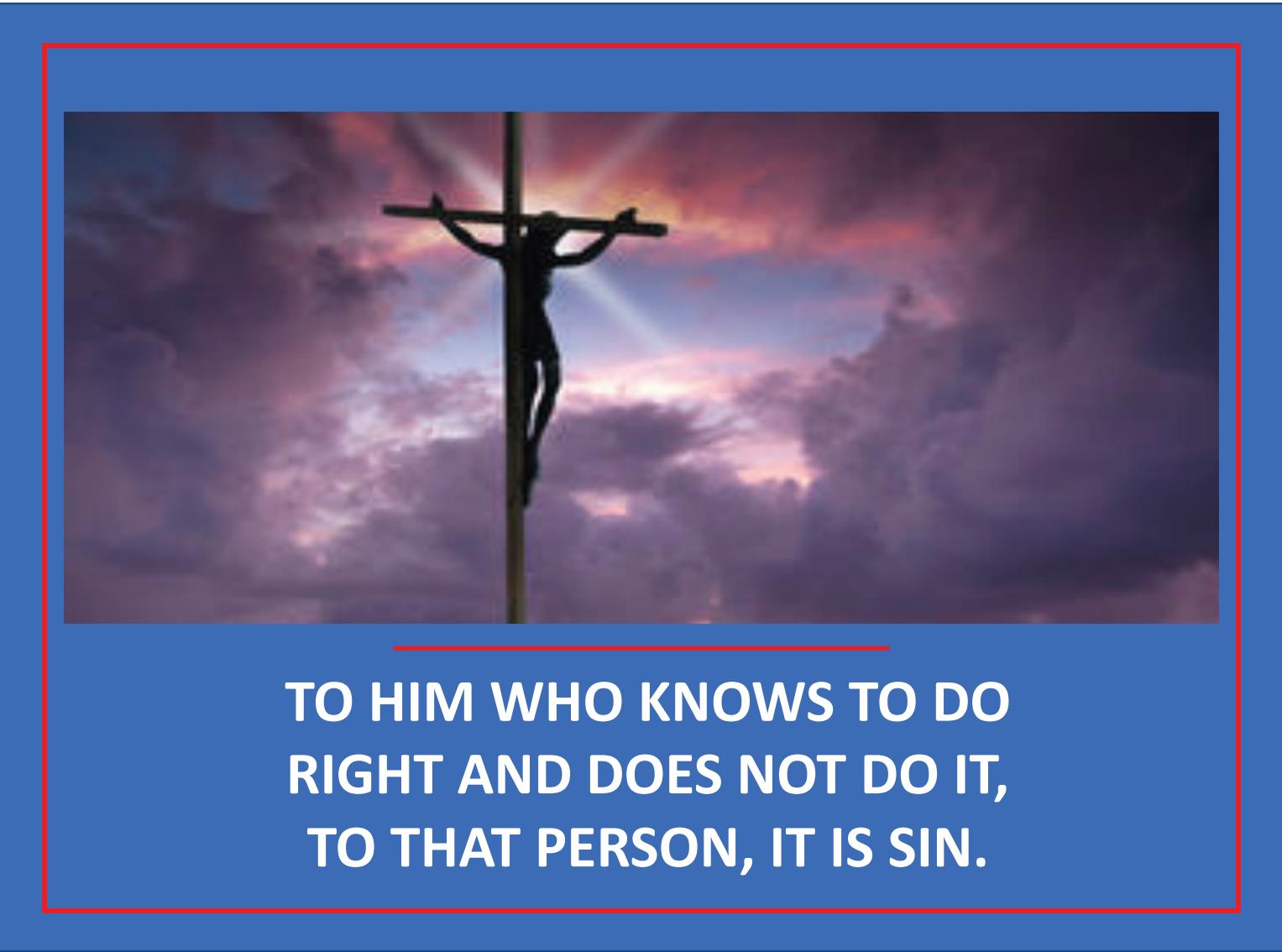
**FACT: THIS IS OUR JOB, ALL OF US. IT IS FOR ALL OF US,
FOR TRULY ALL OF US, IT IS OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST JOB.
ARE YOU DOING IT ??, -- HONESTLY ??**



**GOD SAID TO EVERYONE OF US, IN
MATTHEW 28:16-20 and LUKE 24:36-53 ...**

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**TO HIM WHO KNOWS TO DO
RIGHT AND DOES NOT DO IT,
TO THAT PERSON, IT IS SIN.**

