

Getting to the Heart

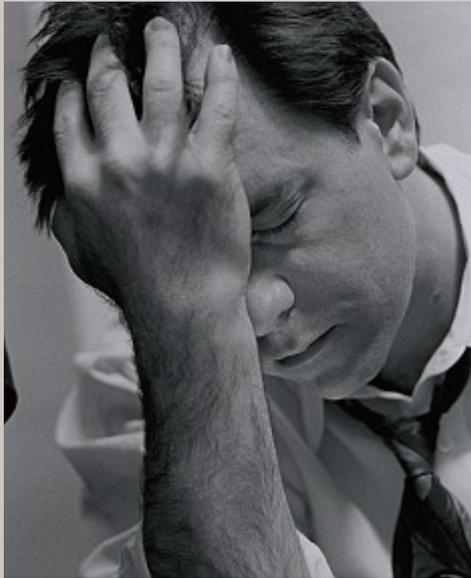
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Week 10

A Biblical View of Anthropology

Motivation: “Who am I and why do I do what I do?”



Creation

Fall

Redemption

Glorification

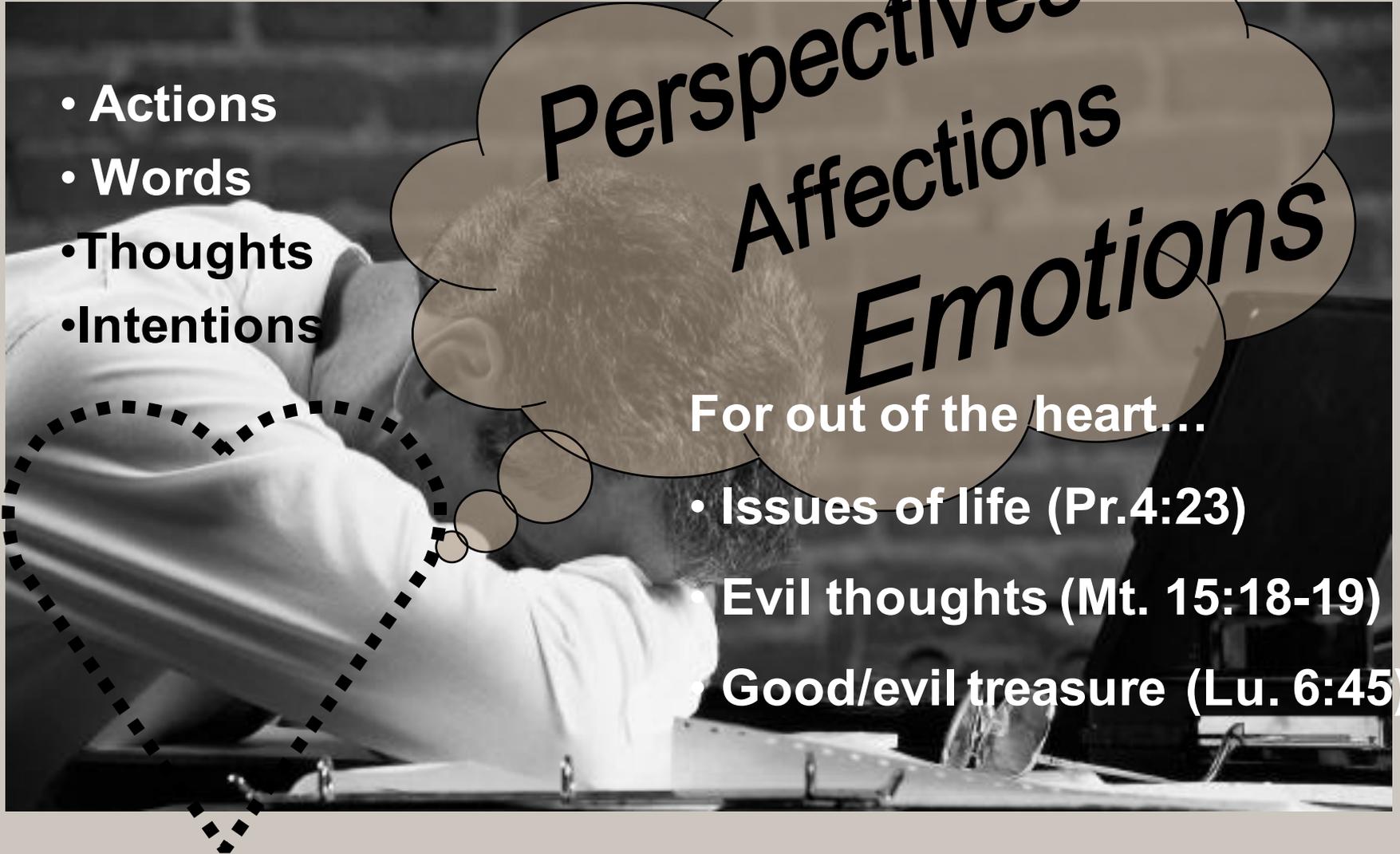
