

Philippians Series

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People Testing Philippians 4:2



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masc sing nom
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partnership, as it were**

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**φρονέω *phroneō*
pres act infin
to be wise, to think**

Php. 1:27, “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”

Php. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

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Php. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

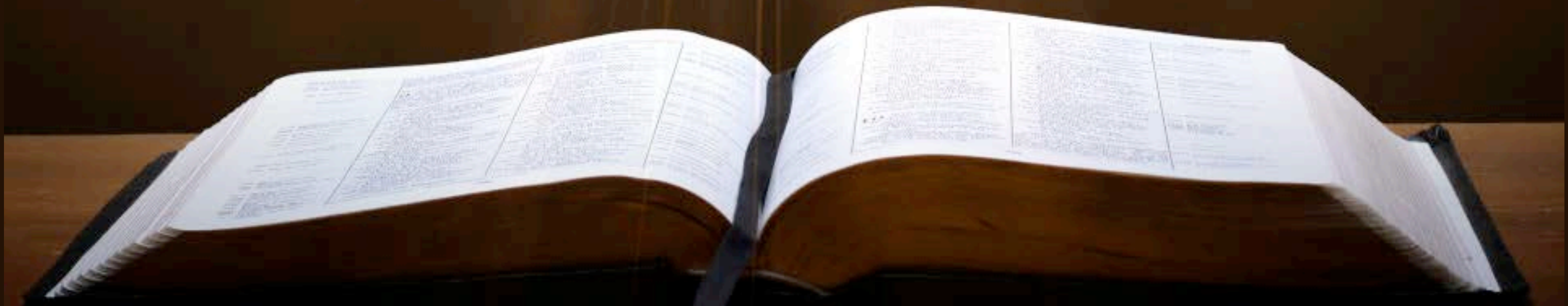
Php. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Php. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

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

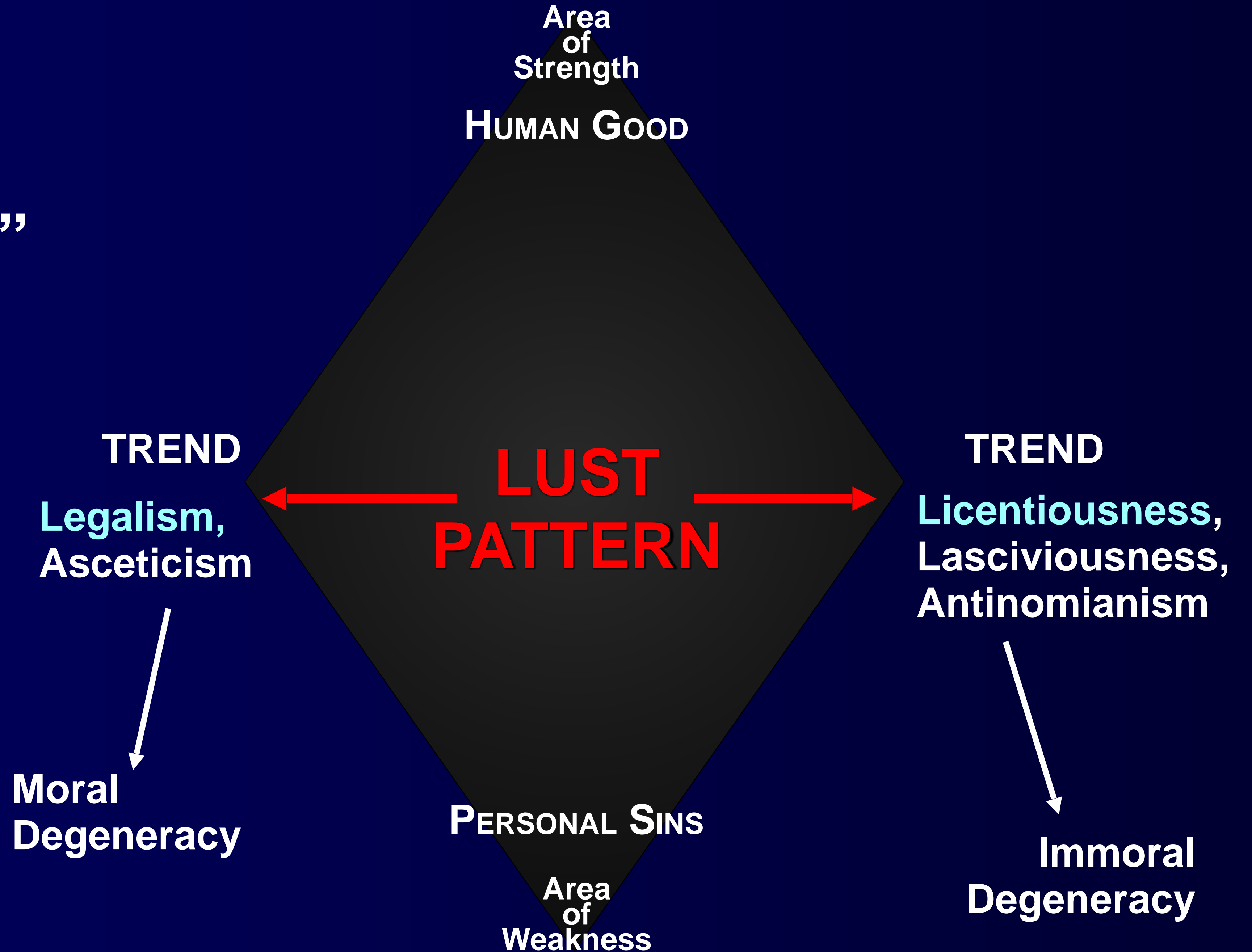
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About**

