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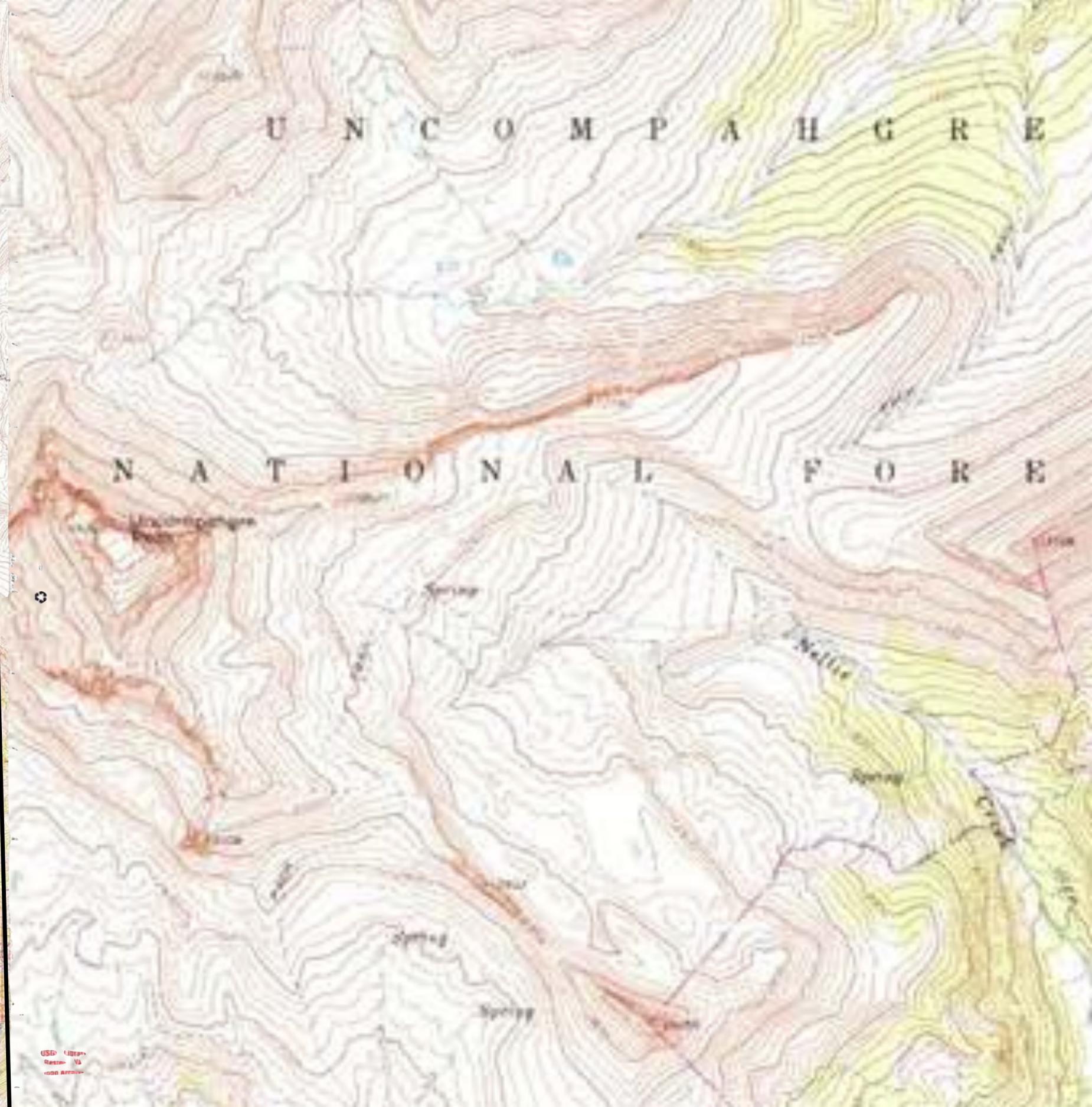
# How We Apply Grace Orientation

