

“PURSUIT OF HOLINESS?”

THE WHAT?
THE WHY? AND
THE HOW?

Exodus 15:11.

*"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"*

Revelation 15:3–4, the saints sing, *"For You alone are holy."*

1 Peter 1:16.

"...since it is written,

*"You shall be holy,
I am holy."*

HEBREWS 12:14.

*“Pursue holiness,
for without holiness no one will see the Lord”*

“Pursuing holiness is... “

*“Conformity to the character of God or
Christlikeness.”*

Romans 8:29. *“to be conformed to the likeness of His Son”*

LEARN IN THREE PARTS:

1. **What** is holiness?

2. **Why** holiness?

3. **How** holiness?

WHAT
IS HOLINESS?

THE PRIMARY MEANING:

1. Separation; or
2. Apartness.

THE SECONDARY MEANING

1. Righteousness
2. Pure, or
3. Without sin.

ISAIAH 6:1-7

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

1. Lord vs. LORD
2. HIS ROBE “FILLED THE TEMPLE”?
3. SERAPHIM
4. TRISAGION
5. ISAIAH’S RESPONSE TO SEEING GOD
6. GOD’S RESPONSE TO ISAIAH’S REACTION

WHY

IS HOLINESS ESSENTIAL?

1. HOLINESS IS
GOOD

2. HOLINESS ALLOWS
FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

1 John 1:5b-6

“...God is light in Him is no darkness at all.

*If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.”*

Psalm 66:18

*“If I had **cherished** iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.”*

3. HOLINESS IS A GOOD TEST OF OUR SALVATION

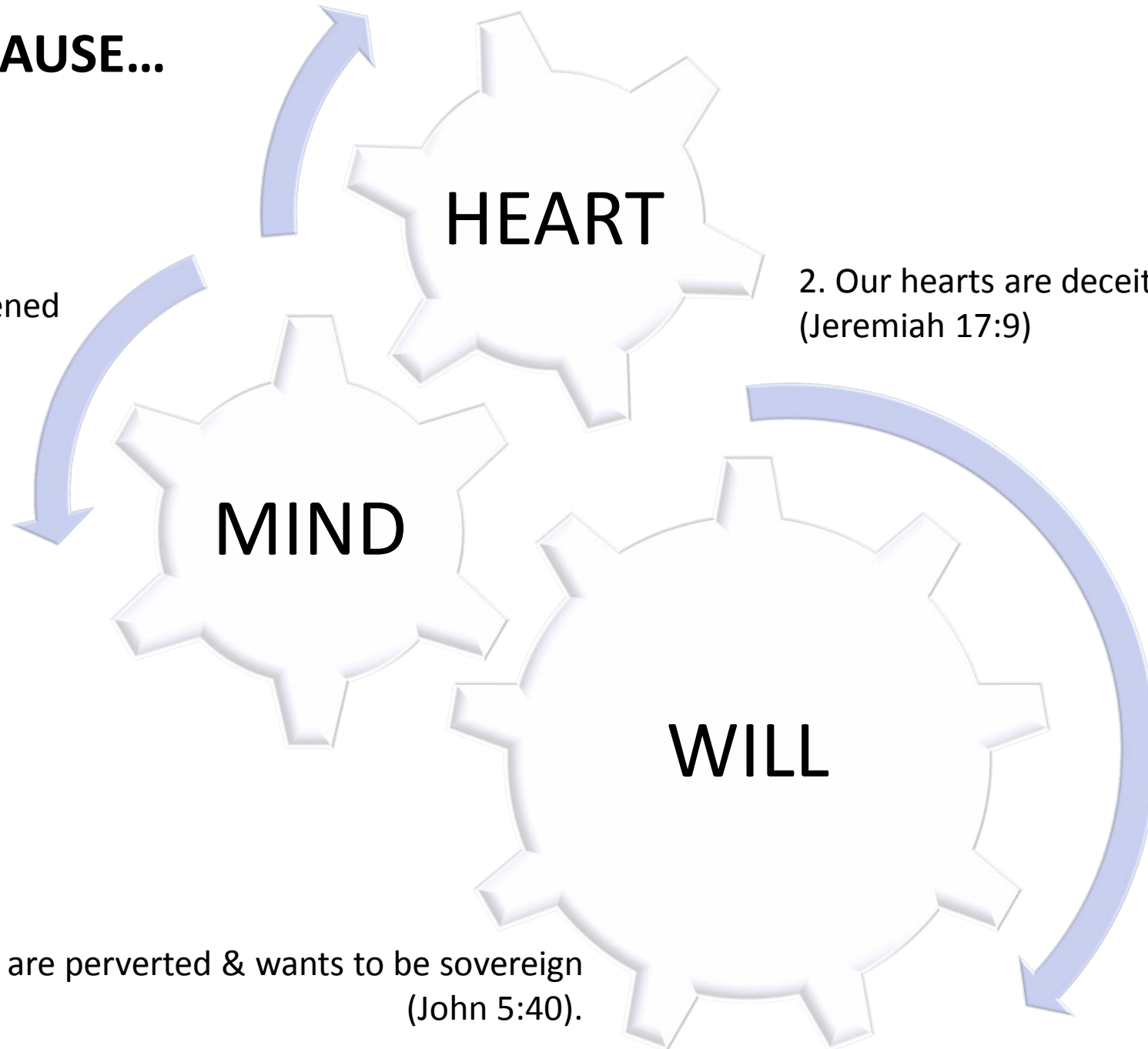
WHY DO WE STRUGGLE
WITH HOLINESS?

