

Revelation Series

Lesson #062

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Revelation 3:1, “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.” ’ ”

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James 2:17, “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works [application], is dead.”

Galatians 5:19, “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,**

Galatians 5:20, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions [*enmity, hostility*], *jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions,* dissensions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21, “envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

4. The correction: positive prescription with a warning.

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Grace always provides opportunity to recover.

Philippians 3:13, “Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

Philippians 3:14, “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

στήρισον Aor Act Imp 2s, στηρίζω *stēρίζō*;
fut. *sterίχō*, from *hístemi* ,
“to stand. To set fast, to fix firmly”

τήρησον Aor Act Imper; 2s; τηρέω, *tereo*;
“to keep the things which are about to be
thrown away.”

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πληρόω *pleróō*; contracted *plēró̄*, fut. *plērósō*,
from *plērēs* (4134), full. **To make full, fill.**
perf pass ptcp periphrastic ptcp. Completes
the thought of the main verb
“I have not found”

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**λαμβάνω *lambánō*; Perfect act ind,
“to receive,” indicates how they received or
learned the Word.**

**The perfect tense suggests the present reality
from a past action.**

**Pastor-
Teacher**

FHS

“understandable”

- **V** +

KARDÍA
epignosis

Useable sp
knowledge

NOUS

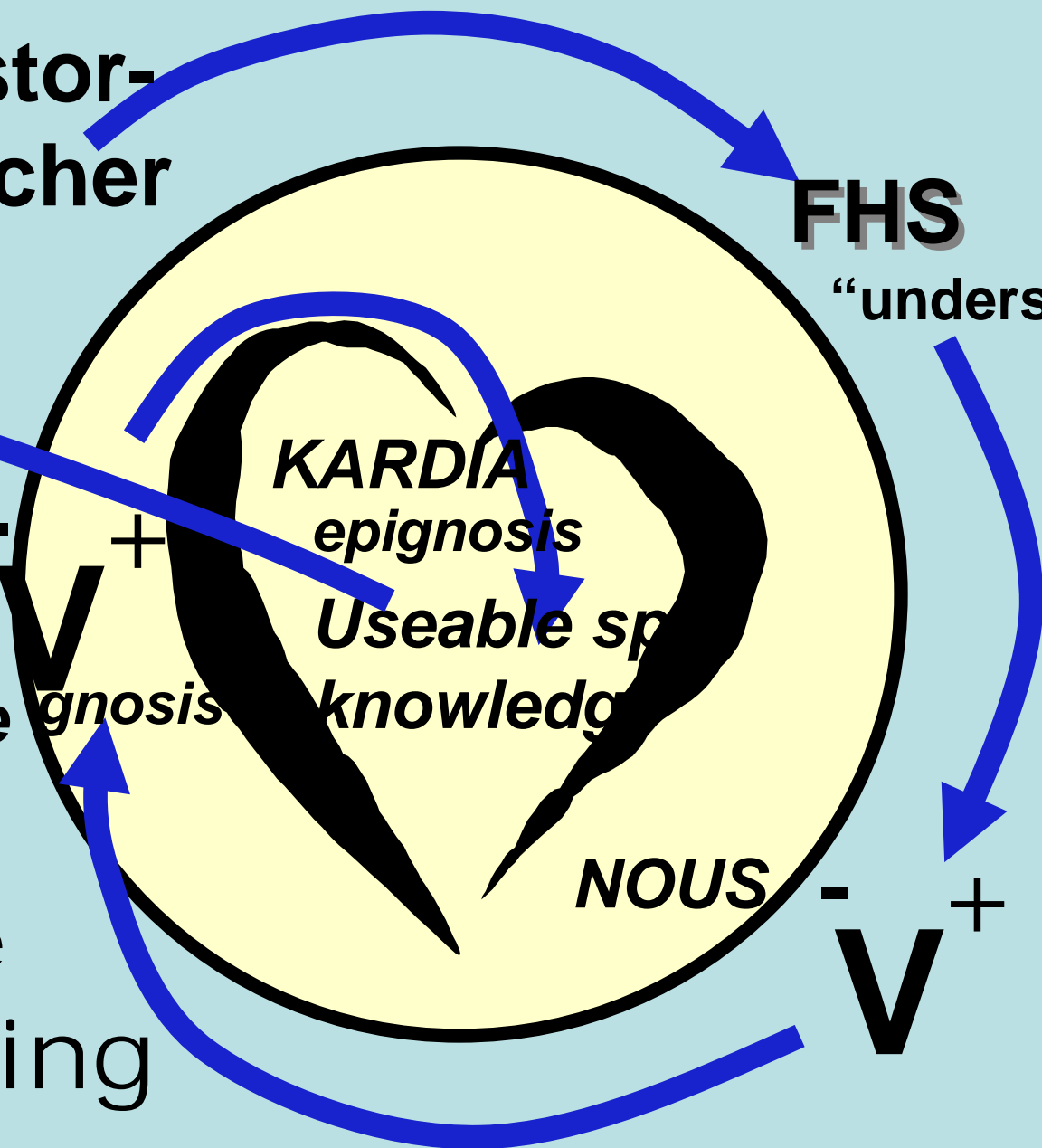
- **V** +

Application

Academic
knowledge

- **V** +
gnosis

Grace
Learning
Spiral



ἀκούω *akoúō*; Aorist Act ind of *akouo*

“to hear with a view to application”

τηρέω *tēréō*

**guard, preserve; hold fast to, keep, follow,
keep your eyes fixed on it. Focus on it.**

Make it your priority.

**μετανοέω *metanoéō*; to change your
mind, thinking.**

Romans 12:1, “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.*”

Romans 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.”