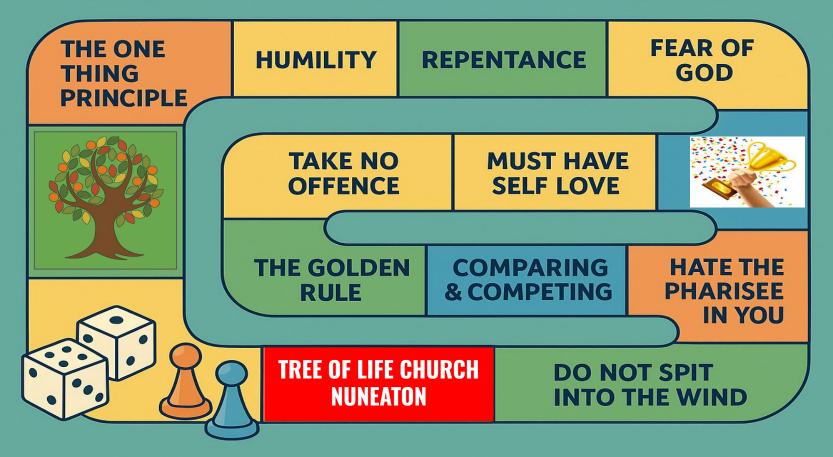
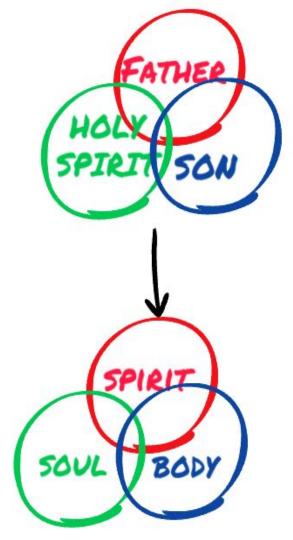


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1 Corinthians 11:1

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.



Philippians 3:12-15

Pressing Toward the Goal

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



- Forget what is behind
- Reach Forward
- Press Toward Goal

THE FOCUSING QUESTION



What's the ONE Thing I can do such that by doing it everything else will be easier or unnecessary?

Luke 10:41-42

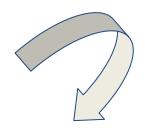
41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Revelation 2:4

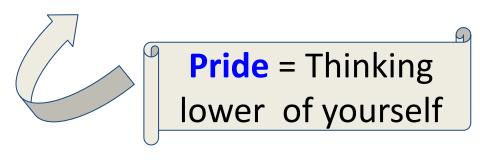
4 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen

Definition of Humility

Pride = Thinking higher of yourself



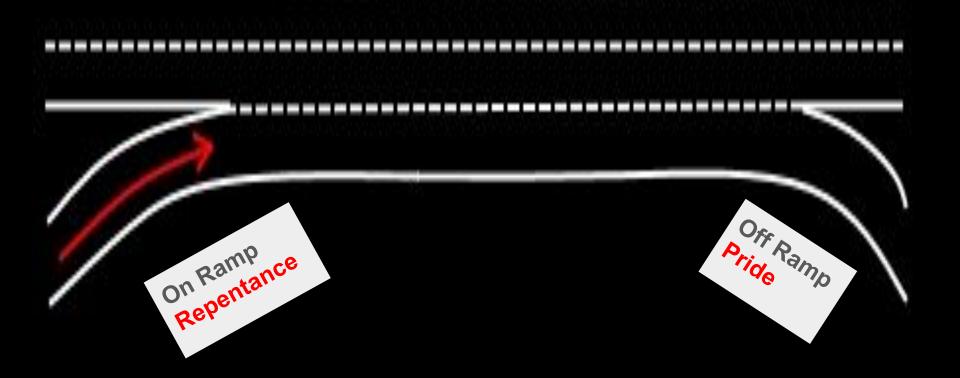
Saying about yourself what God says about you



AKA - Insecurity



Promotion comes on the Highway of Grace





Foundation for Wisdom Depart from Evil **Prolongs Life** Riches and Honour **Protection from Enemies** Confidence **Respect and Awe Motivation for Obedience Humility**