Ephesians 4:26–27



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER



- **Align our lives with God's grace**
- **Align ourselves with the Bible**

## **What we will see:**

- **God's sufficient grace is directly connected to controlling the arrogance problem and learning humility in 2 Cor. 12.**
- **Humility is central to learn obedience to God's authority.**
- **Without learning obedience to God's authority we will always struggle with submission and obedience to human authority.**

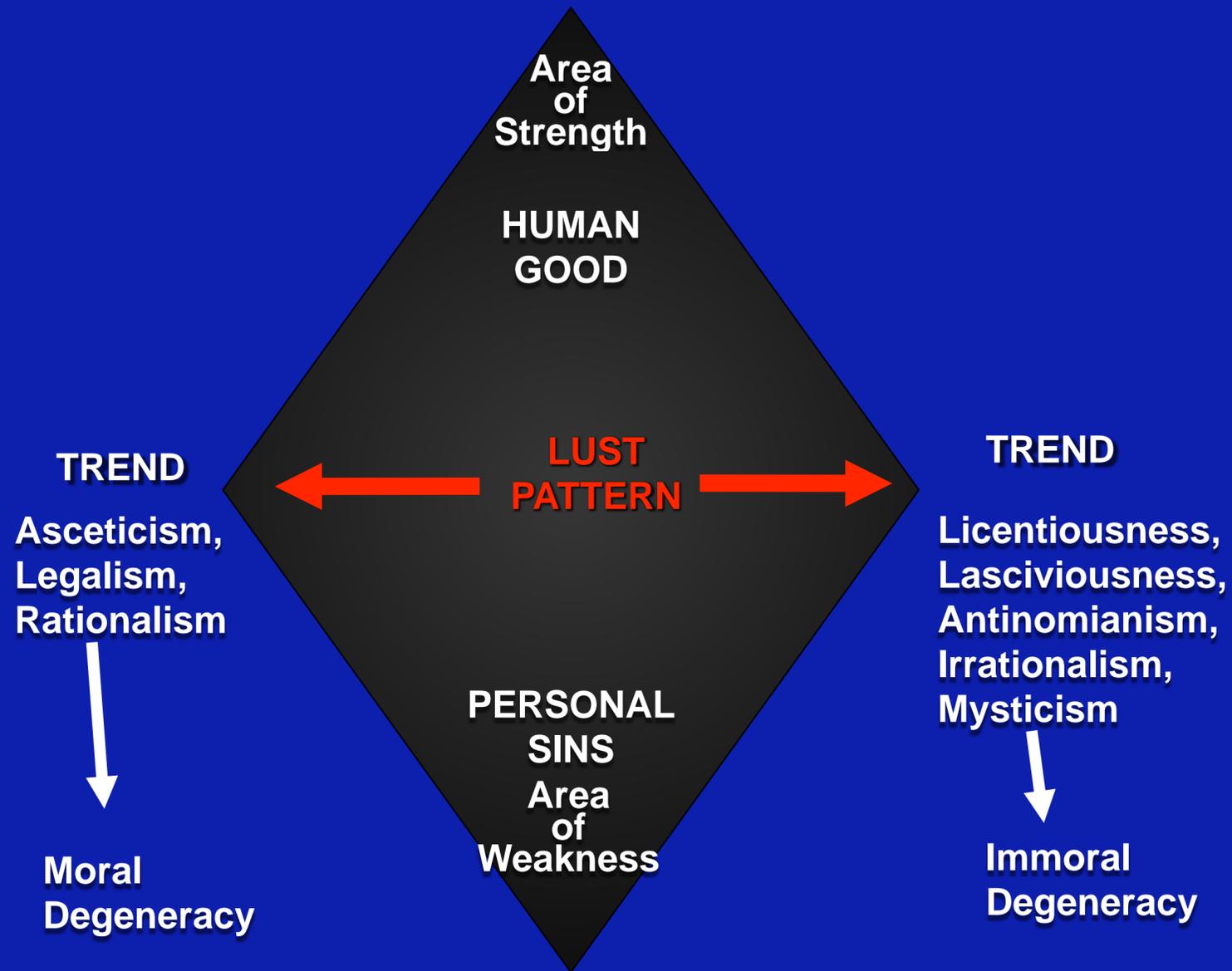
**Eph. 4:26, “ ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,**