The Human Heart is an Idol-Factory

- **Actions**
- **Words**
- **Thoughts**
- **Intentions**

Perspectives
Affections
Emotions

For out of the heart...

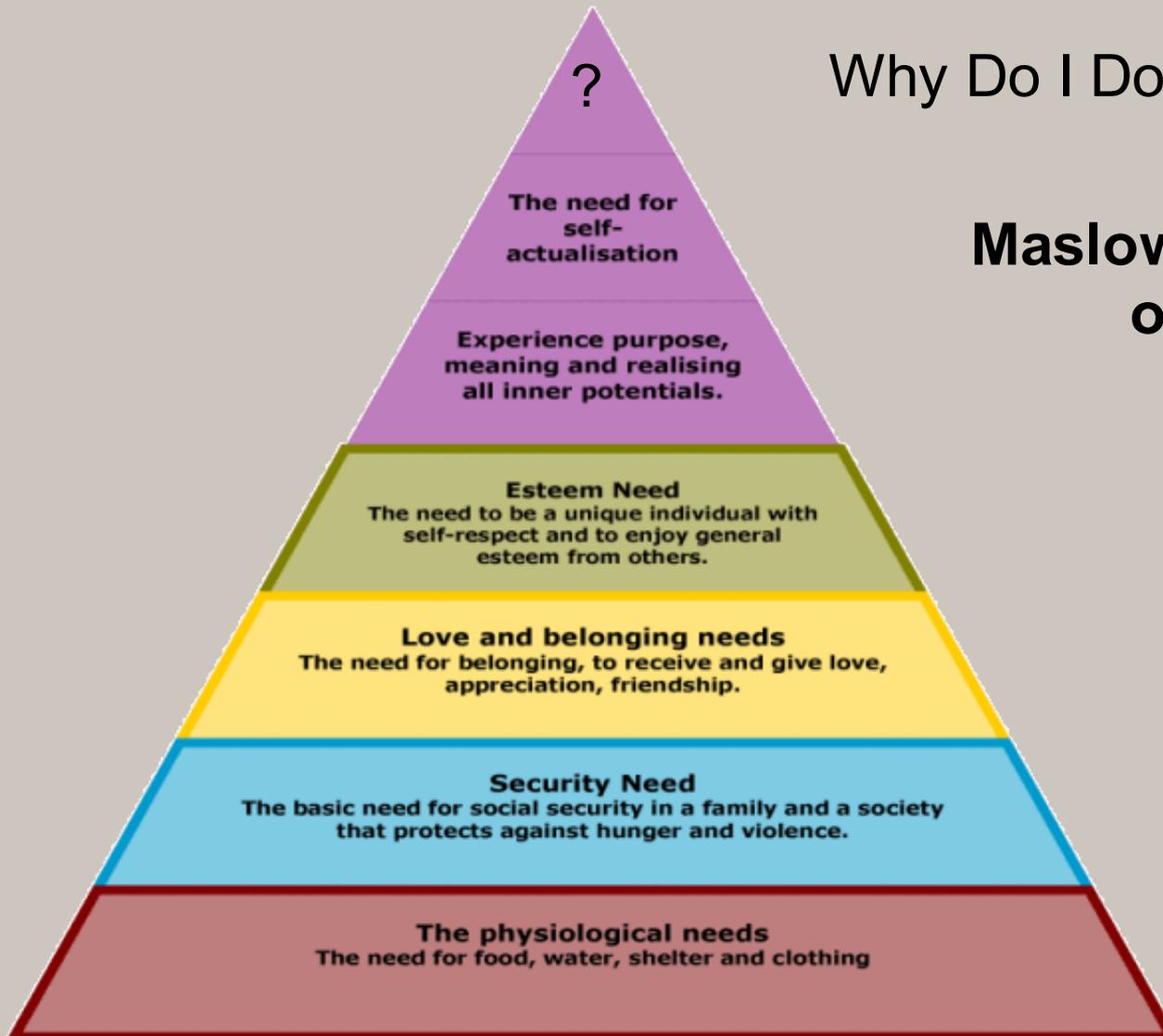
- **Issues of life (Pr.4:23)**
- **Evil thoughts (Mt. 15:18-19)**
- **Good/evil treasure (Lu. 6:45)**