People Testing

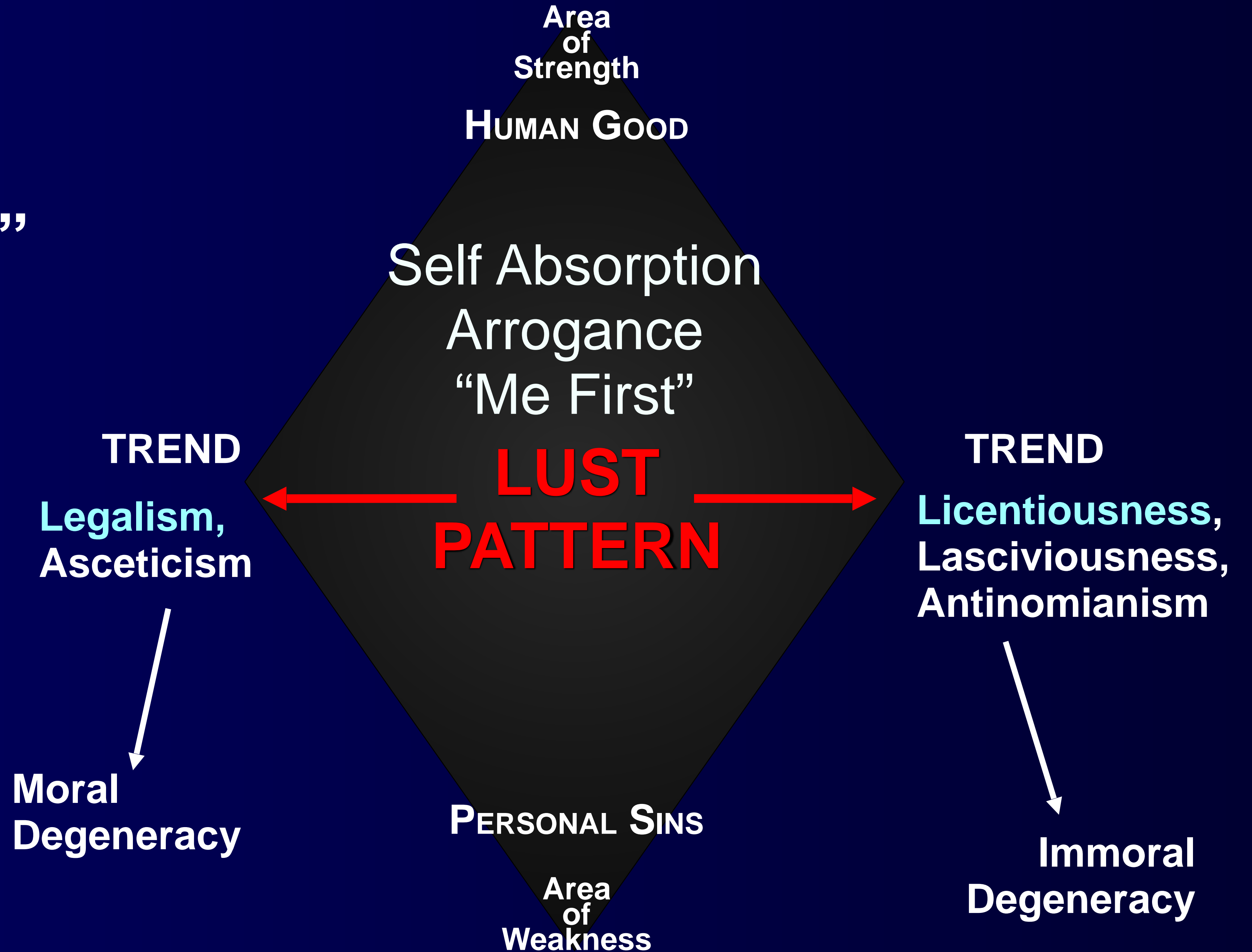


1. The basic problem: the sin nature. This too is its own category of testing. But here we are dealing with the difficulties that arise in relationships of all kinds. So the core problem is the orientation to our own sin nature.

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2. God created human beings in His image and likeness. Among other things, this means that we were created as social creatures, not to be alone, but to be with others and work with others. This is exhibited in the body of Christ through the various “one another” commands.

3. The Greek word is ἀλλήλων; *allēlōn*, meaning one person to others in a group.

Most of the New Testament contexts are addressed to congregations.

The idea is how believers within the congregations should treat other believers in that congregation specifically.

By extension this applies to any other believer, anyone who is in the body of Christ!

a. “Love one another” is the most common command in the New Testament. Fifteen distinct times this is stated.

John, Paul, and Peter each mention this.

In fact, the other 18 “one anothers” are all manifestations of this one command: humility, forgiveness, kindness, putting up with each other, not judging or maligning or gossiping about one another.

Jn. 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

Jn. 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” [NKJV]

John 15:12, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:17, “These things I command you, that you love one another.”

Also 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11–12; 2 John 5

Put up with one another in love.

Eph. 4:2, “with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, put up with with one another in love,”

We can only do this through the Holy Spirit. Only God can enable us to love one another.

1 Thess. 3:12, “And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,”

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,”

Brotherly love

1 Thess. 4:9, “But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;”

