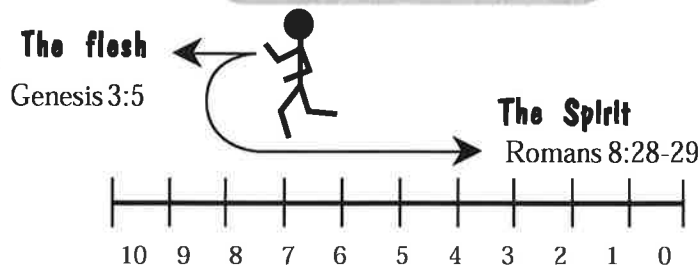


REAL LIFE Challenge

The Father	You	The Son of Man
Controls all of life Psalm 135:5-7	YES 1. Are you uncomfortable when you are not in control? NO	Trusted God's control 1 Peter 2:23
Does His own will Daniel 4:34-35	YES 2. Is it difficult for you to say to God "I'll give up anything you ask"? NO	Did only the Father's will John 6:38
Lawgiver and Judge James 4:12	YES 3. Do you get impatient when people don't do things right? NO	Came not to judge John 12:47
Exercises vengeance Romans 12:19	YES 4. Do you reject or avoid those who mistreat you? NO	Forgave and interceded Luke 23:34
Seeks worshipers John 4:23	YES 5. Does it bother you when others don't approve of you? NO	Became of no reputation Philippians 2:7 (KJV)
Is independent Isaiah 40:13-14	YES 6. Do you try to be independent? NO	Was dependent upon the Father John 5:19
Exalts Himself above all 1 Chronicles 29:11	YES 7. Does it bother you when someone treats you like a "doormat"? NO	Humbled Himself Philippians 2:8
Is to be served Deuteronomy 10:12	YES 8. Does it bother you when you don't get good service? NO	Came not to be served Matthew 20:28
Is too glorious to behold Exodus 33:22-23	YES 9. Do you worry about being physically attractive? NO	Was not physically attractive Isaiah 53:2-3
Owens everything Psalm 50:10-12	YES 10. Does it bother you when you don't have the money to buy something? NO	Had no place to lay His head Matthew 8:20



EXERCISING GODSHIP

- Determining standards of conduct for myself, others, and God.**
- Demanding absolute obedience to those standards.**
- Judging God, others, and my life, attitudes, and actions by those standards.**
- Seeking revenge.**
- Selfishly endeavoring to control circumstances and people.**
- Exercising “sovereign” independence, doing whatever I please.**
- Seeking praise, approval, & acceptance from others and not from God.**
- Asking no help or guidance from anyone, not even God.**

GOD BEING GOD:

- **Determines standards of conduct for mankind**—*Ex. 20:1-17*
- **Demands absolute obedience to those standards**—*Gen. 22:1-12*
- **Judges the lives, actions, and attitudes of man**—*Gen. 18:25; Acts 17:31*
- **Takes vengeance**—*Ps. 94:1; Rom. 12:17-19*
- **Controls all of life**—*Job 12:13-25; Acts 17:24-28a*
- **Exercises sovereign independence, doing whatever He pleases**—*Ps. 135:5-6; Dan. 4:35*
- **Seeks the praise, worship, and acceptance of mankind**—*Isa. 42:8; John 4:23*
- **Asks help and guidance from no one**—*Isa. 40:13-14; Rom. 11:33-34*

JUDGING

GOOD

AND

EVIL

**GOD'S
LAWS**

(Absolute)

Whatever God, out of His infinite goodness, justice, and love, states to be ultimately for man's blessing and God's own glory

GOD

Whatever God rejects as being inconsistent with His perfect righteousness and therefore against His good purposes in the world

**MAN'S
LAWS**

(Relative)

