

1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from prison writes to Timothy in Ephesus.
2. For a written and/or audio presentation of this lesson go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and *click-on streaming audio of services*.
3. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
4. When the clock tolled 11:30 last week I had just completed the *Doctrine of False Communicators*.
5. It is now time to teach 2Ti 3:6-13.

Introduction to Second Timothy

1. This letter was written by Paul to Timothy in c. A.D. 68 after Timothy's bout with reversionism.
2. Paul wrote the letter during Nero's reign while imprisoned in his last imprisonment. Paul will be decapitated after spending approximately a year in what is called "his second imprisonment."
3. Paul was a very well-traveled man having visited in places like Spain, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Israel, etc.
4. Let me summarize Paul's travels and imprisonments:
 - 4.1 Paul's first imprisonment was in circa A.D. 62. For documentation see Acts 28:16, Phil 1:14.
 - 4.2 During the first imprisonment Paul wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. This imprisonment was a direct result of Paul's "reversionism." Paul could not practice what he preached i.e. leaving the practices of Judaism for Christianity.
 - 4.3 Paul is released from his first imprisonment for lack of evidence, his accusers did not show up. He travels to such places as Phillipi, Colossae, Laodicea, Ephesus, etc.

4.4 In circa A.D. 74 he travels west to Spain. About this time Nero burns Rome and blames the fire on the Christians.

4.5 Paul then goes to Ephesus eventually leaving Timothy in charge of a complex of some key churches.

4.6 Timothy fails a leadership test at Ephesus, but later recovers from his reversionism.

4.7 In A.D. 66 Paul wrote 1st Timothy as a strong admonition and in circa A.D. 67 he wrote Titus from Macedonia.

4.8 Paul then goes to Dalmatia (Yugoslavia) and then to northern Greece where he is arrested and sent to Rome to die in prison.

5. Now let's see what we can learn from 1Ti 3:6-13.

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2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

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2Ti 3:6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,

2Ti 3:7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth -- men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

2Ti 3:9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

2Ti 3:10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

2Ti 3:11 persecutions, sufferings -- what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

2Ti 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2Ti 3:13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

6. I think the best way to teach these verses is to review the *Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature* but only after we briefly analyze the Greek in verses six and seven. This analysis is necessary so we don't think "women" represent all women. Let's make sure the Greek says what translators claim.

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2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

FOR OF THIS SORT **Gar** (*explanatory particle*) **ek houtos** (*prep. plus near dem. pronoun*) is better "For you see out from these ones, the false teachers ..."

ARE THEY **eimi** (*3rd pl. pres. act. indict.*) **hoi** (article nom. pl. as a substantive) is better "who most certainly are those ..."

WHICH CREEP "**enduno** (*pres. act. part.*) is better who keep on crawling INTO HOUSES, **eis ho oikos** is better "into houses..."

AND LEAD CAPTIVE **kai aimalotizo** (*pres. act. participle*) is better "and lead away as defeated warriors those captured in battle ..."

SILLY WOMEN LADEN WITH “**gunaikarios** (*acc. pl.*) **soreuo** (*perf. act. participle*) is better “the small and very weak women who have been overloaded with...”

SINS, (**hamartia** (*loc. pl*) LED AWAY **ago** (*pres. pass. participle*) is better “having been led away by many missings of the mark...”

DIVERS LUST “**poikilais** (*loc. pl.*) **epithumiais** (*loc. pl.*) is better “by many and varied systems of Satanic lust patterns.”

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

EVER LEARNING, **pas** (*adv.*) **manthano** (*pres. act. participle*) is better “always learning ...”

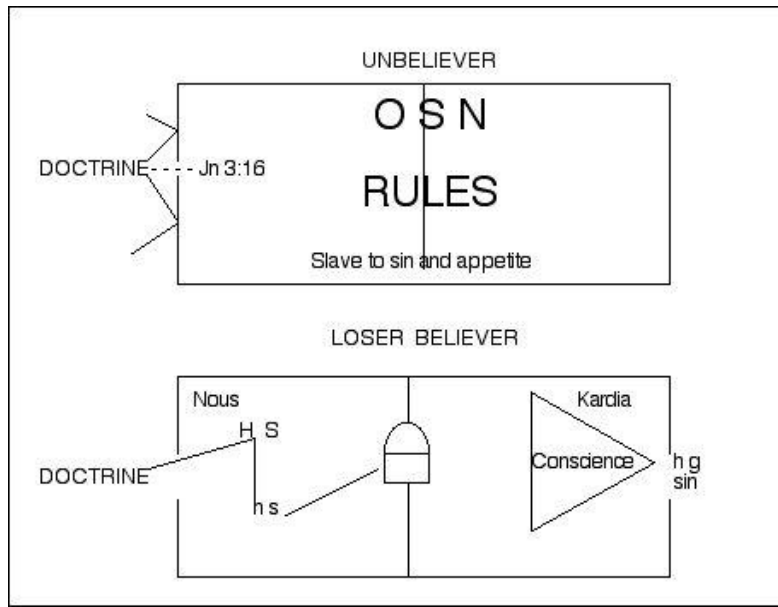
AND NEVER ABLE **kai** (*conj.*) **medepote** (*adverb*) **dunamai** (*pres. pass. participle*) is better “and never being in possession of the inherent power ...”

TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE **erchomai** (*infinitive*) **eis epignosis** (*prep. phrase with prep. eis and acc. sg. of the noun epignosis*) is better “to come to a full knowledge in the right lobe ...”

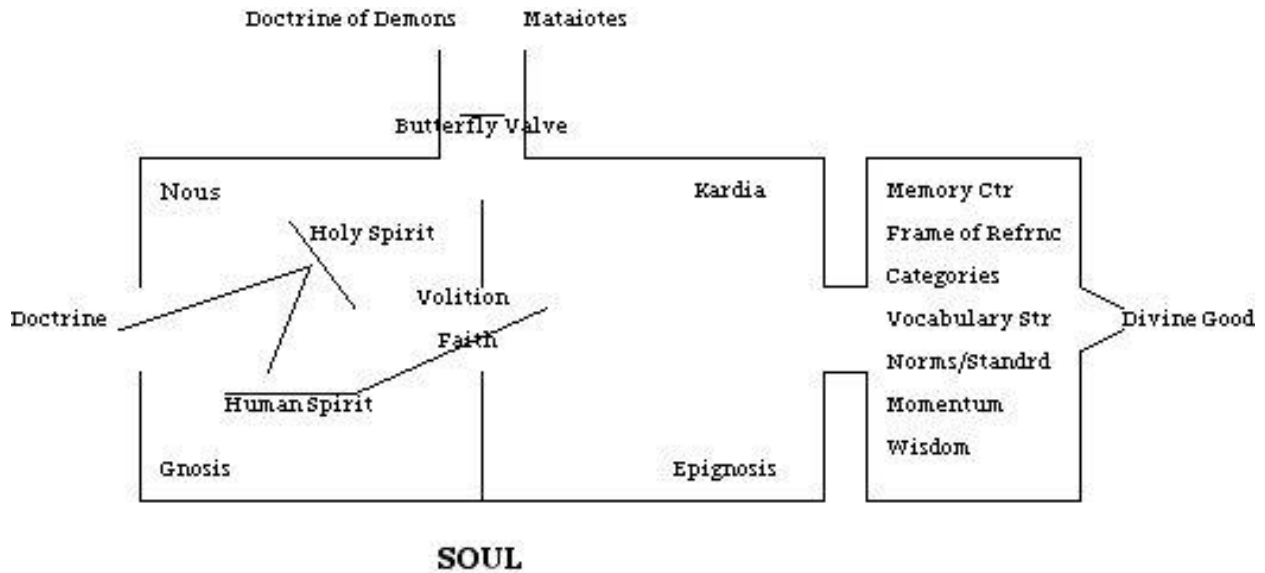
OF THE TRUTH **aletheia** (*genitive sing.*) is better “the truth of doctrine.”

Points:

1. We must not think “women” as used in verse six represents all women.
2. Women here refer to certain women who are prone to swallowing certain lies.
3. Perhaps it is better to think of the women mentioned in verse six as simply “reversionists” who like men are often led astray.
4. Saved women depart from the truth just like saved men.
5. A comparative chart will help illustrate the difference between an unbeliever and a loser believer.
6. Let’s take a look at that chart.



7. Finding your right pastor teacher after salvation is most important. The believer is now as a new creation to grow spiritually.



8. When working with Billy Graham films in charge of finding counselors in Austin, it was always stressed that church “membership” is the next step.

9. Now let’s review the *Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature*.

The Old Sin Nature

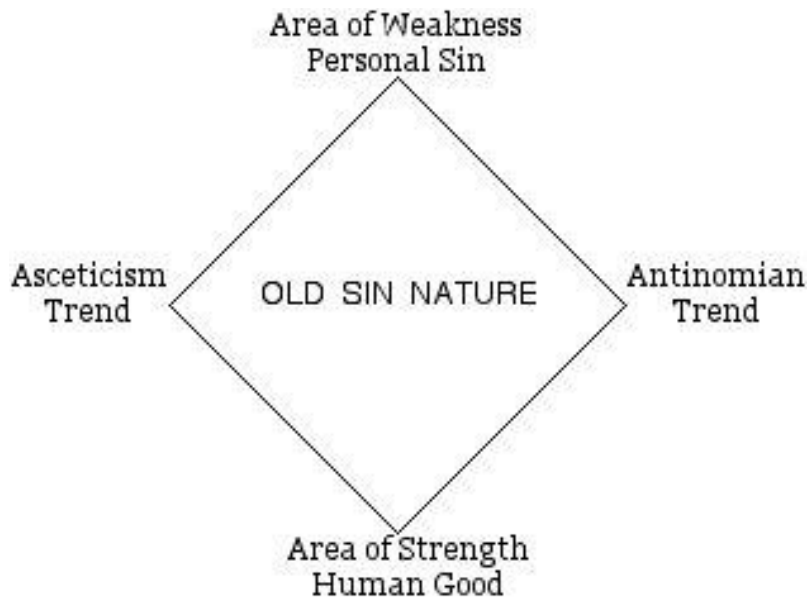
Background

1. Every believer is a soldier in the battle for control of his very own soul.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

