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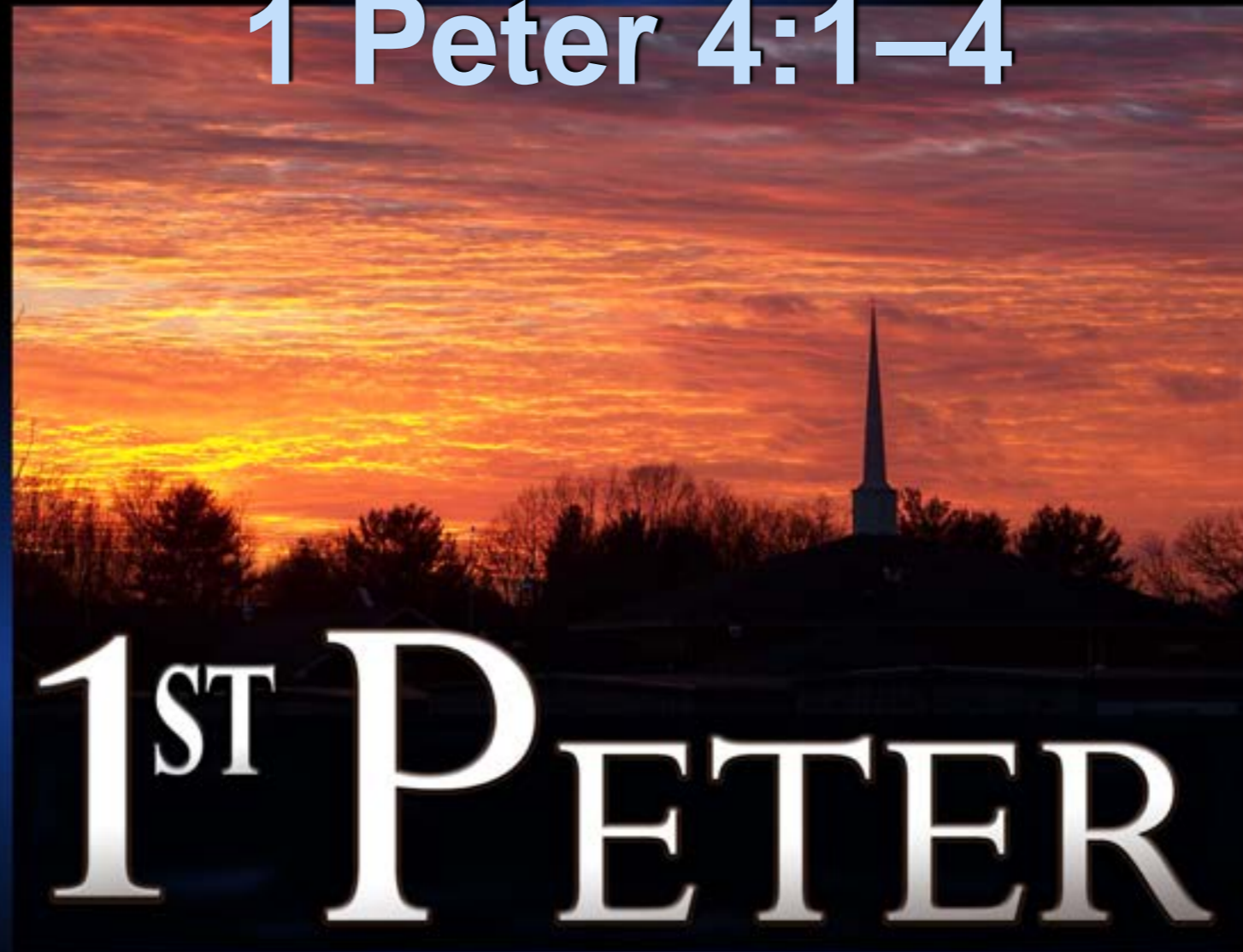
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**The Destruction of Lust ...
The Only Hope of Recovery**