FREEDOM FROM OFFENCE

CREATING OFFENCE



ERASING OFFENCE

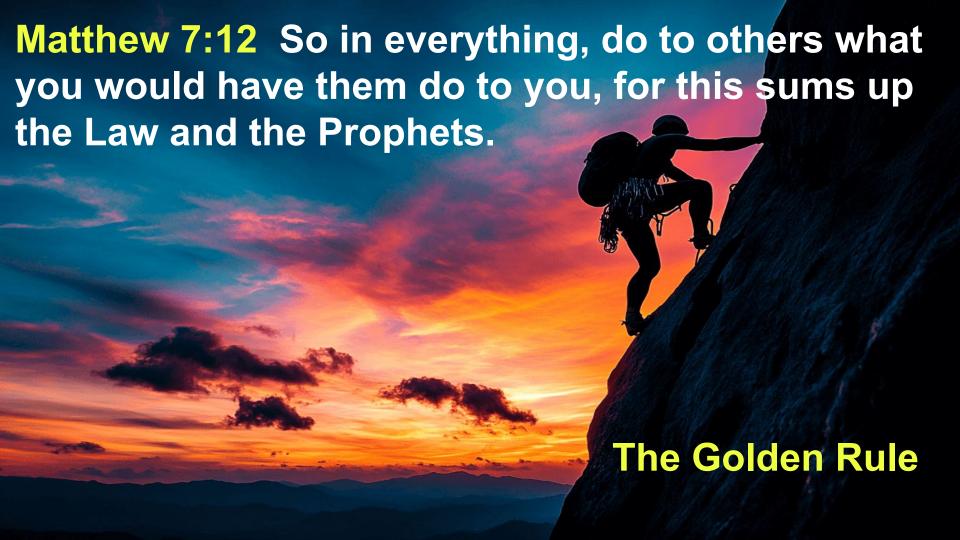
- Getting feelings hurt
- 2 Nurse it
- 3 Rehearse it
- 4 Disperse it

The power of forgiveness

Practice thanksgiving

Don't look back

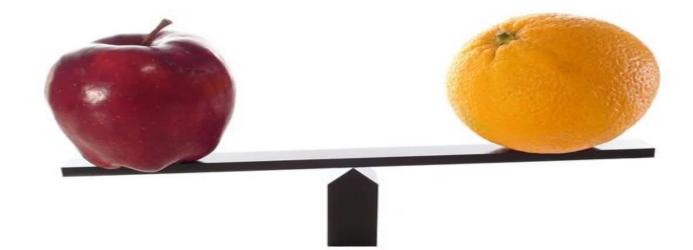
Trust God's judgement



Matthew 13:45-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.



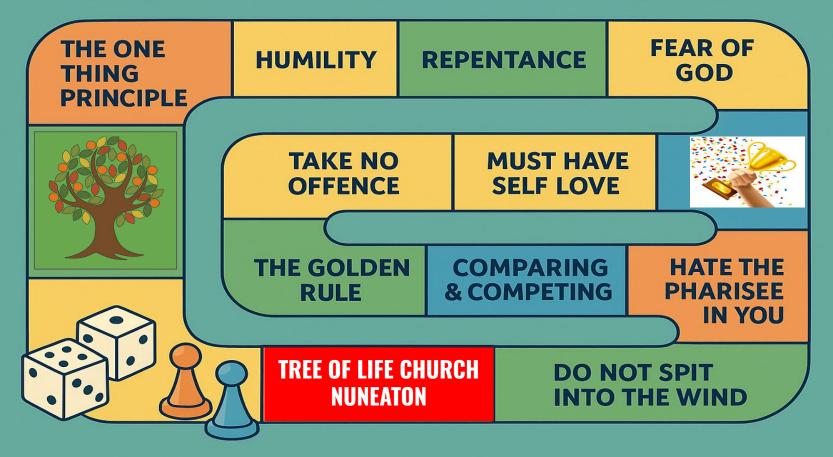
2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.



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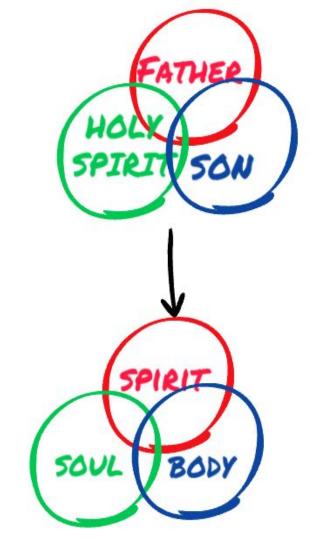




- Money changers in Temple
- Pharisees & Scribes
- Withered hand sabbath onlookers
- Unbelief of the disciples
 - Hinder access to God

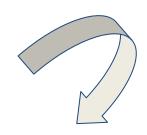
1 John 4:17

..because as He is, so are we in this world.