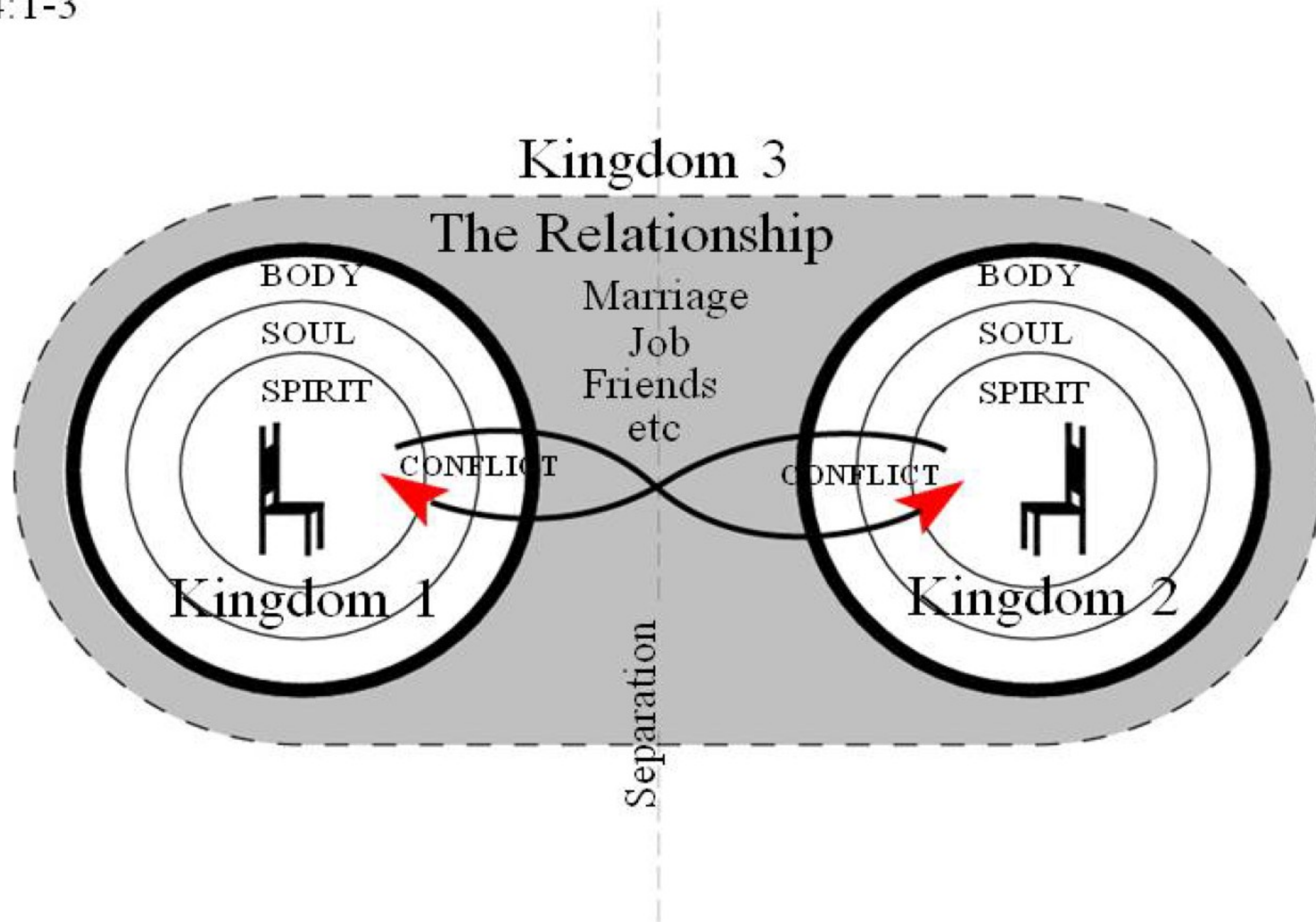
Whatever is personally thought at present to be beneficial to the greatest number of persons or to the persons of greatest importance

SELF

Whatever is rejected by the present consensus and therefore is perceived as being bad for society

