

Philippians Series

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People Testing Requires Spiritual Skills

Philippians 4:2



Php. 4:2, “I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

Php. 4:3, “And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.” [NKJV]

**παρακαλέω *parakaleō*
1 sing pres act indic
to urge, exhort**

**φρονέω *phroneō*
pres act infin
to be wise, to think**

Php. 1:27, “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”

Php. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

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Php. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

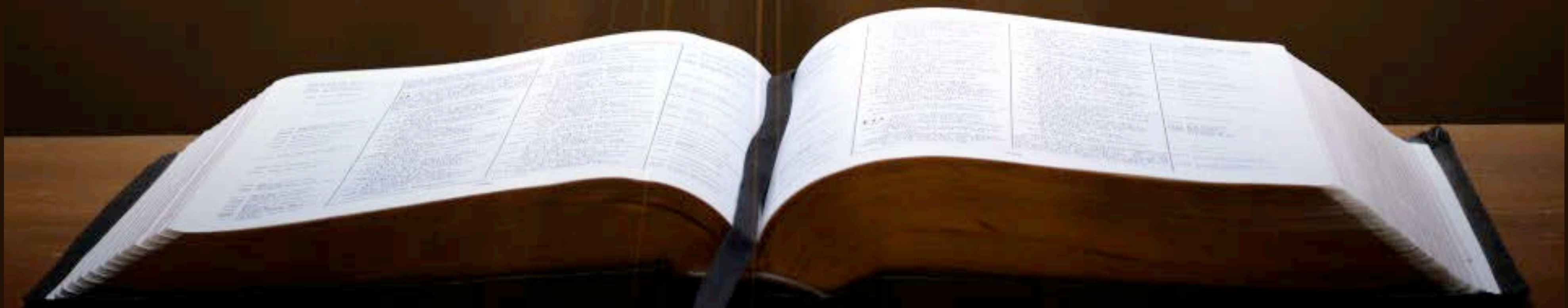
Php. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Php. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