1 Peter 4:1-4



1ST PETER

**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

1 Pet. 4:1, “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,”

1 Pet. 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

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Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

νοῦς *nous*

**gen masc sing
mind, thought,
the place of
reason and
understanding**

Rom. 12:3, “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

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

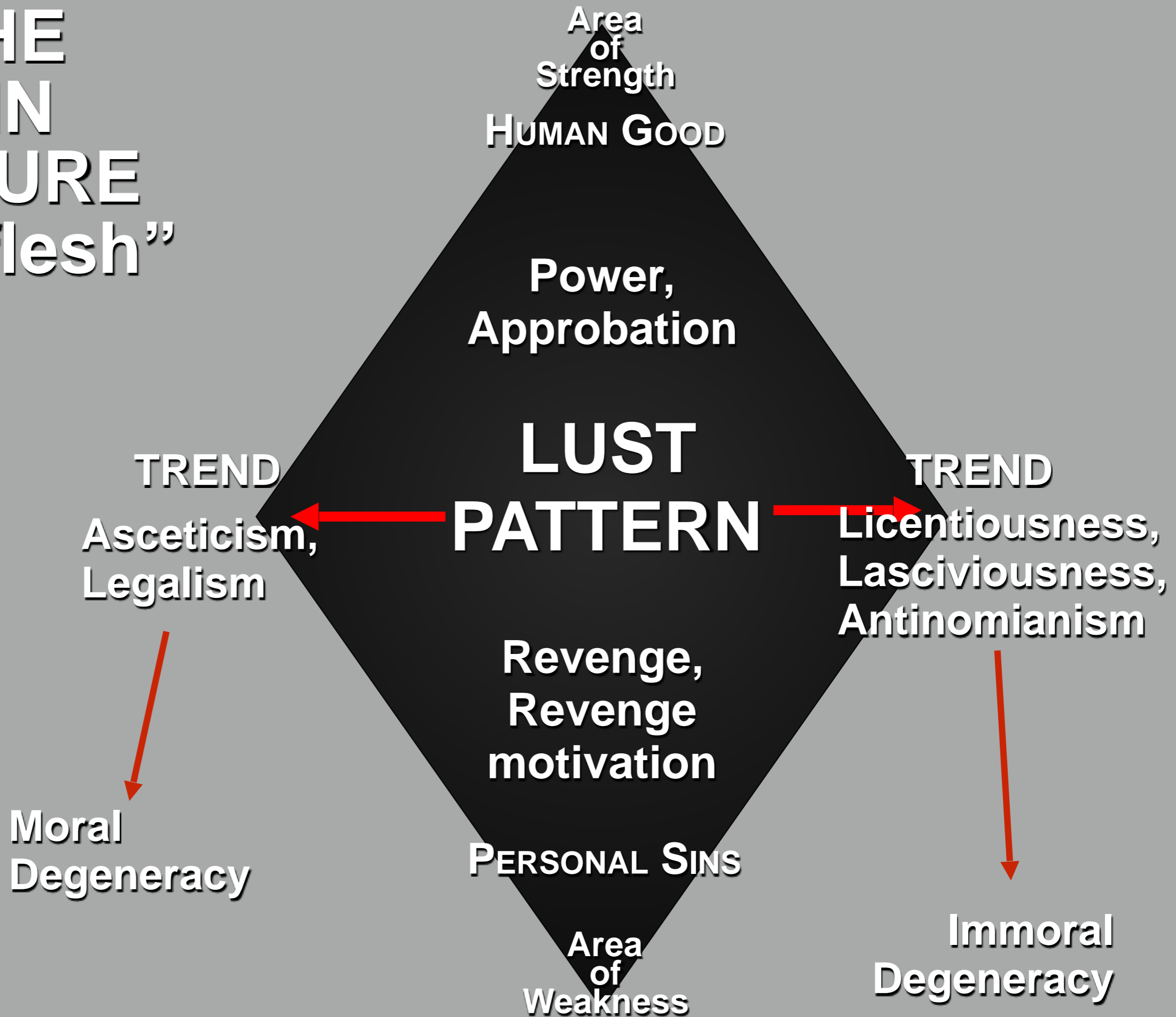
**Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.”**

