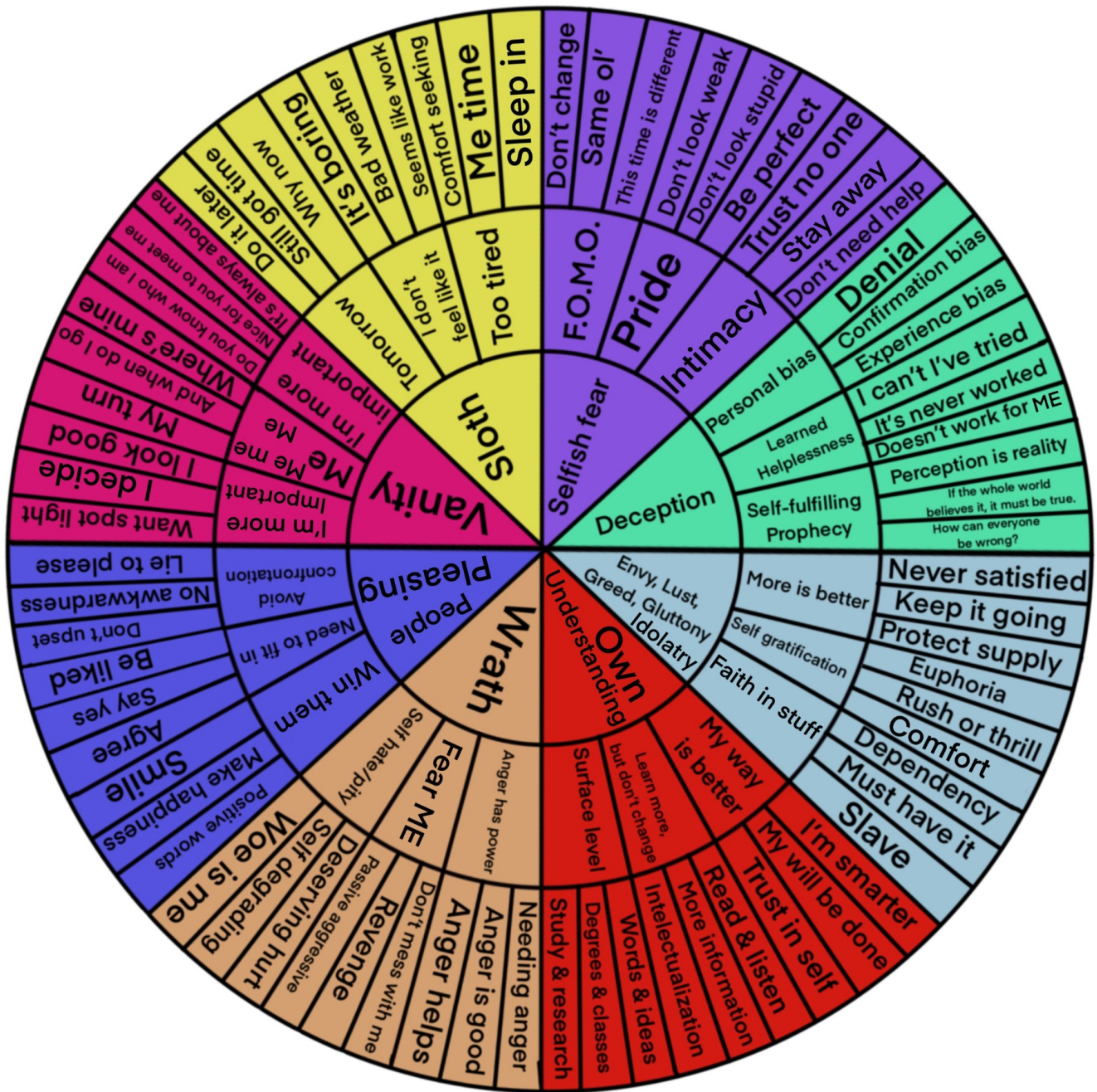


Elements of evil



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Matthew 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