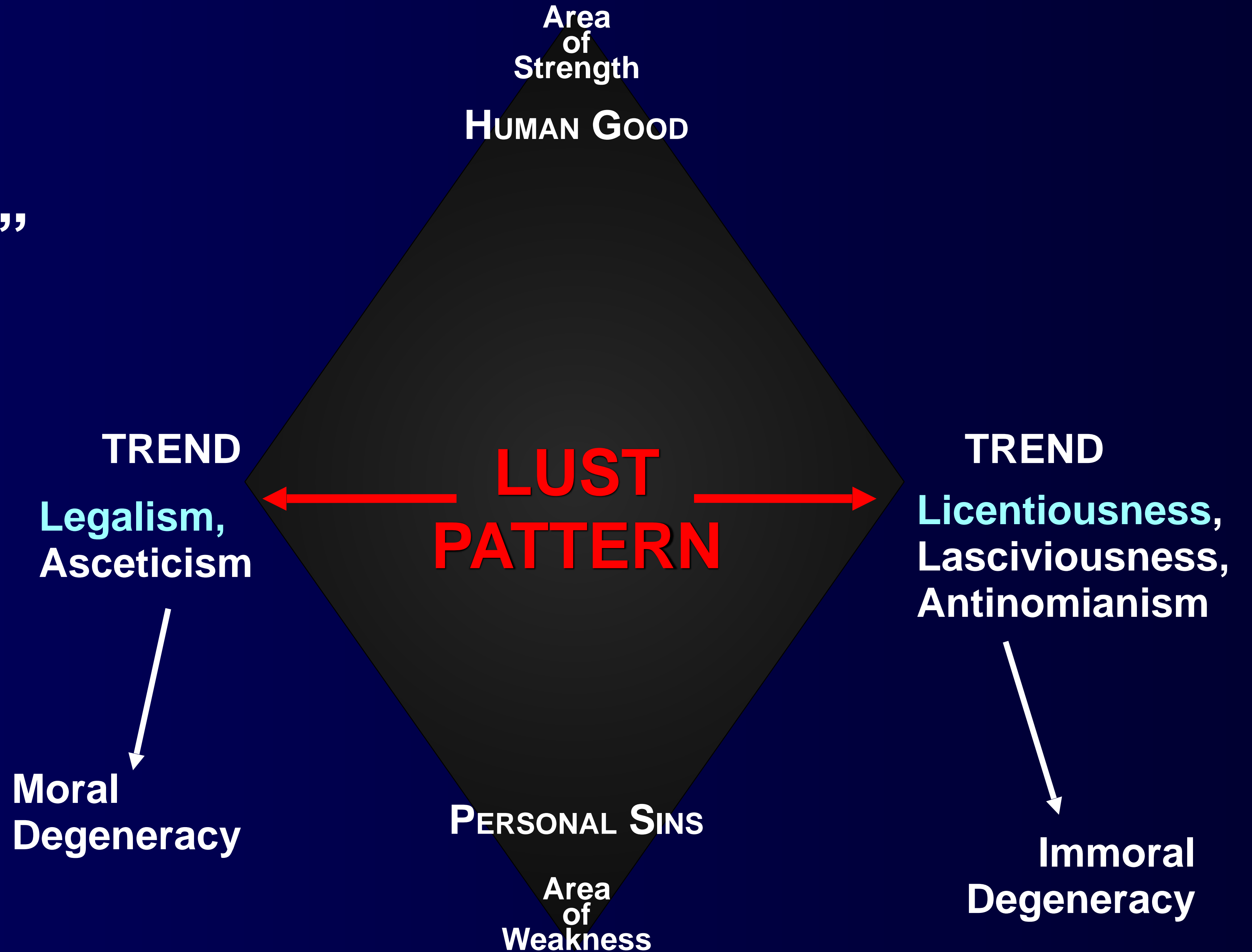
**What the Bible Teaches
About**

People Testing

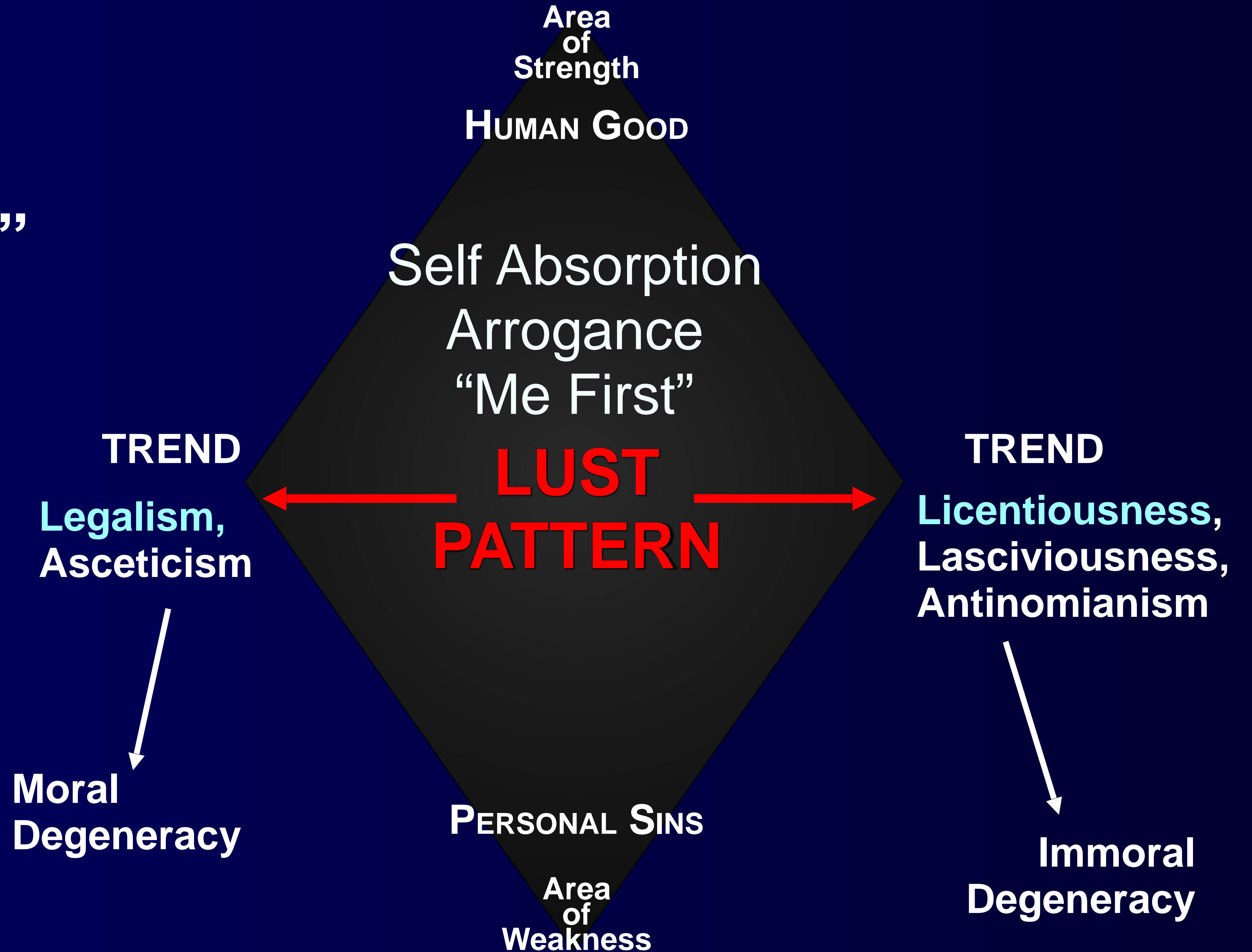


1. The basic problem: the sin nature. This too is its own category of testing. But here we are dealing with the difficulties that arise in relationships of all kinds. So the core problem is the orientation to our own sin nature.

