

Philippians Series

Lesson #061

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Be Faithful and Unwavering in Your Christian Life Philippians 3:1–5



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Php. 1:28, “and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.”

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στήκω *stēkō*

**2 plur pres act indic
to stand, stand firm,
steadfast, singleminded,
dependable**

συναθλέω *sunathleō*

**3 pres act ptcp masc nom pl
to work together with
contend/struggle along with
BDAG, participle of means,
“with one mind by working
together for the faith of the
gospel”**

Review/Overview

Paul has challenged the Philippians to quit being self-absorbed, pursuing their own agendas, and to pursue Christlike character of humility and service to the body of Christ.

Example 1: Jesus Christ's humility in the incarnation.

Example 2: Paul himself, poured out like a drink offering.

Example 3: Timothy.

Example 4: Epaphroditus.

In ch. 3 the focus is on standing firm against error.

Part of the primary role of the Pastor-Teacher:

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself [Christ] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastor-teachers, [RD]

Eph. 4:12, “for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of service, for the edifying [building up] of the body of Christ, [RD]

Eph. 4:13, “until 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; [NKJV]

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,” [NKJV]

Part of the primary role of the Pastor-Teacher:

Titus 1:9, “holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.” [NKJV]

“If I profess with loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except that little point which the world and the Devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.”

~ Martin Luther



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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**

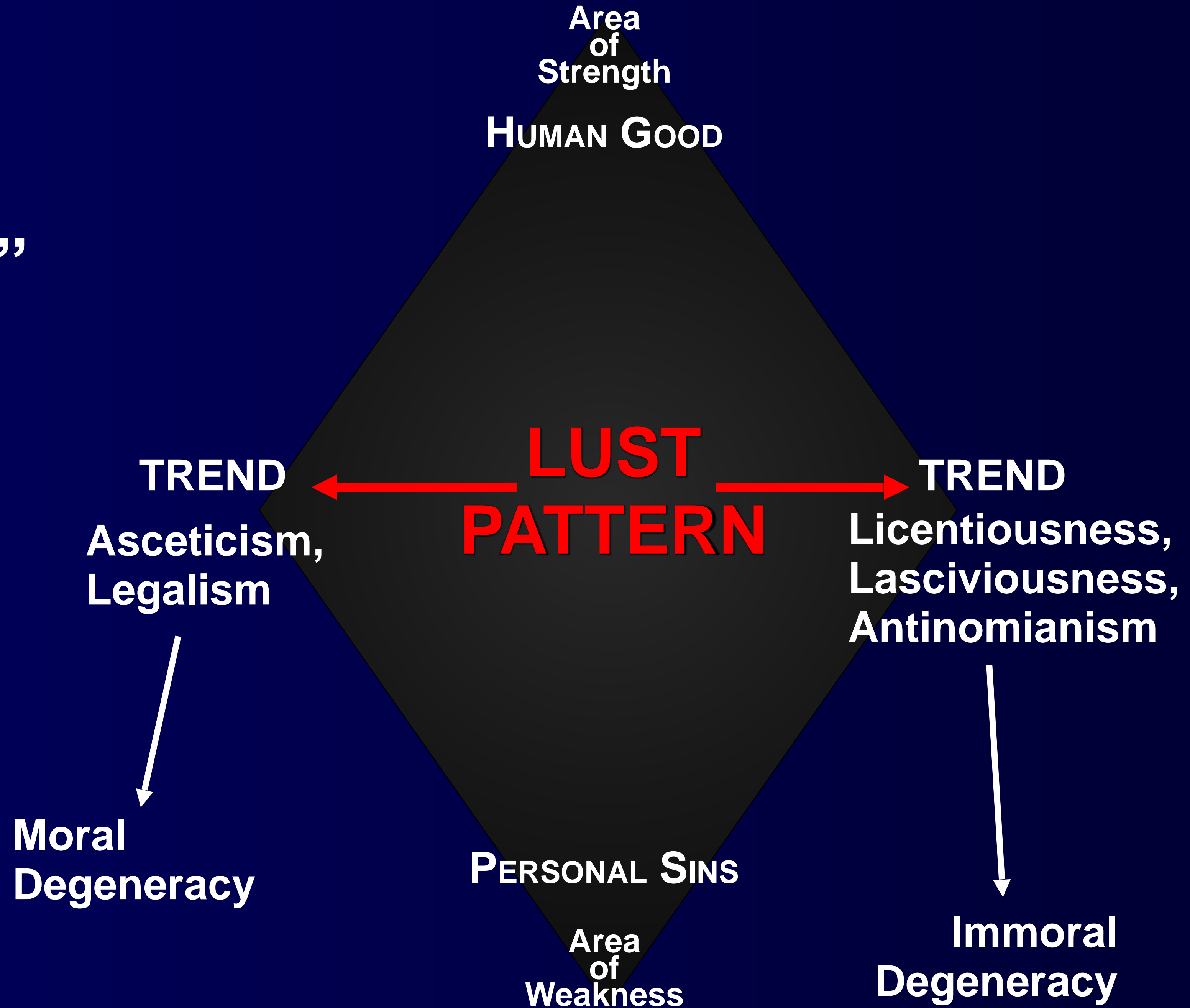
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Walking by Means of the Spirit/Filled by Means of the Spirit

Gal. 5:16/Eph. 5:18

Confession of Sin, 1 John 1:9

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



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1. Again he repeats rejoice (also in 4:4).

Php. 2:18, “For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.”

Php. 2:28, “Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.”

Php. 3:2, “Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!” [NKJV]

2. Three times he repeats: Beware! Watch out!

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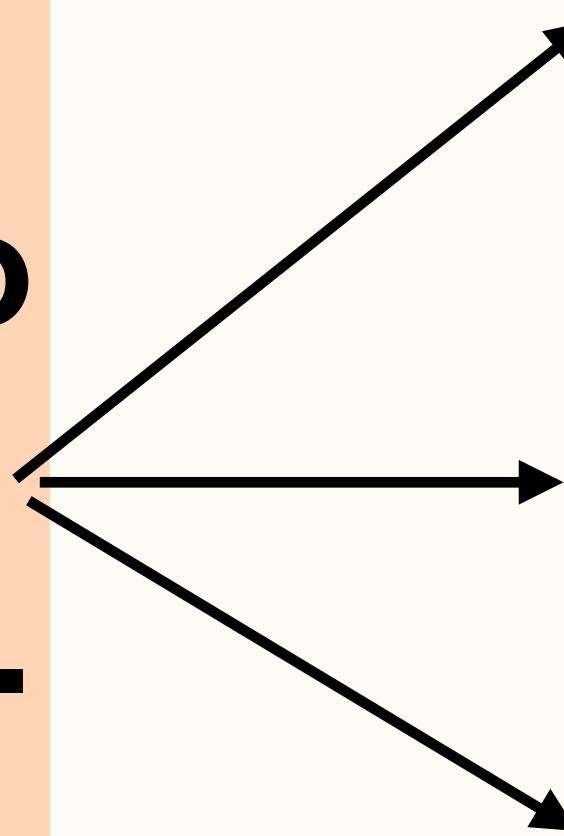
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Isa. 56:10, “His watchmen *are* blind, they are all ignorant; They *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.”

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Matt. 23:25, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.”

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Col. 2:11, “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,”

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Php. 3:3, “For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,” [NKJV]

What the Bible Teaches About

Circumcision