**λογίζομαι *logizomai*
pres mid impera 2
plur (y'all)
to count, think,
reason, calculate,
meditate**

1 Pet. 4:2, “that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

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

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



- **Power**
- **Approbation**
 - ▶ **Social status**
- **Pleasure, 2 Tim. 3:4**
 - ▶ **Drugs, alcohol, food, entertainment**
- **Sex, Heb. 13:4**
- **Money, 1 Tim. 3:16**
 - ▶ **Things money can buy, idolatry of materialism and greed, Col. 3:5**
- **Social justice lust (which masks a jealous desire for what others have earned)**
 - ▶ **Trying to fix the world, instead of improving it**
- **Criminal lust**
- **Revenge lust, vindictiveness**
- **Revenge motivation**

All lusts:

- 1. Distract the mind from the focus on learning and applying the Word.**
- 2. Lust creates fantasies related to lust fulfillment. Whether realized or not, this destroys the objectivity of the mind, creating unrealistic expectations.**
- 3. The fantasy related to either the dreams, expectations, or realization of these lusts begins to destroy the individual's orientation to reality.**
- 4. Loss of orientation to reality increases self-absorption and arrogance.**
- 5. The corrective from the area of strength is self-discipline and human virtue, but that ultimately fails because it leads to other idolatrous substitutes.**
- 6. The only ultimate solution is soul transformation through first, regeneration, and then the transformation of the mind through the Spirit of God and the Word of God. Rom. 12:1–2**

All lusts:

- 7. When lusts are unfulfilled, the result is a build up of frustration over unfulfilled lust, then anger over the realization it might never be fulfilled, to depression when you believe it will never be fulfilled.**
- 8. Fulfilled lust never satisfies, and leads to increasing pursuits of more lust, a frantic search for happiness.**
- 9. Contentment, real happiness, and spiritual joy have nothing to do with fulfilling lust, but fulfilling our passion orientation to God and His purpose for our lives.**