**Eph. 4:27, “nor give place to the devil.” [NKJV]**

# Anger is a Gateway Sin

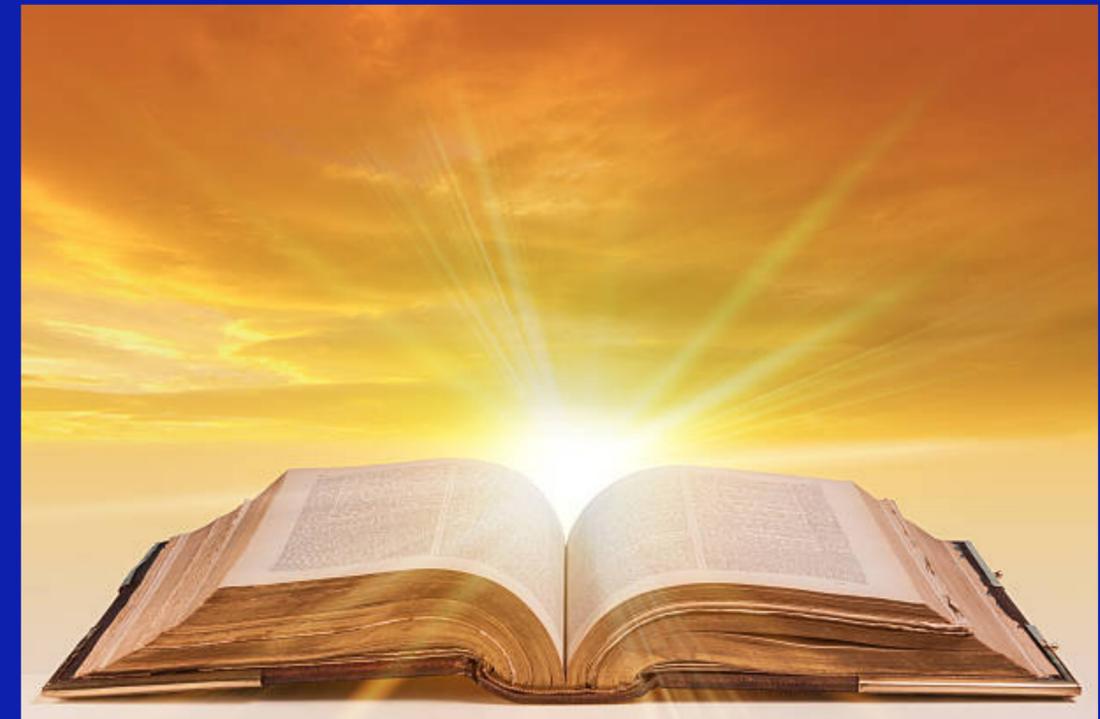


# Human Viewpoint Solutions



Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

# Divine Viewpoint Solutions



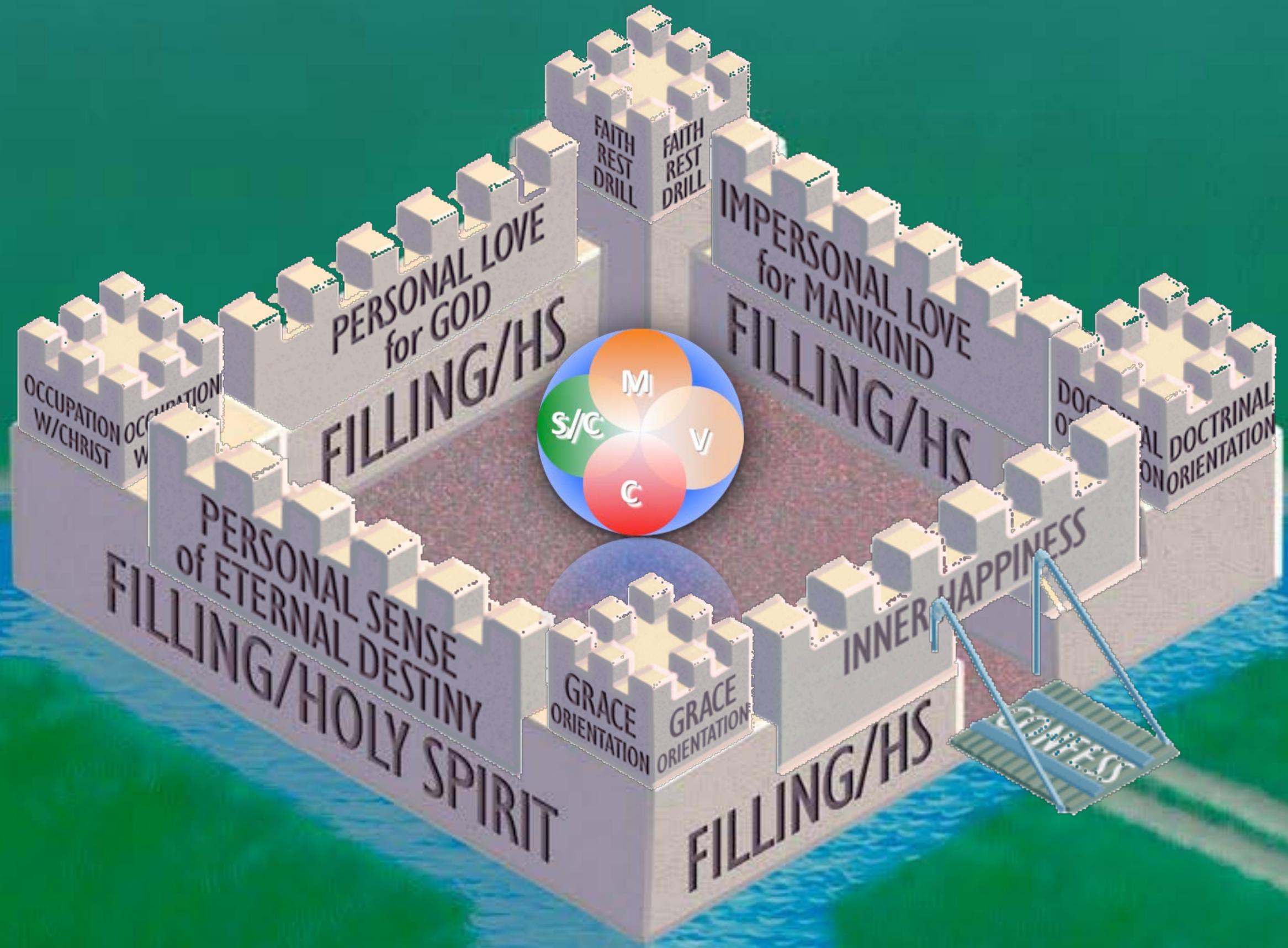
Psa. 119:50, “This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life.”

**Deut. 30:19, “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;”**

**What the Bible Teaches About**

**Spiritual Skills for  
LIFE**





# Soul Fortress Principles

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”



מְצוּדָה-2 *metzuda-2*  
comm fem sing constr  
stronghold

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# #4 Grace Orientation

## **#4 Grace Orientation**

- **Conforming or aligning our thinking toward people, situations, and events with God's grace policy.**
- **Grace means that God has freely given us everything we need on the basis of who He is and what Christ did on the cross.**
- **Grace orientation involves humility, is the basis for loving others, treat others in kindness and graciousness, and also involves the development of our spiritual gifts (grace gifts).**

## **#4 Grace Orientation**

- **Grace means that God has already freely given to us everything we need (prosperity and adversity tests) to advance to spiritual maturity.**
- **Grace means that our relationship to God is not based on our merit, activities, or actions.**

## #4 Grace Orientation

**2 Pet. 1:3, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.**

**2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”**

# #4 Grace Orientation

## Three areas of Grace

### 1. Grace before salvation: Common grace

**Matt. 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,**

**Matt. 5:45, “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”**

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## Three areas of Grace

### 2. Grace at salvation: the sufficiency of the cross

**Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,**

**Eph. 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”**

**John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”**

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## Three areas of Grace

**3. Grace after salvation: the sufficiency of Scripture, the sufficiency of grace**

**2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow [by means of] the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”**