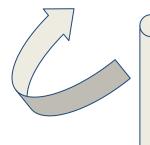


Mindset of a Pharisee

How you relate to others better than yourself



Trust in Your Own Righteousness



How you relate to others lower of yourself

Luke 18:9-14

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted "

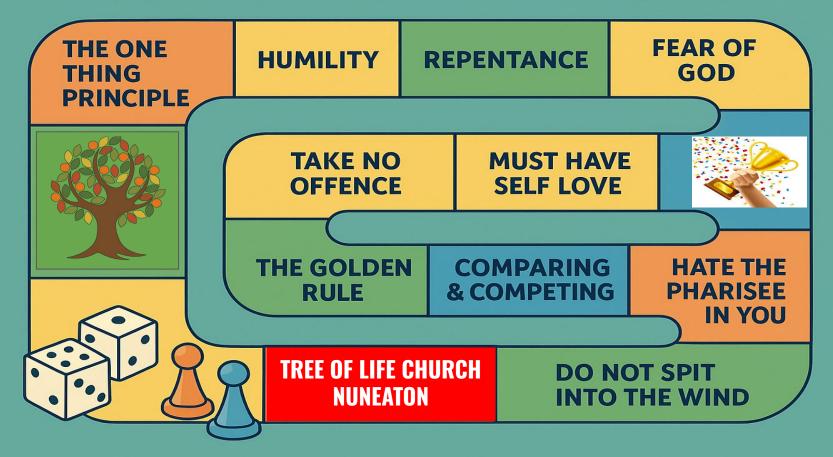
Matthew 23:13-15

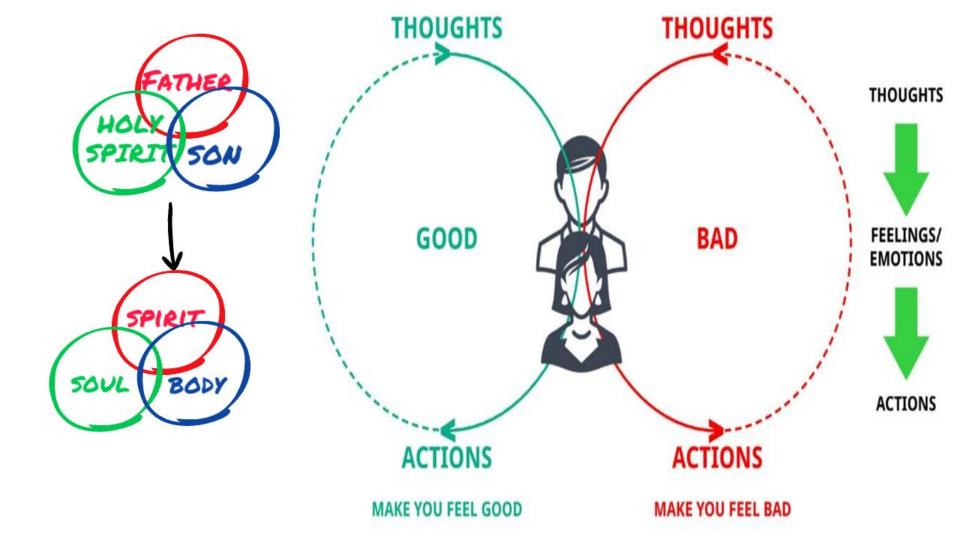
13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves*, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. 14 [a] Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers.

Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of [h]hell as yourselves.

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Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing;

Therefore get wisdom.

And in all your getting, get understanding.

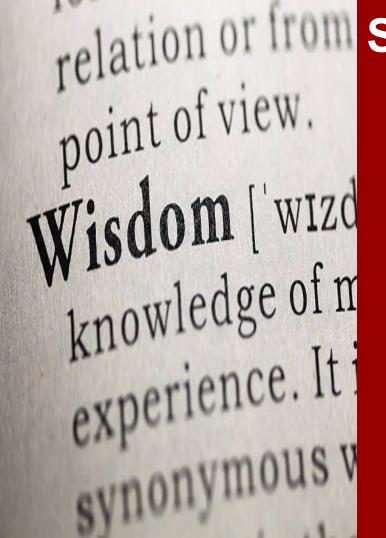
Exodus 31:1

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, **5** in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

Proverbs 9:1,10

1 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;

10 "The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of **wisdom**, And the **knowledge** of the Holy One *is* **understanding**.



Seven Pillars of Wisdom

- 1. Justice
- 2. Judgement
- 3. Equity
- 4. Prudence (subtly)
- 5. Knowledge
- 6. Discretion
- 7. Understanding

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