

A study through the book of Galatians

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Galatians 2 (ESV)

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

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14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

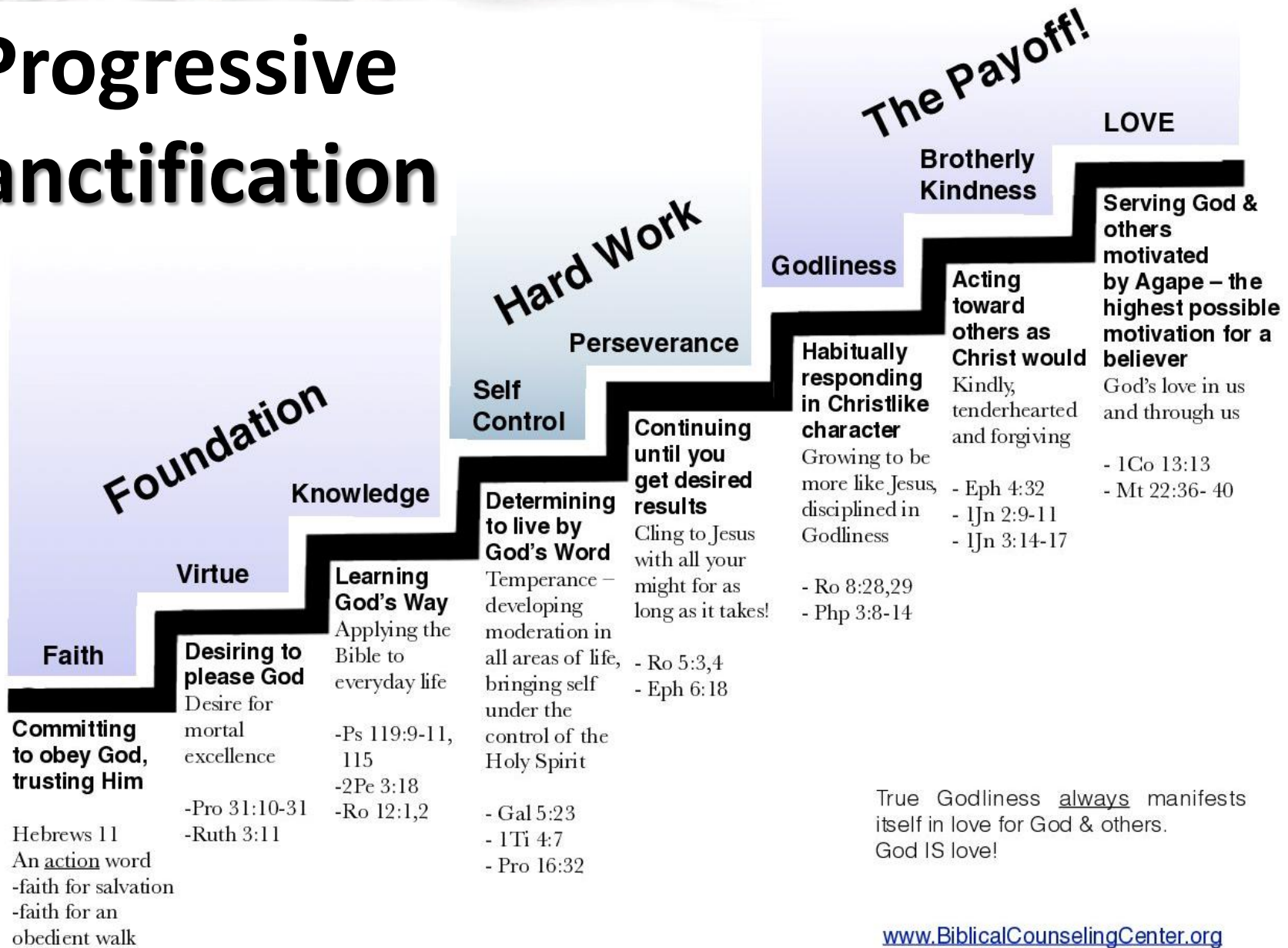


SOME THINGS WORTH
FIGHTING FOR

Some Things Are Worth Fighting For

- Gospel – Saved by grace through faith in Jesus
- Paul challenged Peter face-to-face for “twisting” the Gospel – Some things are worth fighting for
- Feared Judaizers (“Circumcision Party”)
- Lead to compromise (sin) – two-faced
 - Kosher
 - “Rib-eye with bacon” – Rooftop vision at Cornelius’ house

Progressive Sanctification



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- “God’s not done with us yet”
- “We are a work in-progress”
- Peter’s life was a series of highs & lows
 - Walking on water & sinking
 - “Rocky” & “devil”
 - Garden & courtyard
- Comparison with others is defeated by the Gospel – We all need Jesus

Claiming to have moral
standards to which one's actions
do not conform



Hypocrisy

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- Our daily life reflects our faith
- Hypocrisy – Our life does not reflect our words (masks)
- Sunday friends – Weekday friends
- God knows that none of us is perfect (sinners) & loves us anyway
- We need someone who loves us to hold us accountable

Hypocrisy

- Where am I out of step with the Gospel?
 - Fear – Not ruled by the Spirit
 - Hypocrite – Not a person of integrity (2-faced)
 - Legalism – Faith in Jesus is not enough
 - Pride – Not perfect, but better than most
- Cannot hold non-believers to same standards

Questions

- What have you learned from this passage about standing up for what is right, even when it's difficult or unpopular?
- How does this passage encourage you to continually grow in your faith & conduct, recognizing that we are all works in progress?
- How can you guard against hypocrisy in your own life, ensuring that your actions align with your beliefs & values?
- How can we encourage one another to live authentically & transparently?

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