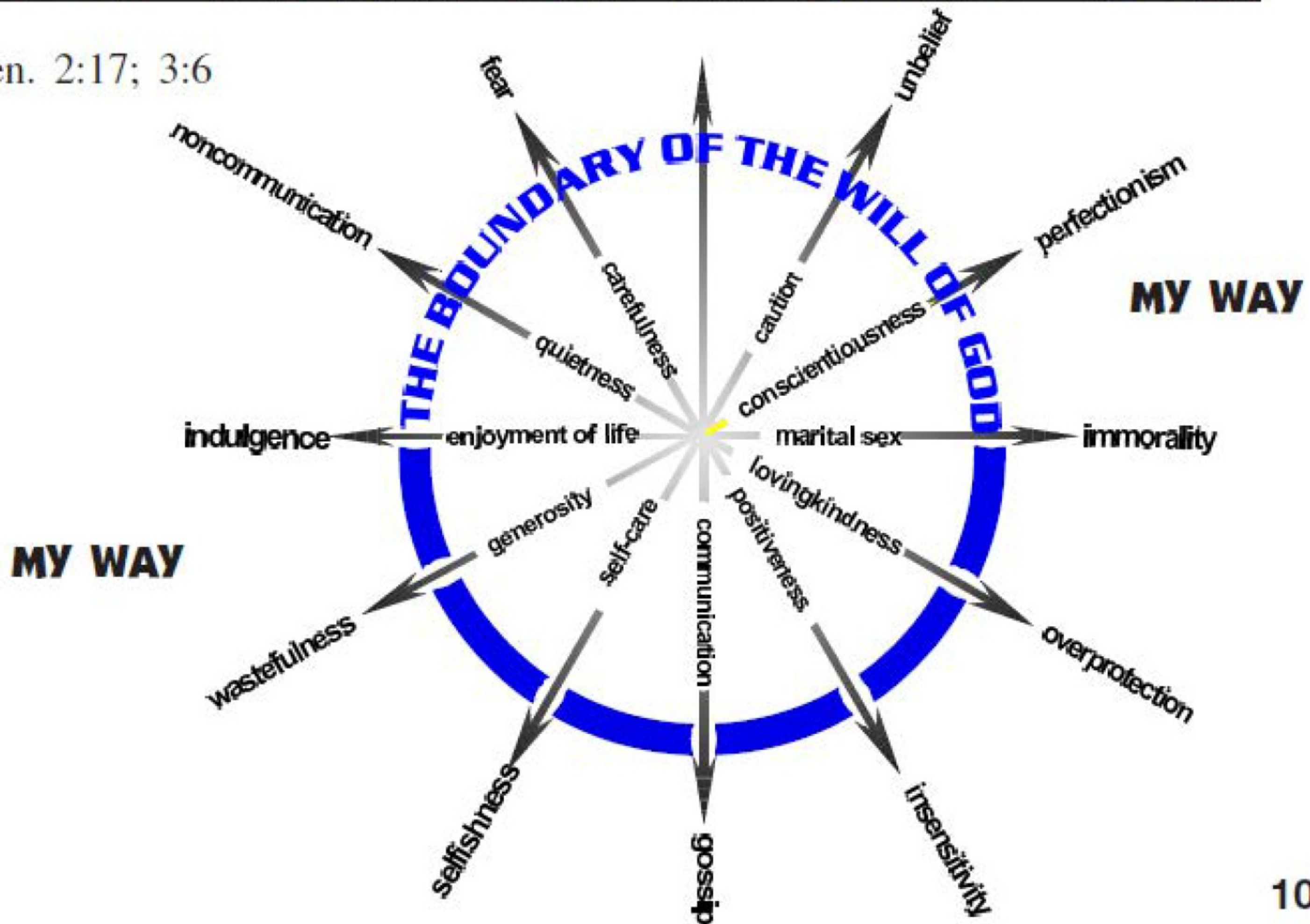
THREE KINGDOMS

James 4:1-3



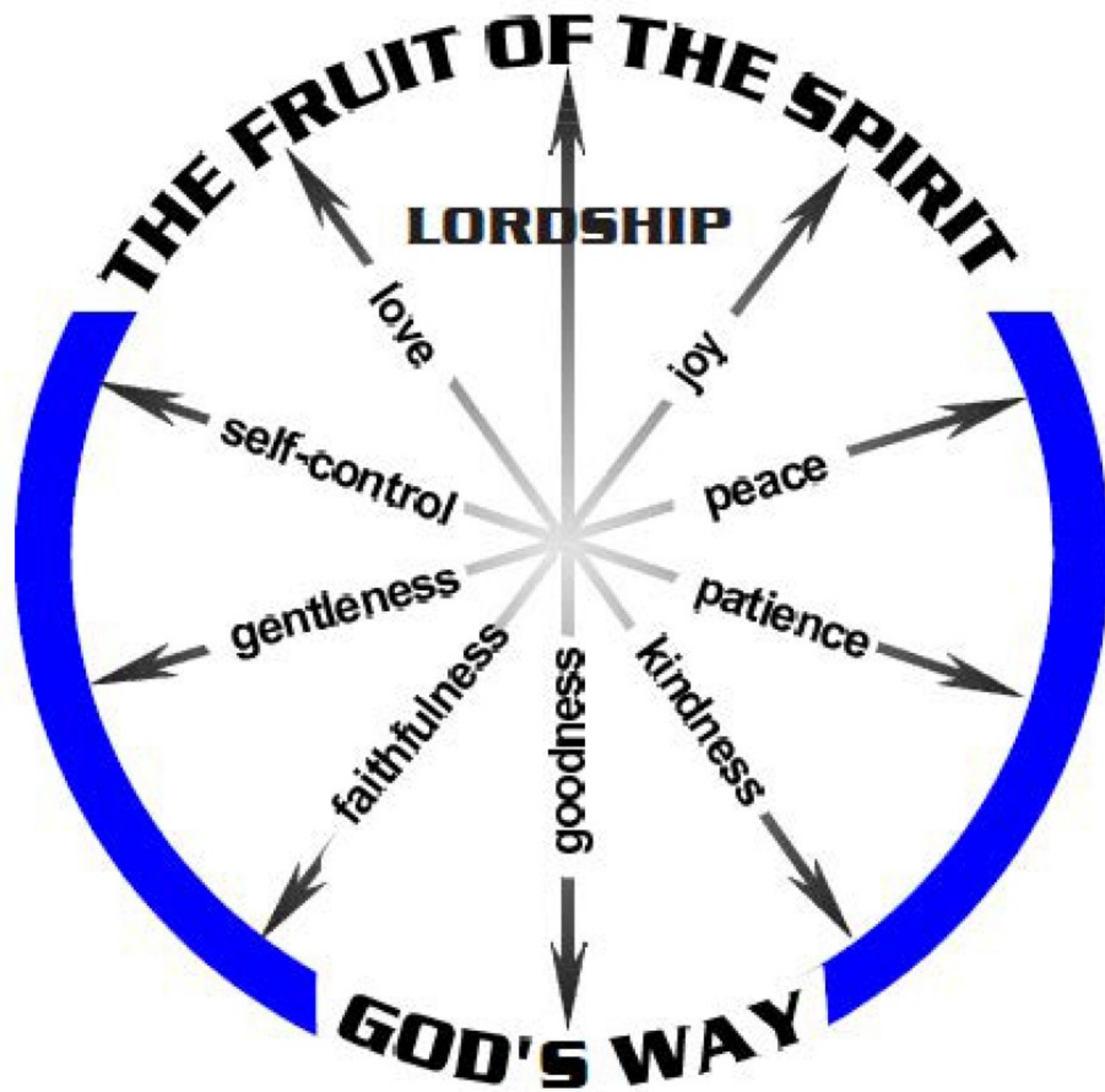
“GOOD” TAKEN BEYOND THE BOUNDS—IS SIN

Gen. 2:17; 3:6



GOD'S WAY

Gal. 5:22-23



REVIEW

- God is God and I am not.
- God is God and only He has the right to set standards, judge, and demand absolute obedience of people.
- There is something within me that desires to be like God.
- Godship is sin and leads to withdrawal from God and others and doubting instead of trusting.
- Only when God rules over our relationships with others will we experience relationships that bring glory to His kingdom.
- Good taken beyond God's boundaries leads to sin.



Heavenly Father,

I come before You in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, humbled and in need of Your mercy, grace, and cleansing. I acknowledge today that You alone are God, and there is no other. You are sovereign, holy, righteous, all-wise, and perfect in all Your ways. I confess that many times I have stepped into a role that belongs only to You. I have tried to control what only You can control. I have tried to control outcomes, people, timing, circumstances, and even my own life instead of surrendering these things into Your hands.

Father, I repent for trying to be god instead of letting You be God. I repent for pride, self-rule, self-reliance, and independence that resists trust in You, and surrendering to Your will for my life. I repent for leaning on my own understanding instead of acknowledging You in all my ways. I renounce every desire to sit on the throne of my own life. I choose to step down from a place that is not mine and yield myself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Father, forgive me for expectations I have placed on others. Forgive me for expecting people to complete me, heal me, validate me, rescue me, perform for me, be available for me, or meet needs in my life that only You can truly fulfill. I repent for anger, depression, frustration, and disappointment rooted in those expectations. I repent for resentment that came when people failed me. I forgive those who did not meet my expectations, and I release them into Your hands.

I also repent for expectations I have placed upon myself. Forgive me for striving, perfectionism, self-pressure, self-hatred, looking to myself instead of You, and condemning myself when I fall short. Forgive me for trying to earn what You have freely given to me. Forgive me for measuring my worth by performance instead of identity in Christ, and who I am as Your child.