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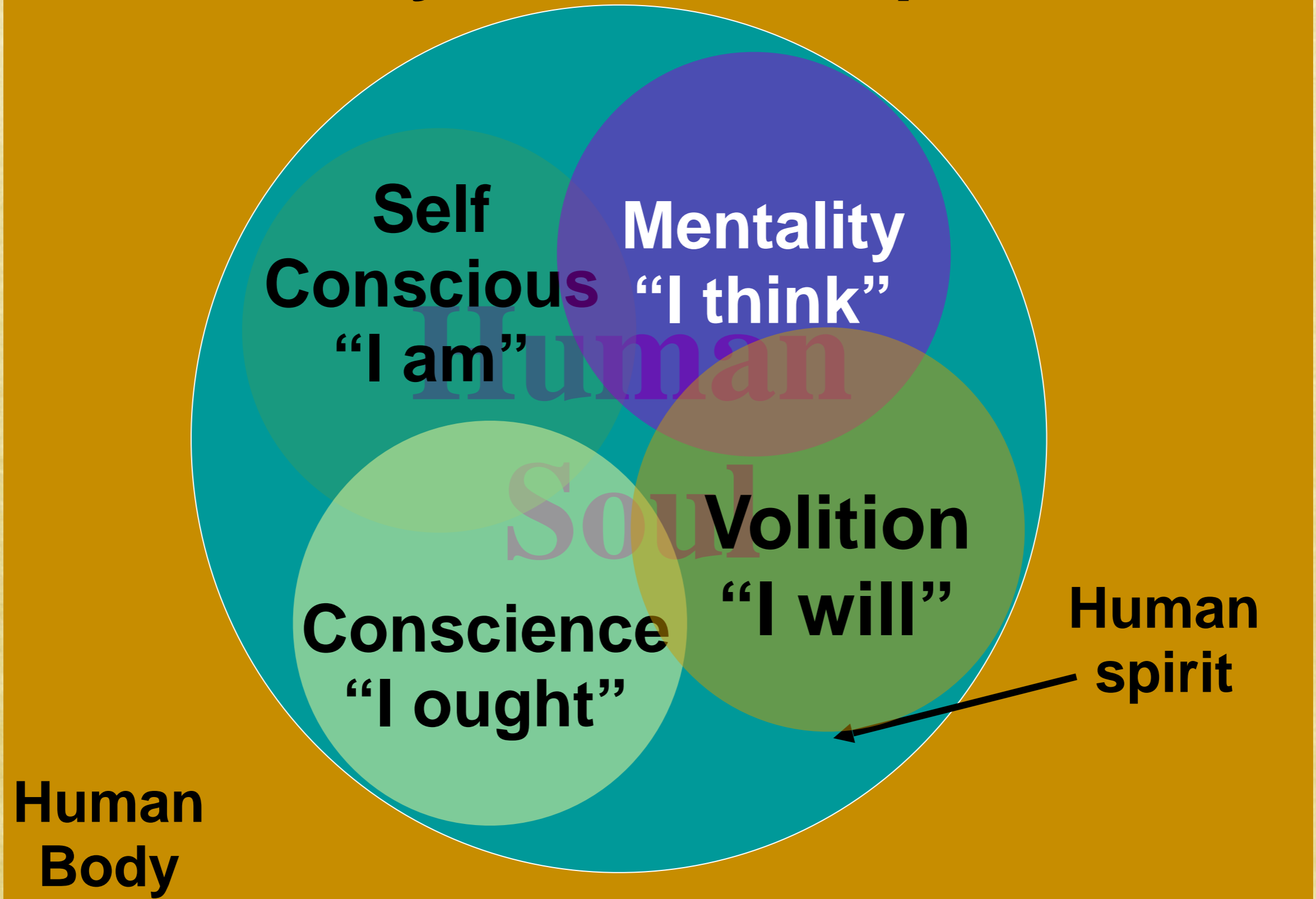
**What the Bible Teaches
About
Mental Attitude Focus
THINKING!!**