Man-Centered View of Motivation

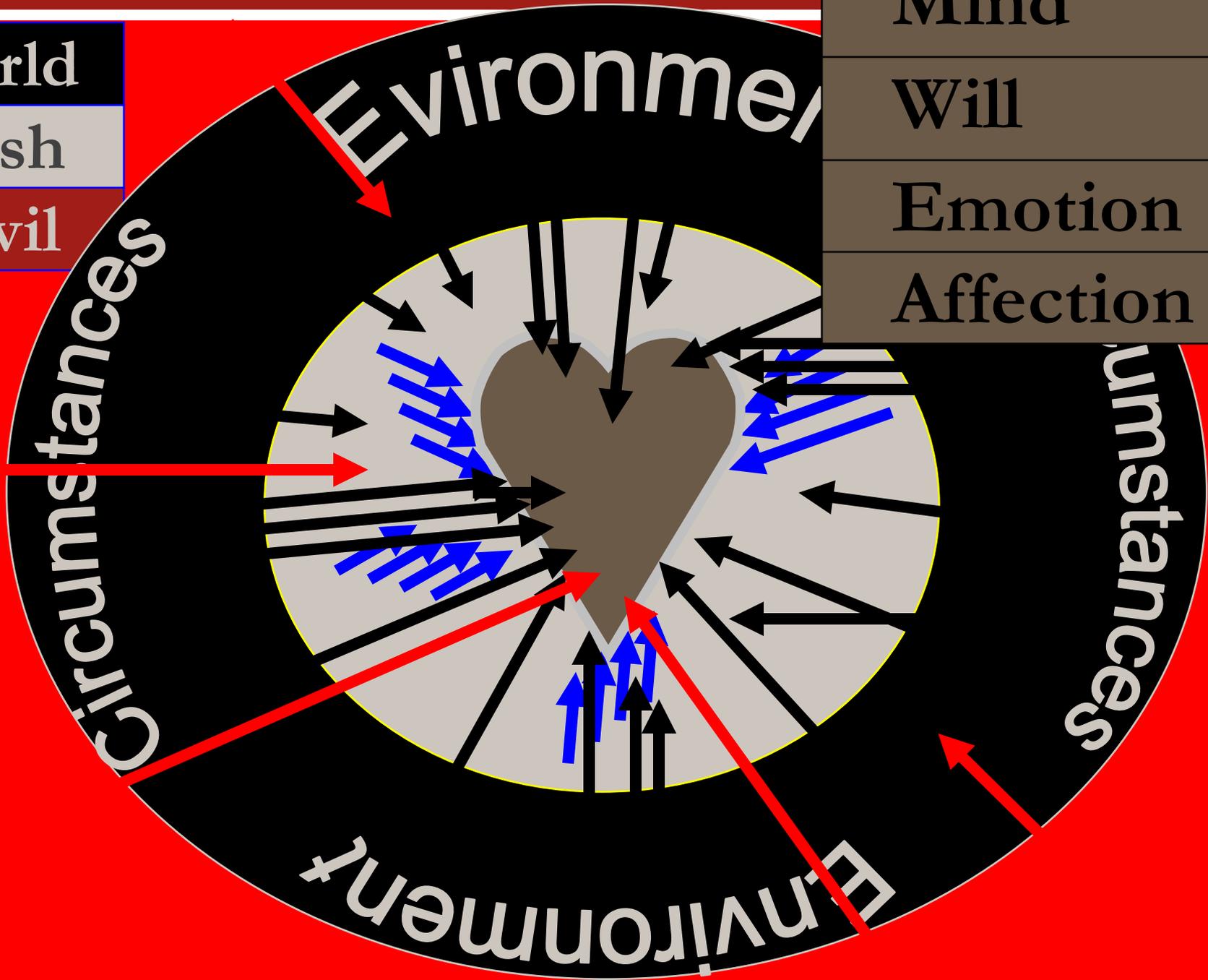
Why Do I Do What I Do??

Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs"

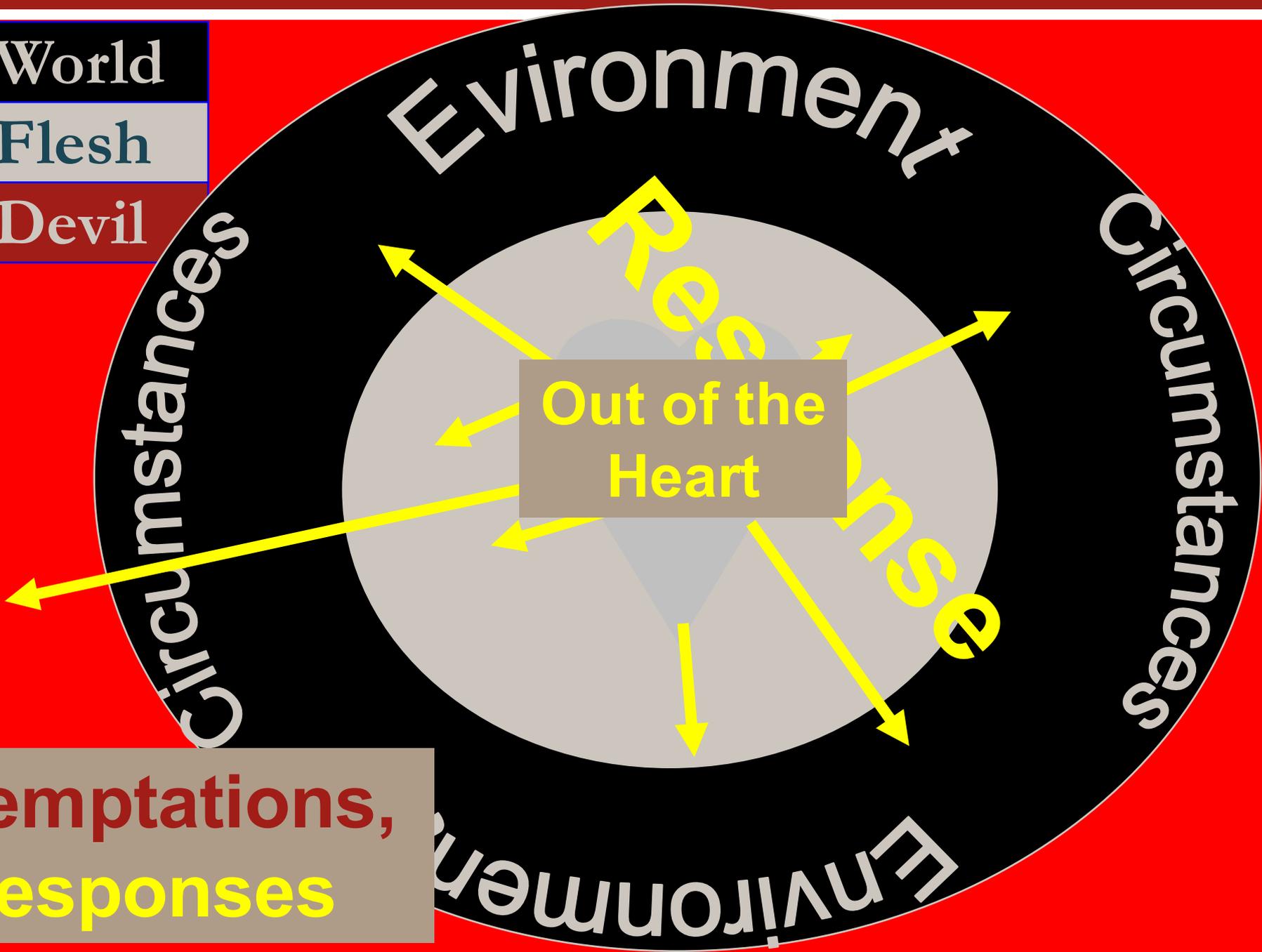


World
Flesh
Devil

Mind
Will
Emotion
Affection



World
Flesh
Devil



Temptations,
Responses

The Heart-Cycle

World

Flesh

Devil



Biblical View of Motivation: James 4:1-4

“Why do I do what I do?”

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you?

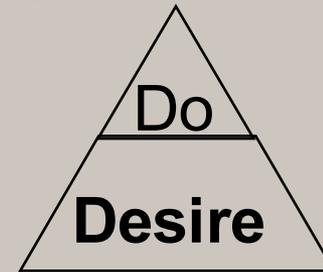
Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

You lust and do not have; *so you commit murder*. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, ***so that*** you may spend it on your pleasures. You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Biblical View of Motivation

Why do I do what I do?

I Do What I Do Because
I Want What I Want