Elements for growth

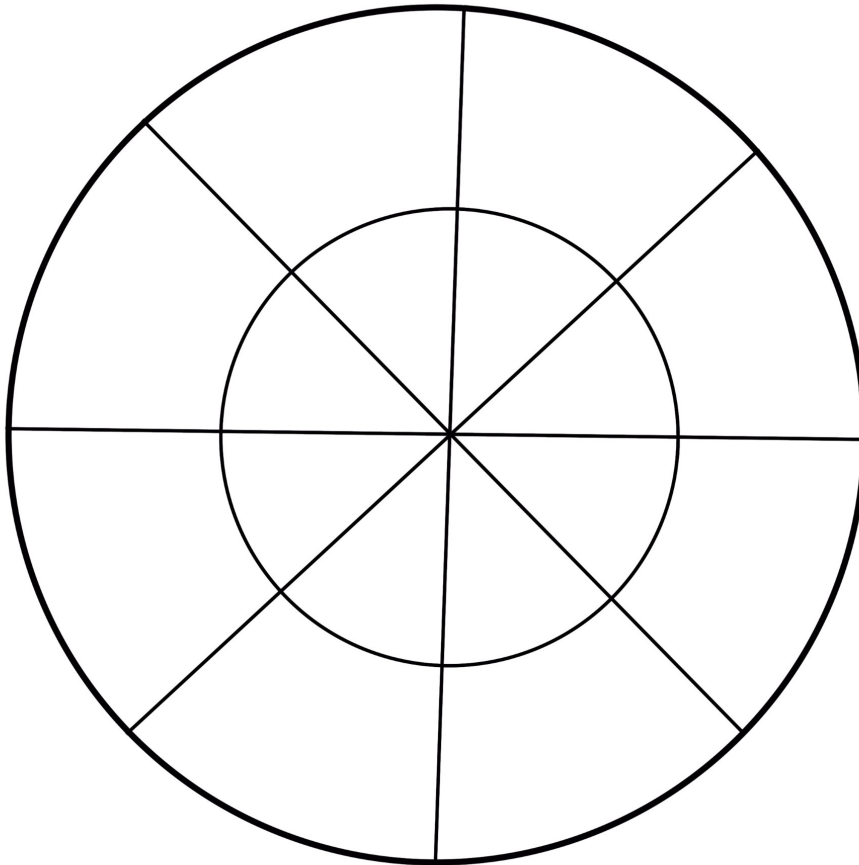


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Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

My Inward Elements



Use the Spiritual Elements as a reference and fill in the sections of this model. Select Elements that best relate to your thoughts, choices, and attitude.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