WE STRUGGLE BECAUSE...

1. Our minds were darkened
(Ephesians 4:18).

2. Our hearts are deceitful and wicked.
(Jeremiah 17:9)

3. Our wills are perverted & wants to be sovereign
(John 5:40).



Romans 6:10.

For the death he died he died to sin,

once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God

THE FOUR STATES OF HUMANKIND

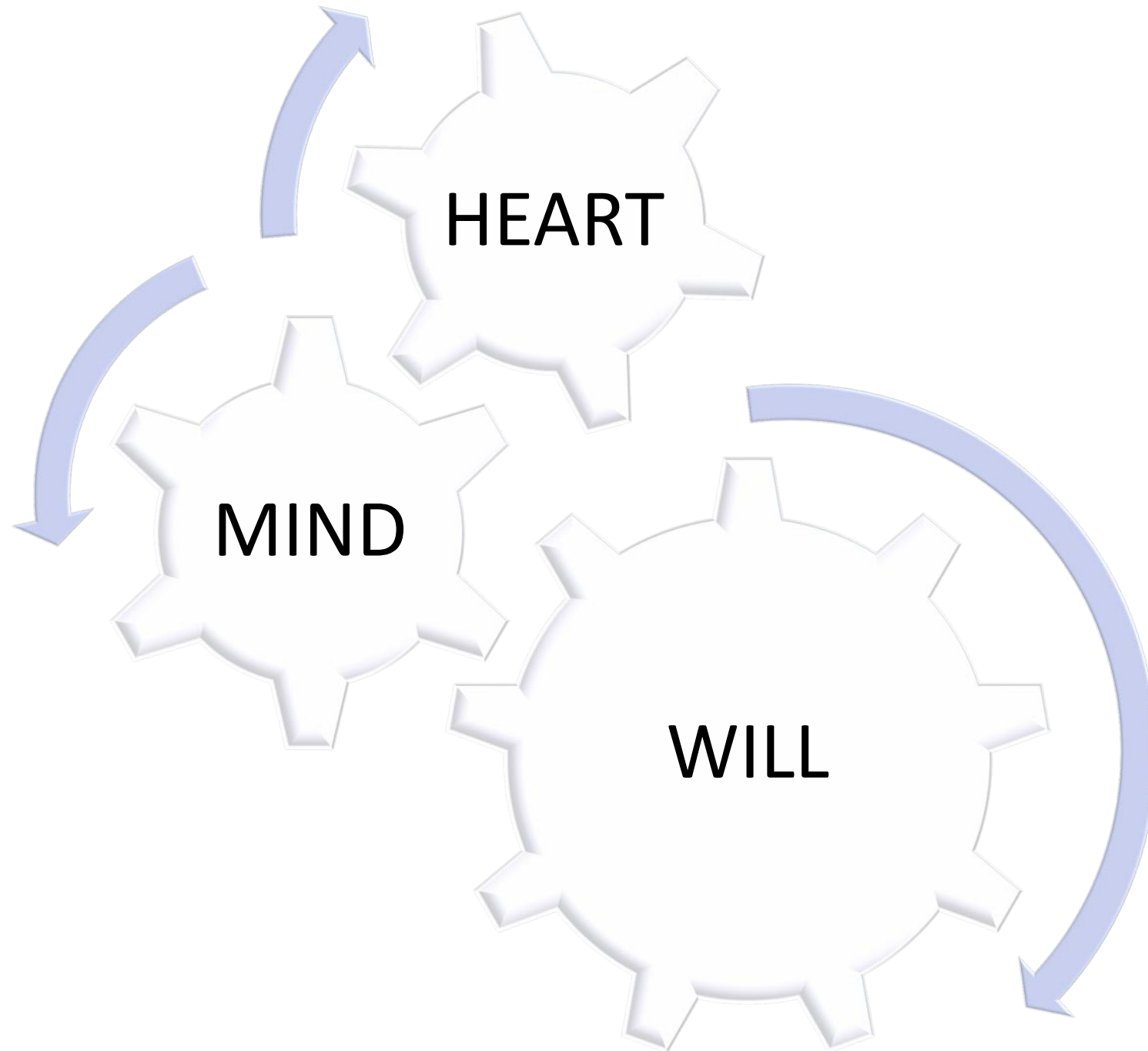
1. ADAM: Could choose good or choose evil (sin or not sin)
2. FALLEN MAN: Cannot do good (can only sin)
3. NEW MAN: Can choose good or choose evil
4. GLORIFIED MAN: Cannot do evil

Potential vs. Responsibility

- The **potential** for resisting (which God provided);
- The **responsibility** for resisting (which is ours)

HOW

DO WE PURSUE HOLINESS?