OPPOSITE TO SPIRITUALITY

HEBREW

1. RA' & RA'AH EVIL MINDED, TO INTEND TO VIOLATE, TO SEEK TO DISPLAY MY WILL OVER SOMEONE ELSE
2. CH'A, RA'AH ANY ACT DESERVING OF PUNISHMENT ACCORDING TO THE PROSCRIBED LAWS OF THE LAND
3. RA'SHA ANYTHING WHICH IS MORALLY WRONG IN THE COMMUNITY
4. 'AVON SIMPLE INQUITY – OVER-STEPPING THE GENERAL, DAILY LAWS
5. PESHA' TO ACT AND TO FOSTER REBELLION AGAINST THE PRIMARY AUTHORITIES
6. 'ASHAM TO BE GUILTY OF GENERAL OFFENSE / TRESPASSING OF CULTURAL ACCEPTANCE
7. TA'AH TO VACILLATE, TO DECEIVE, TO STRAY FROM THE WAY, TO SEDUCE, TO LEAD ASTRAY, TO CONTROL
8. PASHA' TO APOSTAZISE, TO LEAVE, TO REBEL, TO NO LONGER ATTEND TO YOUR DUTIES, SLOTH-LAZINESS
9. SHAGAH TO MORALLY TRANSGRESS, TO ACT IGNORANTLY, TO DECEIVE, TO RAVISH



KOINE GREEK

10. HARMATIA TO SIN, TO CREATE GENERAL OFFENSE, -- KNOWINGLY OR IGNORANTLY
11. PARATAMA TO SLIDE SLIP, TO TRANSGRESS IN EITHER A KNOWING WAY OR IN A UNINTENTIONAL WAY
12. PARABASIS TO VIOLATE, TO TRANSGRESS, TO BREAK COVENANT, KNOWINGLY
13. ASEBASIS TO ACT WITHOUT PIETY OR RESPECT FOR THE ELEVATION OF SELF'S WILL
14. HARMATIMA TO SIN, TO CLOUD THAT WHICH IS CLEAR AND UNDERSTOOD
15. PONOROS TO DEVIATE FROM PROPRIETY AND THE FUNDAMENTAL LAWS OF SOCIETY
16. KAKOS TO ACT DEPRAVED AND INJURIOUS, TO BE NOISSOME, TO DIVIDE THE FAMILY
17. ADIKOS TO ACT TREACHEROUSLY, TO ACT LIKE A HEATHEN WITHOUT "SOUL"
18. ANOMOS TO DISREGARD THE LAW WITHOUT REASON
19. ENOCHOS TO PLACE IN DANGER
20. HARMATAN TO NOT LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS
21. PLANA TO ROAM ABOUT LOGICALLY AND OR EXPERIMENTALLY
22. PARABAIN TO GO AGAINST A KNOWN LAW AS A REBEL

Why would one have so many words to define just one very negative idea, if not to impress on us all the real problem here – rebellion against God and His authority.

This is a suggestion as a basic topic from Dennis Yealland: It is **Some Reflections on “What is Sin?”**

Our Mission: Confronting Sin Today

1. - **Romans 3:23** “For all have sinned and forsaken the glory of God.”  **So...**
2. This is the first great fact every servant must deal with, in himself and in other's lives. This is, in point of fact, the very purpose behind **Acts 2** and Peter's whole, church starting, sermon. Getting people to confront their sins.
3. SO, --Understanding the mission we have been given, pointedly and so very clearly, by God, the one and only Creator, - the one and only Solitary Sovereign that we serve. **24/7 This is the start of all spirituality and wisdom. To not defend this fundamental fact is to deny God and Christ completely.** 
Practice the language of full commitment and not casual contact.
4. **QUESTION:** If you do not serve God, fully every day, -- 24/7--, actively, openly, and vigorously, with an OUT-N-OUT, defending of God as the Solitary Sovereign, how are you any different from the homosexual who serves the creature rather than the creator ?? God said to stone those people, originally,  Interesting, Intrinsicality !!!! God does not like monergism obviously, or else He would've done the stoning, Himself. No one can escape the reality of sin in their own lives, nor the mission command to go and teach the gospel, and all of its components to the sin-filled and sin-dead.
5.  Do you really think Peter wanted to preach the Sermon he preached on the first day ??

What Actually Constitutes “Sin” ?