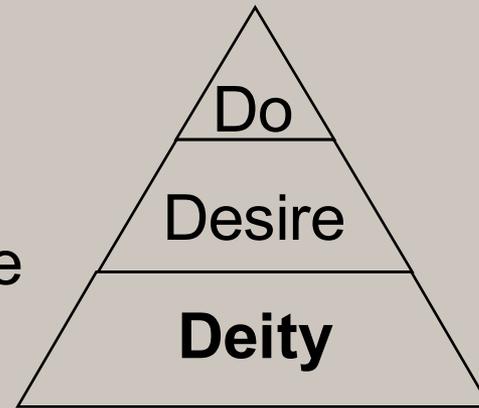
But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. James 1:14

Where Do Desires Come From? False Worship

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and **exchanged** the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the **lusts of their hearts** to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **because they exchanged** the truth about God for a lie and **worshiped and served** the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!
Amen (Rom. 1:17-25)

Where do desires come from?

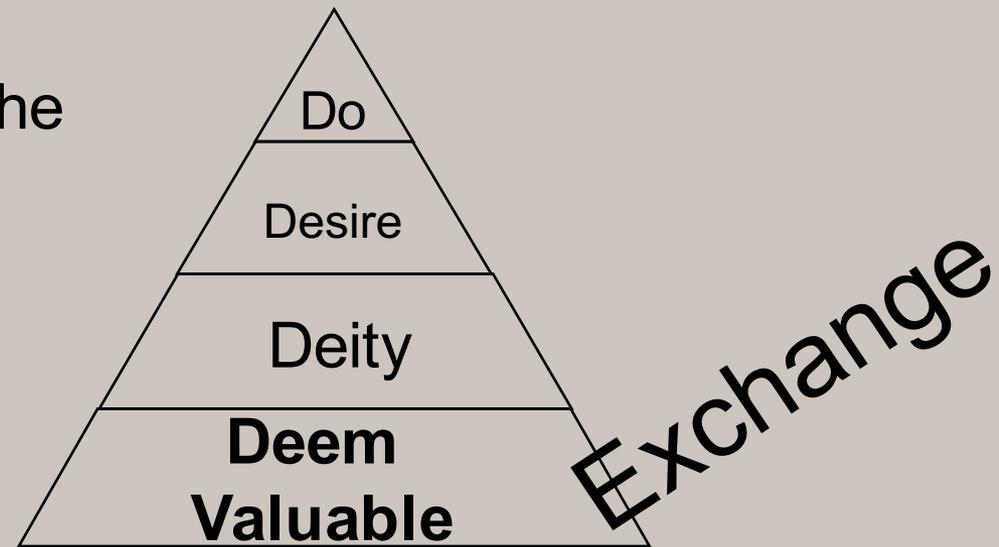
I desire what I desire
Because of my



Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall **worship** the Lord your God and him only shall you **serve**.’”
(Matt. 4:10)

What Defines My Deity?