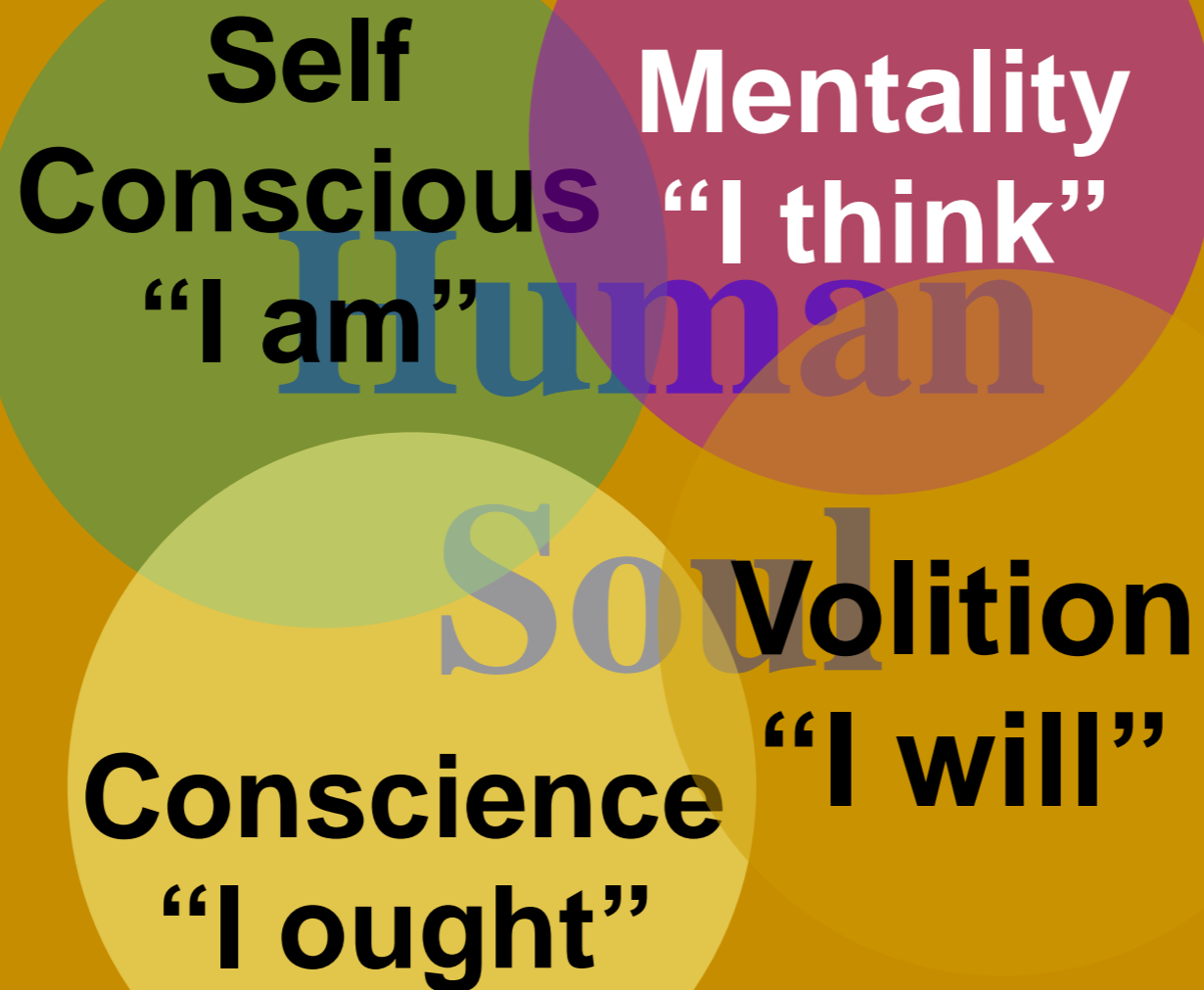
Mentally Prepared

- 1. We practice confession and accept forgiveness.**
- 2. We need to hide the Word of God in our heart. We need to memorize Scripture, memorize promises. This becomes the foundation for the Faith-Rest Drill and for Grace Orientation and Doctrinal Orientation.**
- 3. We have to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 Pet. 3:18.**
- 4. Paying attention to how you think and what you think about. The Christian way of life is a life of thought, not a life of emotion.**
- 5. Drill, drill; practice, practice; apply, apply!**