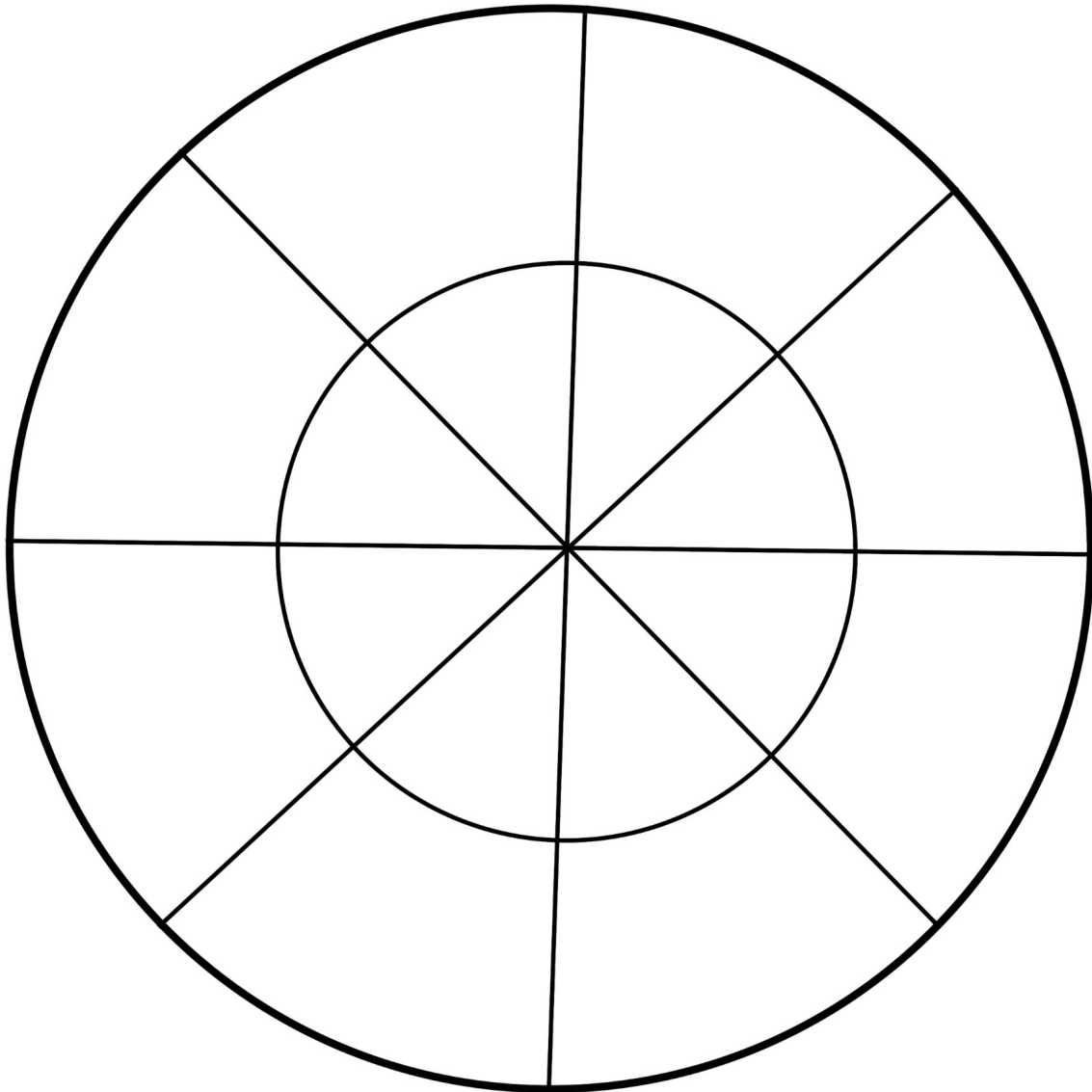
Each day we can choose God. We can choose to grow with God. In order to grow, the way instructed by the Bible, we must choose to do it. We must take action to be in it. We are instructed to abide as Jesus described and demonstrated. Once we get our choice right, our hearts and minds will be set with God. Once our hearts and minds are set with God, we become clay for the potter. God will shape us as long as we remain teachable and soft clay.

Ephesians 4:20-32 But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another. “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

There is a lot God can do, if we choose to give ourselves over as trusting workers for God’s goodness and righteousness. The work is inward cooperation with God’s righteous ways. It’s a continuous choosing to focus and refocus our being to be with God. We are to learn more about God’s righteousness with increased alignment to it. We are not seeking to be perfect. We are seeking to be with God who is perfect. This will also involve a letting go of inward cooperation with evil.

As we give our hearts and minds to be more with God we can have various spiritual experiences both comfortable and uncomfortable. We ought to cling more what is good and right with God. Fear, self-seeking, and the like ought to be set aside as we strive forward with God. Love, peace, and the like ought to be held within our hearts and minds increasingly as we grow more and more.

My Inward Elements



Fill in this model with Elements you would like yourself to practice and grow over the next 30 days using a + sign.
Use a - sign for elements you would like to decrease.