Moses...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to **enjoy** the **passing pleasures** of sin, Considering the reproach of Christ **greater riches** than **the treasures** of Egypt; for he was looking to the **reward**.

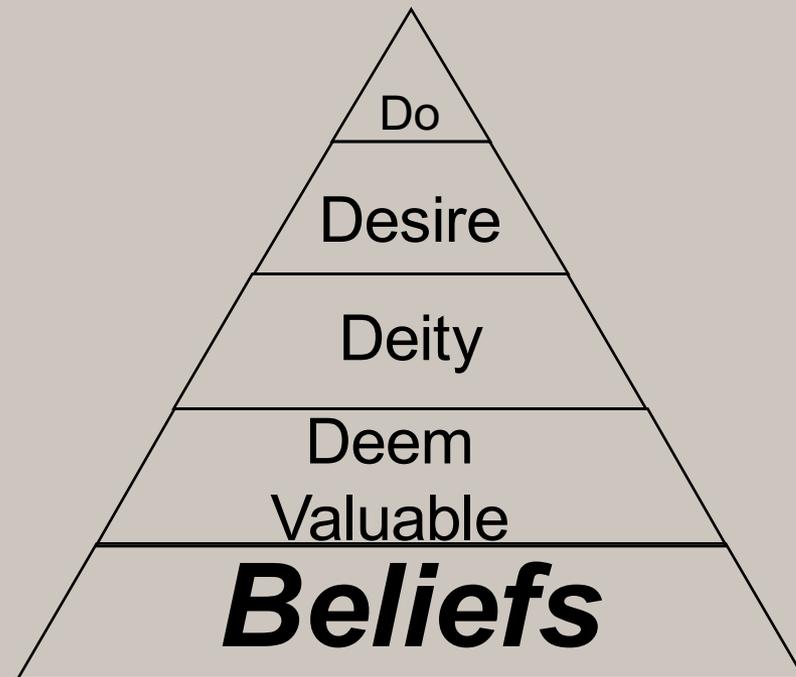
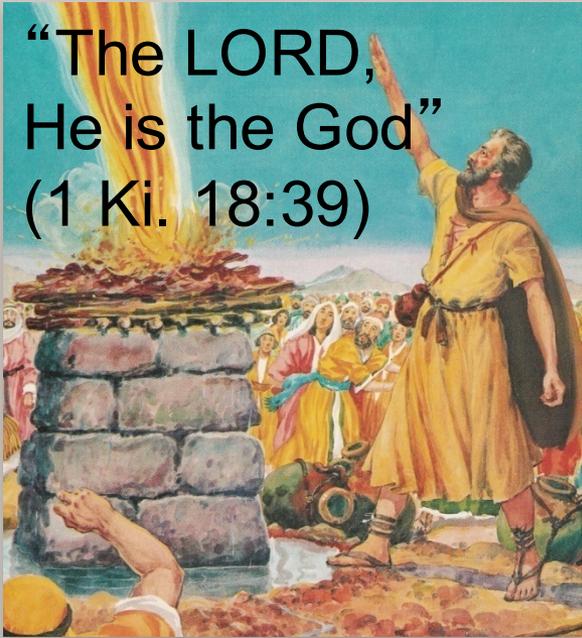


(Heb. 11:24-26)

What I Value is Determined by my...