2. The problem: What will control: doctrine or the Old Sin Nature?



3. It is solely a decision for the believer; will the believer use the grace assets God has provided or will the believer become a casualty in the angelic conflict?

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

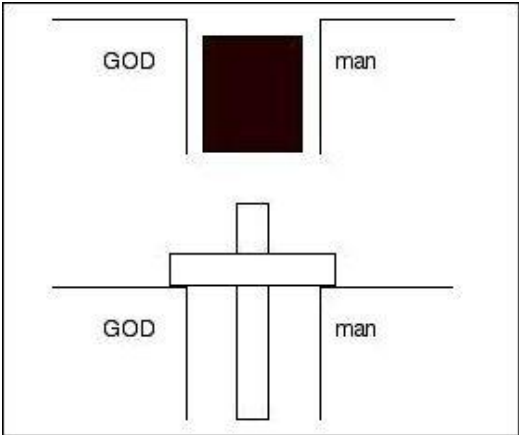
4. The chief asset is a new creature:

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

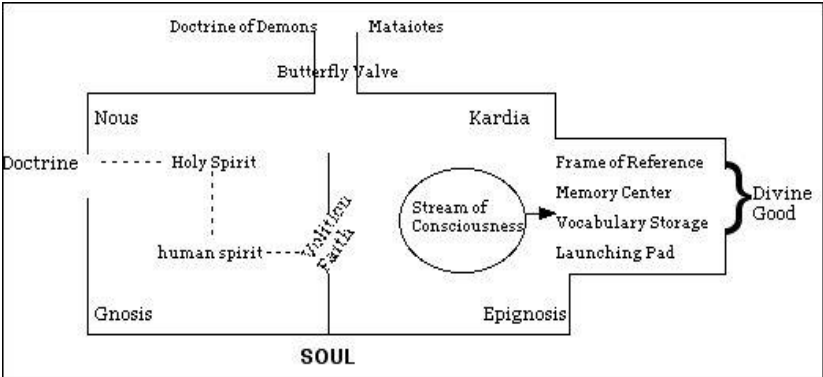
5. The solution: The first step is to find an object of your faith which has inherent power to save your soul.

Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation
Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity

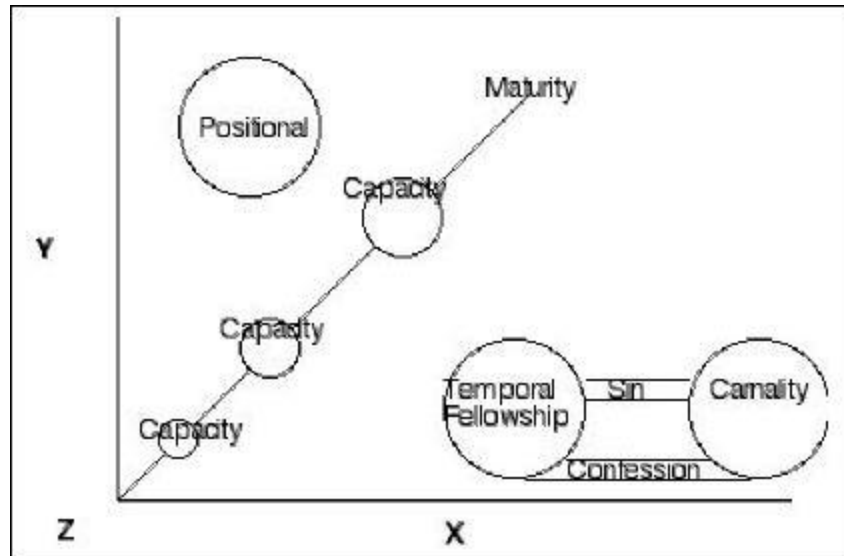
Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.



- 6. Hurrah I am saved!
 - 7. Being led by the Spirit requires the believer to understand the characteristics of his or her Old Sin Nature.
 - 8. The decision is ours; will we use the grace assets God has provided? Or suffer defeat and become a casualty in the angelic conflict?
 - 9. Let me show you a little different version the remodeled soul.
- 2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.



10. The new creature/creation is not “sin free.” We will sin but our hope is we will in time be moving toward some level of spiritual maturity.



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