

Bible Doctrines (The True-Good-Beautiful)

T/G/B

- Eschatology
- Thanatology
- Ecclesiology
- Israelology
- Dispensationalism
- Doxology
- Hodology
- Soteriology
- Hamartiology
- Natural Law
- Anthropology
- Angelology
- Pneumatology
- Christology
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John 8:32. Any questions?

1. God’s warning: Colossians 2:8 *See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception (ἀπάτη), according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.* All philosophies outside of Esse/Ehyeh metaphysics are humanistic, empty, & deceptive. Note what we have gained by dismantling Cartesianism, Platonism and returning to OT/NT/orthodoxy.
2. The unique opportunities of FBC for whole truth (PR+SFL+BD) and distinction between discipleship and teaching. Note chart. My utmost fear and desire as PT.
3. ‘Ehyeh-Metaphysics 23: Esse-metaphysics illustrated. The need for every believer to be able to see the distinction between the existence of beings and their essences, to move beyond the sensible, physical realm of sensible realities, and back to Bible, e.g., Job, John, Paul, Jesus, Heb. 1:3; Ex. 3:14; John 1:3; Acts 17:28; Col. 1:18.

Stage 3

Stage 2

Stage 1

Stage 3 – Christian metaphysician = life of glory!

- Metaphysical understanding of God.
- Virtuous love for God: Intellective, volitional, emotional love of God. Enduring fellowship.
- Understanding “above all you could ever ask or image” (1 Cor.)

Holy Spirit



Bible Doctrine

Stage 2 – Christian doctrinal believer = life of doctrine!

- Nominal understanding of God.
- Through BD this believer has gained a great deal of perinoetic truth regarding God and the spiritual life.
- However, he continues to have some pagan views about God’s *nature* due to lack of metaphysical development.
- He has become more stable, but still very dependent on others for confidence in absolute truths.

Holy Spirit



Bible Doctrine

Stage 1 – Christian baby = life of ups and downs.

- Utilitarian understanding of God.
- All baby believers have a great deal of pagan views of God due to the problem of pagan horizon of meaning.
- All baby believers are tossed here and there by kosmos diabolicus, Eph 4:14.
- For baby believers it is primarily about pragmatism or personal encounter with truth. If it works or feels good , they think it must be true and enough.

Intellect
MIND



Volition

WILL



MAN

Psalm 8:3 When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him? 5 Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty! 6 Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field, 8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

Emotions

11 fundamental emotions

Feelings

6 basic emotions

Towards Good

Love/like
Desire
Delight

Away from Evil

Hate/dislike
Aversion
Sadness

Difficult to attain good

Difficult to remove evil

5 intensive emotions

hope or despair
-pleasure
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The immeasurable value of this conceptual (philosophical) understanding for a true biblical understanding of man as well the nature of God's love.

Intellective

Volitive



Virtue Pursues Truth/Good

Virtue Desires Good



Emotive

Virtue has positive feelings for Good

VIRTUE

Power to love/dislike and hate/dislike the right things

6 basic emotions

Towards Good

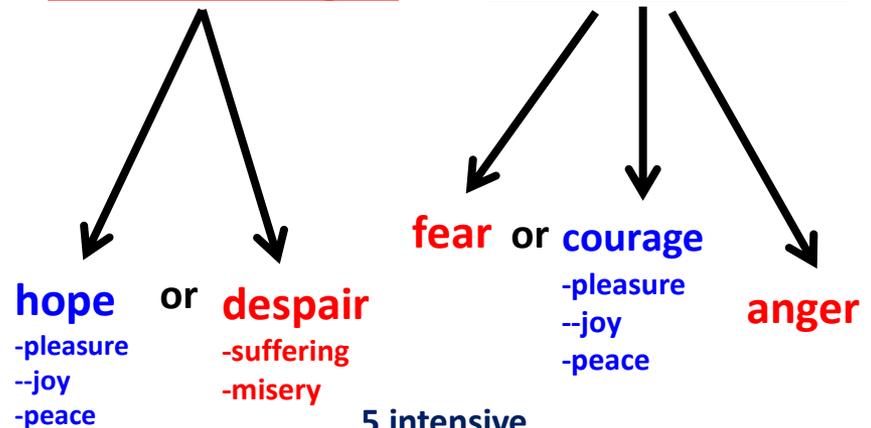
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(Power for True Good)

Note that virtue is NOT merely the amount of Bible doctrine in the soul. One can take in and understand accurate Bible doctrine and still not really see the Good as Good, desire the Good as Good, or have emotional connections with the Good.

Intellective

Volitive

Lukewarm believer lacks virtue necessary for thinking Good/Truth, Rev. 3:19.

Lukewarm believer lacks virtue necessary for decisions for Good.

Lukewarm believer lacks virtue necessary for Good feelings for Good, 11 fundamental emotions

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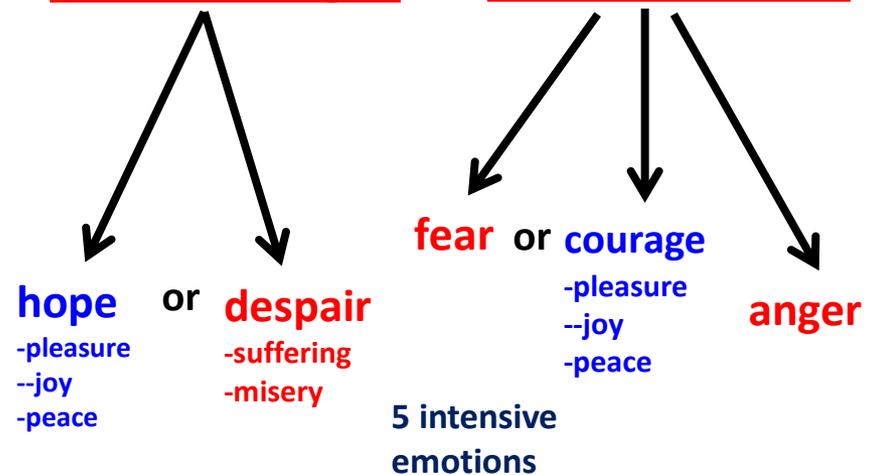
Lukewarm believer sees, likes and dislikes the wrong things as "goods."