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matt. 16:26)

“The LORD,
He is the God”
(1 Ki. 18:39)

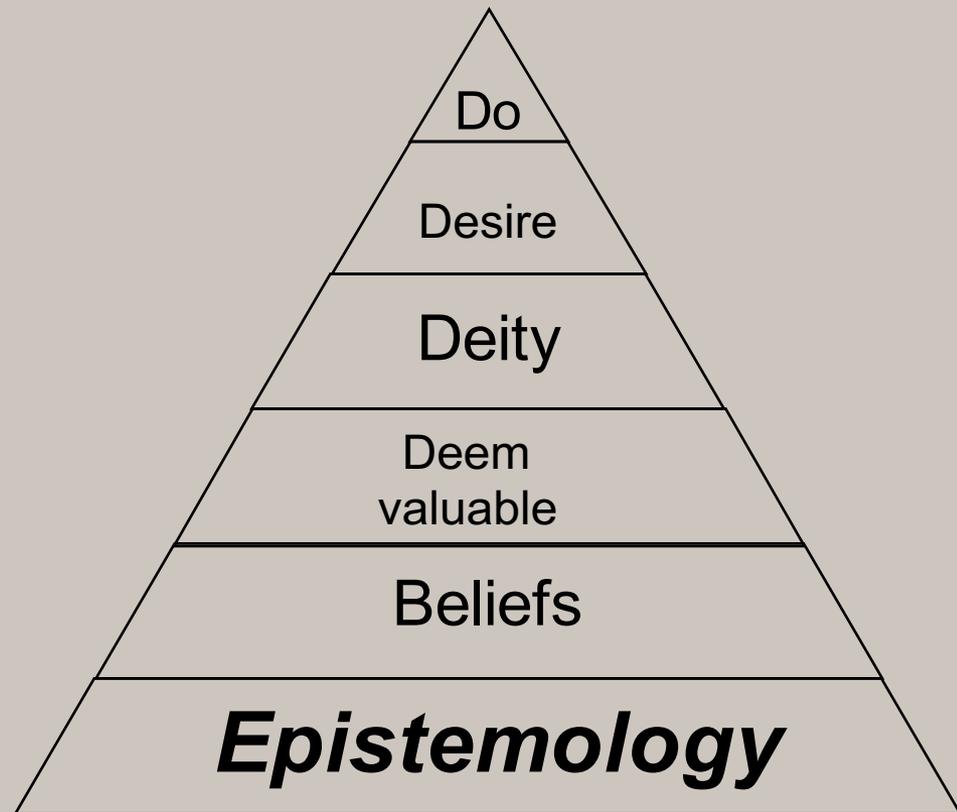


“How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” (1 Ki. 18:21)

What Determines What I Believe?

How Do I Know
What I Know?

What I Believe is
based on my



What Is My Source of Truth?

Why Do I Do What I Do?

Gen. 3:1-6 Rom. 1:24
 I Jn. 2:15-17 Ja. 1:13-14
 Ja. 4:1-10

I do what I do
 'cause I want what I

Desire

2 Tim. 3:1-4
 Rom. 1:24-26 Col. 3:5
 Matt 4:4-10

I desire what I desire
 'cause of what I worship

Deity

Matt. 6:19-24
 Lu. 6:45
 Heb. 11:24-26

What I Worship is what I've

**Deemed
Valuable**

I Kings 18:21,35

What I most value is
 determined by what I

Believe

What I believe is based on how
 I know what I know

Epistemology

What is my source of truth?

World
 Jer 17:5-6
 Gen. 3

Word
 Jer. 17:7-8
 Matt 4:4-10

Identifying Idolatrous Motivations

- Actions, thinking, intentions, attitudes are expressions of worship
- I sin to get what I want
- I sin when I don't get what I want
- I sin when I get something I want

Comfort
Ownership
Respect/success
Pleasure
Reputation
Control
Ease
Peace

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but if Baal, then follow him.”

Homework

- Read Chapter 23
- Look over and fill out the “Identifying Personal Idols Handout
- **NO CLASS NEXT WEEK** – see next slide for next class details

Next Class

- December 5th
- Teacher: Kent Kloter
- Topic: Interpretation, Discerning Problems Biblically

Love compels, controls

2 Cor. 5:4-21



The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 1 Tim. 1:5

- trials are light afflictions
- our aim is to Please God (how)
- we are ambassadors for Christ

Out of the “Heart”

- But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

Matt 15:18-19

Actions, thinking, intentions, attitudes are expressions of worship

God?



Idols?



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