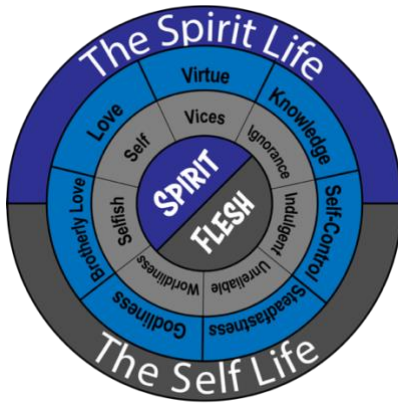


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**2 Peter 1:5-7**

2 Peter 1:5–7 (ESV) — For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

→ **Pic 1 – Virtue**



The fallacy that has invaded our Christian faith is the belief that I can still do some good things apart from Jesus...

Galatians 3:1–3 (ESV) — O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

So, we are in a battle ... the Spirit against the flesh

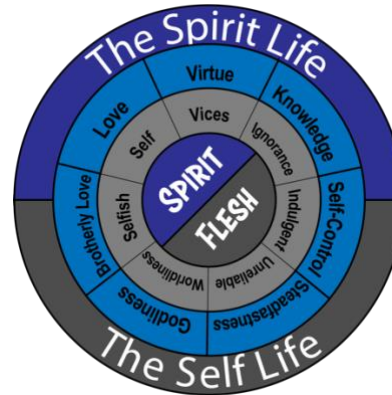
Galatians 5:16–17 (ESV) — But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Romans 7:18 (NLT) — And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.

John 6:63 (NLT) — The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

John 15:5b (NLT) — ... For apart from me you can do nothing.

→ **Pic 2 – Virtue**



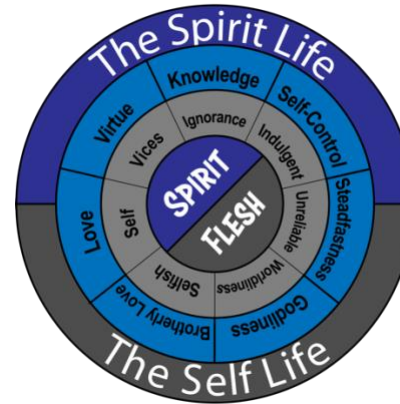
- **The goal is not to *BECOME* virtuous in our own strength, but to *RELEASE* the virtues of God through the Spirit.**

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) — But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV) — His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence

- **The implementation of virtues are not focused on the *REMOVAL* of vices, but their *REPLACEMENT***

→ **Pic 3 – Knowledge**



Ephesians 4:17–19 (ESV) — Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

When it comes to knowledge I want to give you three different categories regarding knowledge...

There is ...

- ***INTIMATE* Knowledge – That which comes through *RELATIONSHIP***

John 17:3 (ESV) — And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

**Philippians 3:10 (NLT) — 10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death**

Second, there is...

- ***INTELLECTUAL Knowledge – That which comes through STUDY***

**2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) — Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.**

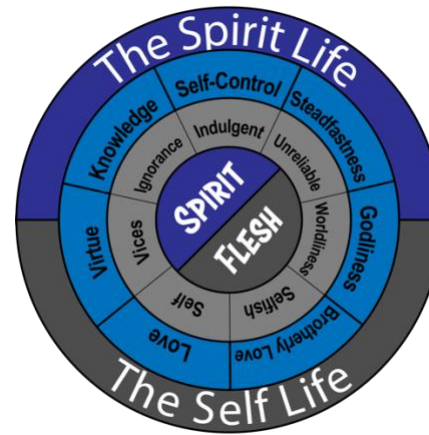
The third type of knowledge is...

- ***INSIGHTFUL Knowledge – That which come through spiritual WISDOM***

**James 1:5–7 (ESV) — 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;**

**John 16:13 (ESV) — 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.**

→ ***Pic 4 – Self Control***



There is a thought that “self-control” is something that we teach ourselves to do...

However, that is not true!

**Colossians 2:20–23 (ESV) — 20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— 21 “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” 22 (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.**

So, how do we develop self-control!

First, self-control is...

- ***The FRUIT of the SPIRIT***

**Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — But the fruit of the Spirit is ... self-control; against such things there is no law.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) — For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.**

Second, self-control is...

➤ ***The WORK of GRACE***

**Titus 2:11–12 (ESV) — For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,**

Once we have realized the source and power for self-control, we can finally step into self-control as ...

➤ ***The CHOICE of the WILL***

**1 Corinthians 9:24–25 (ESV) — Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.**

***Core Truth:***

***As we ENHANCE our FAITH with each of these QUALITIES, we EMPOWER our LIFE for ongoing VICTORIES!***

**2 Peter 1:8 (ESV) — For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

***As you participate with the indwelling Holy Spirit, He produces the divine nature of God in you and through you!***

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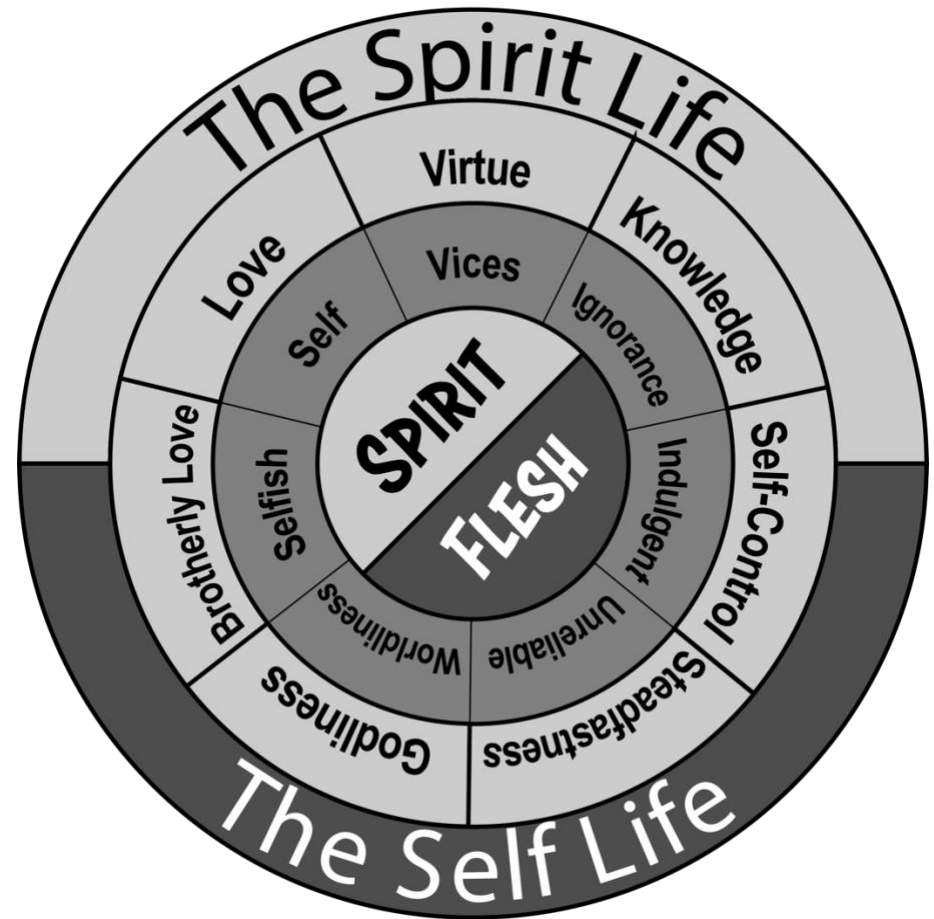
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