The Three Parts of a Human Being: Body, Soul, and Spirit

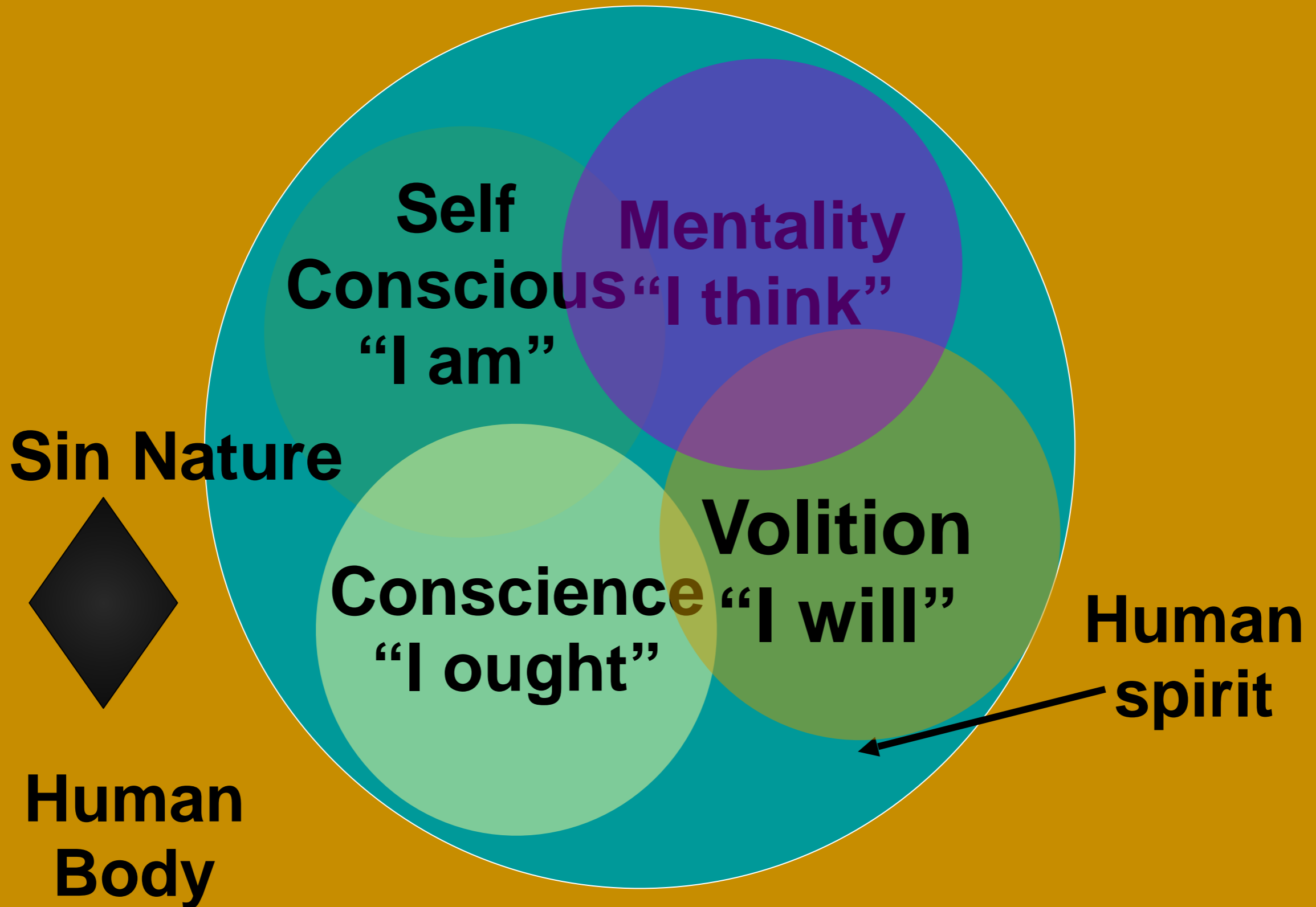


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Body**

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**θέλημα *thelēma* gen
neut sing will,
desire**

1 Pet. 4:2, “that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

1 Pet. 2:15, “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

1 Pet. 3:17, “For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.”

1 Pet. 4:2, “that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

Matt. 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

**Prov. 23:7a, “For as he thinks in his heart,
so is he.”**

שָׁעַר (*shā‘ar*)

**II, calculate, reckon,
measure (Prov. 23:7)**

4. The conflict in the believer's soul is a conflict of belief: believe the human viewpoint or the Divine viewpoint and act on it.

Human viewpoint is the way man thinks in independence of God.

Divine viewpoint is the sum total of the Scripture, based on God as Creator, then God as Redeemer and Justifier, then God as the focus of our thinking and lives.

Isa. 55:7, “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa. 55:10, “ ‘For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,’ ”

Isa. 55:11, “ ‘So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.’ ”

5. Right thinking, the right mental attitude, is going to first of all be grounded in grace. Grace is God's plan for dealing with the human race. It is not based on human merit, but Divine merit. Therefore God has given us truth.