HEART

MIND

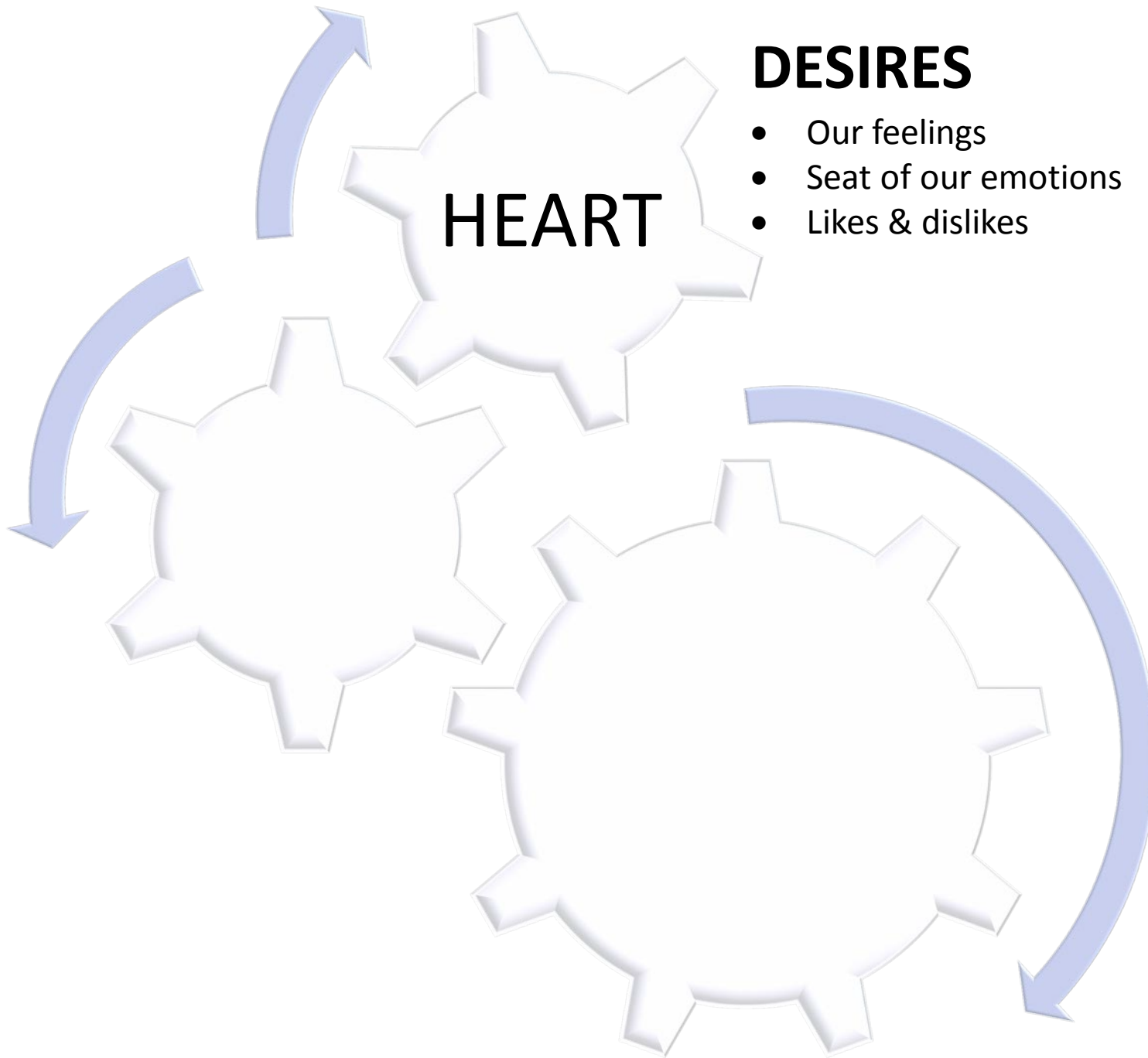
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1. THE SPIRIT REVEALS THE INNERMOST DESIRES OF OUR HEART

Psalm 139:23-24.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! ...

And see if there be any grievous way in me,...