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**2 Cor. 12:9, “And He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’ ” [NASB]**

## **#4 Grace Orientation**

**2 Tim. 2:1, “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”**

**2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”**

## **#4 Grace Orientation**

- **God's sufficient grace is directly connected to controlling the arrogance problem and learning humility in 2 Cor. 12.**

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**2 Cor. 12:5**, “Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

**2 Cor. 12:6**, “For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

**2 Cor. 12:7**, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.” [NKJV]

**ὑπεραίρω *hyperairō* 1 sing pres mid subj “to lift or raise up over something; middle: to lift oneself up, be exalted, be haughty” NET: “so I would not become arrogant”**

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**2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.**

**2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

**2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” [NKJV]**

**ἀρκέω (arkeō), be enough, suffice, be adequate**

## #4 Grace Orientation

- **Humility is central to learn obedience to God's authority.**

**Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”**

**Php. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,” [NKJV]**

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- **Without learning obedience to God's authority we will always struggle with submission and obedience to human authority.**

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**James 4:6, “But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:  
‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’**

**James 4:7, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he  
will flee from you.”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

### The Problem

**Rom. 8:7, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.”**

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**Rom. 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”**

**Titus 3:1, “Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,”**

## **#4 Grace Orientation**

**Eph. 1:22, “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

**Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

**Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.**

**Eph. 5:24, “Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”**

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**Col. 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

**1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.**

**1 Pet. 2:19, “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

**1 Pet. 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’**

**1 Pet. 5:6, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,**

**1 Pet. 5:7, “by casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

**Eph. 4:31, “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.**

**Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, graciously forgiving [*charizomai*] one another, even as God in Christ graciously forgave you.”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

1. There are a number of words that should be looked at to understand grace and how we should align our thinking, our communication, and our actions to grace.
  - a. *χάρις charis* grace, gracefulness, graciousness, favor, thanks, gratitude
  - b. *χάρισμα charisma* neut sing acc gift
  - c. *εὐχαριστία (eucharistia)*, thanksgiving; *εὐχαριστέω (eucharisteō)*, be thankful, thank

## #4 Grace Orientation

**2. We grow by means of grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”**

***En* with dative of means**

## #4 Grace Orientation

3. One of the first attributes associated closely with grace is thankfulness. We should cultivate a mentality of gratitude [εὐχαριστέω (*eucharisteō*)].

**Eph. 5:4, “neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.”**

**Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”**

**Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

4. One starting point is the realization that our position in Christ, which gives us our new identity in Christ, is that we stand in grace.

Rom. 5:2, “through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

1 Pet. 5:12, “By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.”

## #4 Grace Orientation

5. This took place when we first trusted Christ as Savior.

**Rom. 5:15, “But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”**

**Rom. 5:17, “For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive [the] abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)”**

## **#4 Grace Orientation**

**6. Jesus Christ is the pattern we are to follow.**

**2 Cor. 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

7. Our worship of God is in response to God's grace. Thus grace is part of our mind set, our mental attitude when we sing.

Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

## #4 Grace Orientation

8. Grace orientation also means that we grow spiritually to develop our spiritual gift to serve others.

*Charisma* is used 17 times in the Epistles, but not at all in the Gospels; Paul used it 8 ✕ in Corinthian Epistles, one of them in 2 Cor.

Mostly it is used to refer to spiritual gifts in 1 Cor. and in Romans (1:11; 11:29; 12:6), but interestingly it is used 3 times in Romans (5:15–16; 6:23).

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**1 Pet. 4:10, “As each one has received a gift, minister [serve] it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”**

**διακονέω *diakoneō***

**pres act part masc plur nom**

**anarthrous ptcp Imperatival**

**“to serve”**

## #4 Grace Orientation

**Heb. 12:28, “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”**

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To Timothy, by interpretation, he is talking to Timothy, but this relates to any gift.

1 Tim. 4:14, “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.”

2 Tim. 1:6, “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”

## #4 Grace Orientation

9. Grace orientation is manifested with kindness, forgiveness, and compassion.

Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, by forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Eph. 5:1, “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

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1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;”

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**2 Pet. 3:17, “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;**

**2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”**