Father, I repent of living for the approval of others instead of from the approval I already have in You. Your Word says in Galatians 1:10 that I cannot seek to please man and be a servant of Christ. Forgive me for people-pleasing, fear of rejection, and seeking validation from people instead of resting in Your acceptance. Forgive me for allowing opinions, praise, criticism, or rejection to rule my life in my thoughts, my decisions, and my emotions. Today I renounce the fear of man, the approval of man, and I declare that Your approval is enough.

Father, I repent for expectations I have even placed on You. Forgive me for the times I thought You should move in my timing, answer according to my preferences, or work things out according to my understanding. Forgive me for questioning, doubting, and rejecting You when life did not go my way. Forgive me for frustration, impatience, irritation, anger, and subtle offense toward You. I declare today that Your ways are higher than my ways, Your thoughts higher than my thoughts, and Your timing is perfect.

Lord Jesus, I repent for every way I have judged and condemned others. Your Word says in James 4:12 that there is only one lawgiver and judge. Who am I to judge my neighbor? Forgive me for criticism, self-righteousness, harsh thoughts, bitterness, offense, and unforgiveness. Forgive me for exalting myself in my heart while tearing others down. Forgive me for assuming

motives, rehearsing accusations, and carrying contempt. Your Word says mercy triumphs over judgment, so teach me to walk in humility and mercy.

I repent for every desire for revenge, retaliation, vindication in the flesh, or wanting others to feel what I felt. Forgive me for secretly wanting justice without mercy. Your Word says vengeance belongs to You, Lord. I release every person who wounded me into Your righteous hands. I choose forgiveness. I choose blessing over cursing. I choose freedom over bitterness.

Father, I repent for trying to control my own life. Forgive me for anxiety-driven control, fear-driven planning, manipulation, obsession with outcomes, and striving in my own strength. Forgive me for trusting my own provision more than Your purpose for my life. Forgive me for trying to make things happen apart from Your Holy Spirit.

I repent for trying to control the lives of others. Forgive me for manipulation, pressure, control, fear-based involvement, overstepping boundaries, rescuing people You were trying to teach, and carrying responsibilities You never assigned to me. Forgive me for interfering where I should have prayed, being pushy where I should have trusted, and speaking where I should have remained silent.

I repent for not trusting Your control in my life. Forgive me for fear, unbelief, worry, panic, and doubting You and Your goodness. Forgive me for acting as though everything depends on me. Lord, I confess that You are faithful, You are present, and You are able to lead me better than I can lead myself.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce every spirit operating through pride, rebellion, control, manipulation, domination, revenge, resentment, judgment, condemnation, fear, anxiety, unbelief, striving, perfectionism, self-rule, stubbornness, and distrust. I break agreement with these works of darkness now. I revoke every legal right I have given them through sin, pride, unforgiveness, and fear.

I command every unclean spirit attached to control, fear, revenge, pride, self-exaltation, and distrust to leave me now in the name of Jesus Christ. Every spirit of witchcraft control, manipulation, intimidation, obsession, torment, accusation, and self-rule—come out now in Jesus' name. Loose my mind, my emotions, my body, my relationships, and my future. I belong to Jesus Christ alone.

Father, cleanse my mind with the blood of Jesus. Cleanse my heart from bitterness. Cleanse my hands from striving. Cleanse my eyes from judgment. Cleanse my tongue from criticism. Cleanse my soul from fear. Wash me thoroughly and make me new.

Holy Spirit, come and fill every place where darkness has been removed. Fill me with trust where there was fear. Fill me with surrender where there was control. Fill me with peace where there was anxiety. Fill me with humility where there was pride. Fill me with mercy where there

was judgment. Fill me with love where there was resentment. Fill me with patience where there was frustration. Fill me with faith where there was unbelief.

Teach me to let God be God. Teach me to rest in You, Lord, and to let go of what I cannot control. Teach me to obey what You ask of me and release what You have not assigned me. Teach me to pray instead of panic, trust instead of strive, surrender instead of manipulate, forgive instead of resent, and worship instead of worry.

I place my past, present, and future into Your hands. I place every relationship into Your hands. I place every unanswered question into Your hands. I place every burden, fear, wound, and desire at the feet of Jesus.

Today I declare: God is God, and I am not. Jesus is Lord, and I surrender. The Holy Spirit is my Helper, and I will trust Him. I do not need to control what God already has control of. I do not need to carry what God has invited me to cast upon Him.

I receive freedom, healing, alignment, peace, and renewed trust now. I seal this prayer by the blood of Jesus Christ, and I thank You, Father, that whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.