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2. God created human beings in His image and likeness. Among other things, this means that we were created as social creatures, not to be alone, but to be with others and work with others. This is exhibited in the body of Christ through the various “one another” commands.

3. The Greek word is ἀλλήλων; *allēlōn*, meaning one person to others in a group.

Most of the New Testament contexts are addressed to congregations.

The idea is how believers within the congregations should treat other believers in that congregation specifically.

By extension this applies to any other believer, anyone who is in the body of Christ!

a. “Love one another” is the most common command in the New Testament. Fifteen distinct times this is stated.

John, Paul, and Peter each mention this.

In fact, the other 18 “one anothers” are all manifestations of this one command: humility, forgiveness, kindness, putting up with each other, not judging or maligning or gossiping about one another.

Jn. 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

Jn. 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” [NKJV]

John 15:12, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:17, “These things I command you, that you love one another.”

Also 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11–12; 2 John 5

b. Members of one another in the body of Christ.

Rom. 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

Eph. 4:25, “For this reason, because you have already put off the lie, *let each one of you speak [the] truth with his neighbor*, because we are members of one another.”
[RD]

c. Kindly affectionate to one another in brotherly love.

Rom. 12:10, “Be kindly affectionate [devoted] to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;”

d. Give preference to one another in honor.

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**φιλόστοργος *philostorgos*
masc plur nom devoted, loving;
good-natured**

e. Be like minded to one another, according to Christ Jesus.

Rom. 15:5, “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,”

Rom. 12:16, “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

f. Accept one another.

Rom. 15:7, “Therefore accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us, to the glory of God.” [RD]

g. Building up one another.

Rom. 14:19, “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

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οἰκοδομή *oikodomē*
fem sing gen
building, building up;
Figuratively for
growth toward
spiritual maturity

h. Comfort one another with the words and teaching of Scripture.

1 Thess. 4:18, “Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

παρακαλέω parakaleō

pres act impera 2 plur

to urge, exhort (challenge),

comfort

i. **Comfort AND edify one another.**

1 Thess. 5:11, “Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.”

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j. Admonish one another

Rom. 15:14, “Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.”

νουθετέω *noutheteō*

pres act infin

to warn, admonish,

includes sometimes

correction and instruction

j. Admonish one another

Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.” [NKJV]

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pres act infin

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k. Wait for one another and do not hoard or push ahead, but wait until all are ready to eat before starting to eat.

1 Cor. 11:33, “Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.”

I. Same care for one another.

1 Cor. 12:25, “that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.” [NKJV]

**μεριμνάω (*merimnaō*),
care, concern, be anxious**

m. Through love, serve one another.

Gal. 5:13, “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

n. Be kind to one another by graciously forgiving one another just as God for Christ's sake graciously forgave you.

Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, by graciously forgiving one another, even as God in Christ graciously forgave you.” [RD]

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John 13:14, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

Col. 3:13, "putting up with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."

o. Teaching and admonishing one another through singing.

Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,”

Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

p. Submit to one another in the fear of God.

Eph. 5:21, “submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

1 Pet. 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ ”

q. Think about how to stimulate and motivate each other to press on to spiritual maturity.

Heb. 10:24, “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Heb. 10:25, “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” [NKJV]

κατανοέω *katanoeō*
1 plur pres act
subj
to understand,
consider

παροξυσμός
(*paroxysmos*),
rousing to activity,
stirring up

παρακαλέω *parakaleō*
pres act participle 2
plur “by encouraging,”
to urge, exhort,
comfort

r. Meeting together.

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s. Be willing to apologize and admit wrong when in a personal conflict.

James 5:16, “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

t. Be hospitable to one another.

1 Pet. 4:9, “Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.”

Prohibited Behavior Toward One Another

1. Do not judge or speak evil, grumble, or complain about one another.

Rom. 14:13, “Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.”

James 4:11, “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.”

James 5:9, “Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!”

2. Do not lie to one another.

Col. 3:9, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,”

3. Do not render evil to one another.

1 Thess. 5:15, “See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.”

4. Don't provoke one another.

Gal. 5:26, “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

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/Gal. 5:25–26

Confession of Sin, 1 John 1:9