Difficult to attain good

Difficult to remove evil

VICE

(Spiritual Sloth--Lukewarm)



- Lord's overview of the problem & solution, Rev. 3:19.
- Distinction between ὁμολογέω and μετανοέω, Rev. 2:4-5, 16; 3:3, 19.
- My greatest fear and joy.

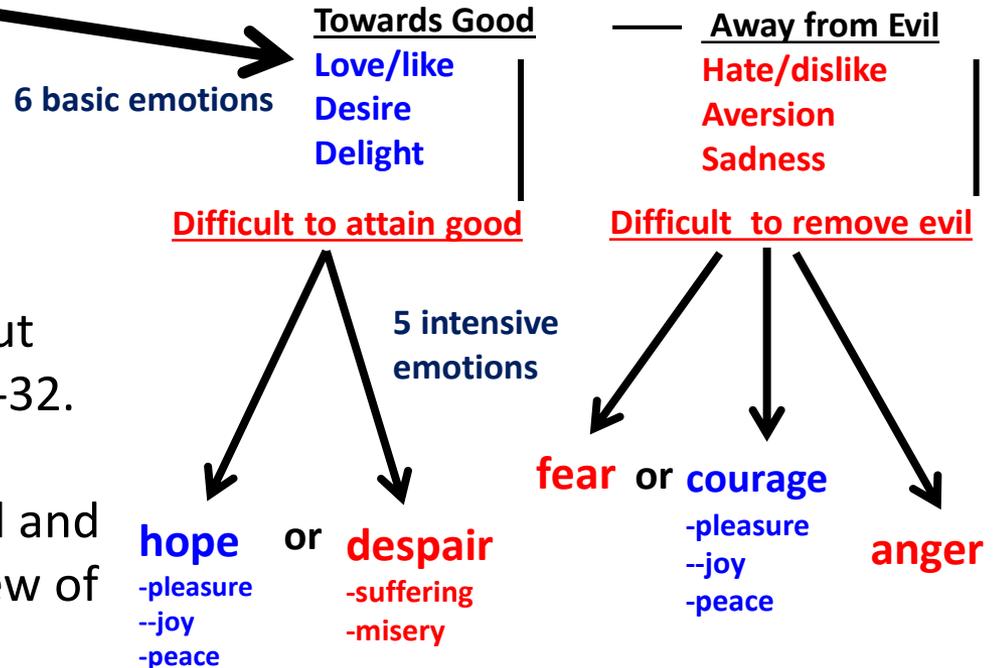
Intellective

Volitive

Lukewarm believer
has evil thoughts, will,
love, and feelings.

Emotive

VICE



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- The pervasiveness of vices throughout man's nature, Gal 5:19-23; Eph. 4:30-32.
- Imperative to understand what Good and virtue really are as well as biblical view of human nature.

Intellective

Volitive

MIND

In pride man has wrong thoughts, wishes, and feelings.

WILL

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5 intensive emotions

Emotionally the person with pride has inordinate confidence and hope in self.

VICE (Pride)

- The root sin of all sins.
- Pride, unlike anything else, destroys any ability to receive spiritual virtue, namely power, for the Good.

The Vice/Evil of Pride

1. Vices and virtues

- Vices stand in stark contrast to virtue. Vices pursue evil; virtue pursues Good.
- Vices do not have capacity for the Good.
- Vices destroy virtue (power) on both the natural and supernatural levels.
- Vices destroy capacity to think Good, wish Good, and have positive affections/feelings for Good.
- Vices pursue evil instead of good. It has intellectual, volitive, and emotive appetites for evil.
- Vice is not adverse to using “grace” to call others legalistic rather than make the necessary adjustments.

The Vice/Evil of Pride

2. Pride, the most destructive sin.

- Pride is the root of all sins.
- Pride is the biggest impediment to receiving grace.
- Pride is a turning away from God and grace to self and self-will. It prefers one's own will and plan to God's will and plan. It turns to gods of kosmos diabolicus. It has no room for loving God or neighbor.
- Pride destroys capacity for virtue, power for Good: right thinking, right wishing, and right feelings. It spreads through the whole person—intellectively, volitively, and emotively.
- Pride is antithetical to grace orientation.
- It is pride that supports all sins, vices, and opposition to God and the plan of God

The Vice/Evil of Pride

3. Pride is the philosophy of Satan

- It is the means whereby he destroys lives by perverting love, 1 John 2:15-16.
- Pride is contempt for God.
- The Christian view of pride and humility stand in stark contrast to the world's views (e.g., Aristotle).
- Often nothing short of brokenness is needed to break a person's pride, Matt. 5:3-4.

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

The Vice/Evil of Pride

4. Warnings against pride in a context of privilege from and ignorance of 'Ehyeh/Yahweh, 1 Cor 10:12.
 - The Solution to the problem is more than just more exhortations and spiritual formulas.
 - What really made Joshua, Caleb, and Moses different than the others?
 - We all start out with a great need for mechanics, but apart from really understanding 'Ehyeh, we will always be in the desert and never have capacity to live a life of worship.
 - We will remain trapped with our old evil thinking, wishing, and emoting, constantly having to confess them in a Platonic framework.
 - Let us not be named among those in the doctrinal movement who have been captured by the great sin of pride.