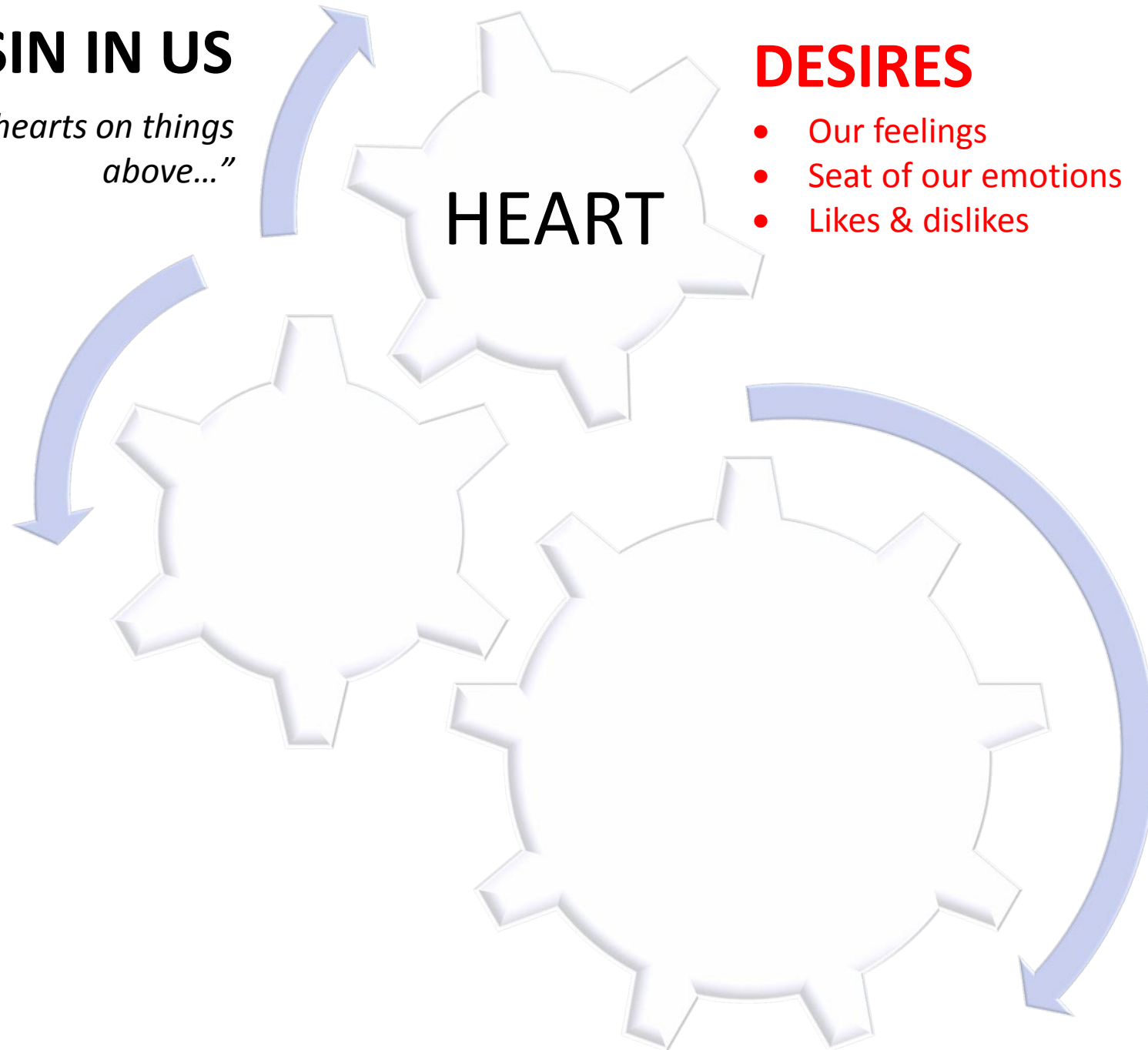
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KILL SIN IN US

Colossians 3:1: "set our hearts on things above..."



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2. THE SPIRIT RENEWS THE DISCERNMENT OF OUR MIND

Romans 12:2.

“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remake you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed”

(J. B. Philipps)



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Ephesians 4:23. "...be renewed in the spirit of your minds"

3. THE SPIRIT ENABLES OUR WILL TO SUBMIT TO HIM

Luke 22:42.

“...yet not my will, but yours be done.”



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DECISIONS

Mark 7:15. "... but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."

WILL

Titus 2:11-12

*“For the **grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men.*

*It teaches us to **say ‘No’** to ungodliness and worldly passions,*

and to

- *live self-controlled,*
- *upright and*
- *godly lives*

in this present age”

AS WE PURSUE HOLINESS WE PROGRESS IN HOLINESS

- hate sin (Psalm 119:104) and
- delight in God's law (Romans 7:22).
- “his commands are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3),
- but are “holy, righteous, and good” (Romans 7:12).

HAVE THE ATTITUDE
OF A SERIOUS ATHLETE

Proverbs 24:16

*“For though a righteous man falls seven times,
he rises again,
but the wicked are brought down by calamity.”*

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