φιλαδελφία *philadelphia*
fem sing gen
brotherly love

ἀγαπάω *agapaō*
pres act infin
to love

1 Pet. 1:22, “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love for other believers, love one another fervently with a pure heart,”

b. Members of one another in the body of Christ.

Rom. 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

Eph. 4:25, “For this reason, because you have already put off the lie, *let each one of you speak [the] truth with his neighbor*, because we are members of one another.”
[RD]

Rom. 12:4, “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

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μέλος *melos* neut plur nom

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1 Cor. 12:12, “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

1 Cor. 12:13, “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:14, “For in fact the body is not one member but many.”

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1 Cor. 12:25, “that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

1 Cor. 12:26, “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Cor. 12:27, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

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c. Kindly affectionate to one another in brotherly love.

Rom. 12:10, “Be kindly affectionate [devoted] to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;”

d. Give preference to one another in honor.

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**φιλόστοργος *philostorgos*
masc plur nom devoted, loving;
good-natured**

e. Be like minded to one another, according to Christ Jesus.

Rom. 15:5, “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,”

Rom. 12:16, “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

f. Accept one another.

Rom. 15:7, “Therefore accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us, to the glory of God.” [RD]

g. Building up one another (Rom. 14:19).

Rom. 14:19, “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

*οἰκοδομή **oikodomē***
fem sing gen
building, building up;
Figuratively for
growth toward
spiritual maturity