1. Sin is basically a rejection of a law of God. It may be intentional, or it maybe un-intentional. But one way or another the crystal goblet has been broken and man can not repair it on his own.
2. **Sin is thus an act of rebellion, and a rejection of the ultimate authority and Supremacy of God as Lord.**
3. By its being of an act of rebellion and rejection of responsibility, it is also a challenge to the authority of the Sovereignty of God / Christ in every possible sense.
4. Satan did this graphically in the Garden with the usage of the serpent's temptation of Eve and she did the same unto Adam, the “brainless philosopher”: “dah-ta-dah-ta-dah oh, --- okay, just one bite, just to try, you know..”
5. In biblical language this is “sin”.
 - a. “Ra” = Hebrew for basic ‘evil / bad thinking’
 - b. “Ra'a” = broken-disjointed / out of harmony
 - c. “Chattahath” = to miss the mark make error
 - [Greek] d. “harmatano” = to wander from the path
 - e. “Rasha” = to know right and to just not do it
 - [Greek] f. “Planao” = to lead astray by action or logic
 - g. “Avon” = perversity, to act perverse and rebel against Gods way of thinking / logic “Pesha”
 - h. “Avah” = to bend or twist in verbal arguments ---- on-going, never ending debates-philosophy
 - [Greek] i. “Anomos” = rejection or diminution of the law
 - [Greek] j. “Enochos” to be unconnected and out of logic
6. Most of our knowledge of what constitutes sin is found in Hebrew and not Greek Starts in Jerusalem.

Mistakes in which we can still sin

- Blind love and a plastering over of sins committed.
- Diminished view of on-going study and spirituality
- Rote prayer life, over and over, no meaning no soul
- Cowardly friendships and callous relations
- My will first and God will accommodate my election
- Monergism – Conservativism – Liberalism –Sophism
- Poor hospitality and poor minded contributions, doing just enough to get by.
- Reliance on the church treasury to get me through
- Laziness / Sloth / Dilettantes like the hare and turtle
- Lack of neighbour to neighbour awareness
- Selective clique in fellowshiping
- Minimal church based worship time
- Acceptance of will worship and false worship
- Low view of truth
- Racial prejudices and such associated activities
- Lack of appreciation for all societies in “church”
- Highly controlled eating / dietary habits
- Dour appearances at worship / no visible joy service
- Drifting minds at sermon time
- General own-graded grace in defense of a law-core type of thinking

Did You “Help The Blind to See”, --really--, this week ??? Did you help the sin-blinded to truly see ??? Or did you just remain quiet and stayed out of trouble ??? Hell over flows with cowards !!! Revelation 21:8

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NOTE: IT TAKES BOLDNESS,
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AND THEN DOING IT, IS THE GREATEST
DEFENSE AGAINST SIN, OTHER THAN JESUS
BLOOD SHED ON THE CROSS !!!!**

- 2. SET A GOAL TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE BETTER EACH WEEK, DUE TO PERSONAL STUDY.
MAKE TIME TO STUDY FOR YOUR OWN SELF. NO ONE HERE TODAY IS SO BUSY THAT
THEY DO NOT HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR FAMILY AND STUDY.**
- 3. BE PREPARED FOR IT TAKES BOLDNESS, A BACKBONE AND CONSTANT WORK. THERE
IS NO ROOM FOR A LIFE OF LEASURE AND ENTITLEMENT. BE A "WORKMAN" WHO
HANDLES RIGHTLY THE WORD OF GOD. NO SUCH GOAL IS TOO HARD !!!**
- 4. TALK TO AN ACTIVE FELLOW CHRISTIAN, ONE IN THE CONGREGATION, ABOUT WHAT
YOU ARE READING.**
- 5. SHARING YOUR FAITH, MINUS YOUR HOBBY FAITH, BUILDS DEPTH ALWAYS.**
- 6. MEDITATE ON WHAT YOU HAVE READ, SHARED, AND CONSIDERED ANEW
FREQUENTLY.**
- 7. PRAY – PRAY – PRAY – PRAY CHECK OUT YOUR NEW THOUGHTS WITH GOD !!!**

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SO IT IS TRUE FOR ALL OF US STILL

FOLLOW ME

By Ira Stamphill

Oh Jesus if I die upon a foreign field someday
T'would be no more than love demands,
-- no less could I repay,

"No greater love hath mortal man
than for a friend to die,"
These are the words he gently spoke to me,

"If just a cup of water I place within your hand
Then just a cup of water is all that I demand,"

**But if by death to living they can thy glory see,
I'll take my cross and follow close to thee.**



... ARE YOU SURE ?? ARE YOU READY ???