

**BATS 21:
The HAM's, The HATS and
The BATS of Approbation,
Review of HATS #'s 1-5:**

**Hypersensitivity,
Fear, Worry,
Implacability and
Impatience**

Selfism

Human Attainment Motivators
HAM's



Approbation!

Insolence

Irresponsibility

Hypocrisy

Self-Pity

Proverbs 19:8

- *He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
He who keeps understanding prospers.*

Selfism

- Selfism – Concentration on one's own interests
- Selfishness - excessive or exclusive concern with oneself; concentrating on or seeking one's own advantage, pleasure or well-being without regard for others; supreme self-love or self preference.
- Selfism, in its worst sense, is the very essence of human depravity and stands in direct opposition to the Spiritual Life.

Selfism

- Selfism is trying to derive happiness from the World, the Flesh, or the Devil.
- Such as people, mood or things, rather than a relationship with the ONE who can truly provide it.
- They attempt this with faulty system of motivation inherited from Adam that I call The HAM's.

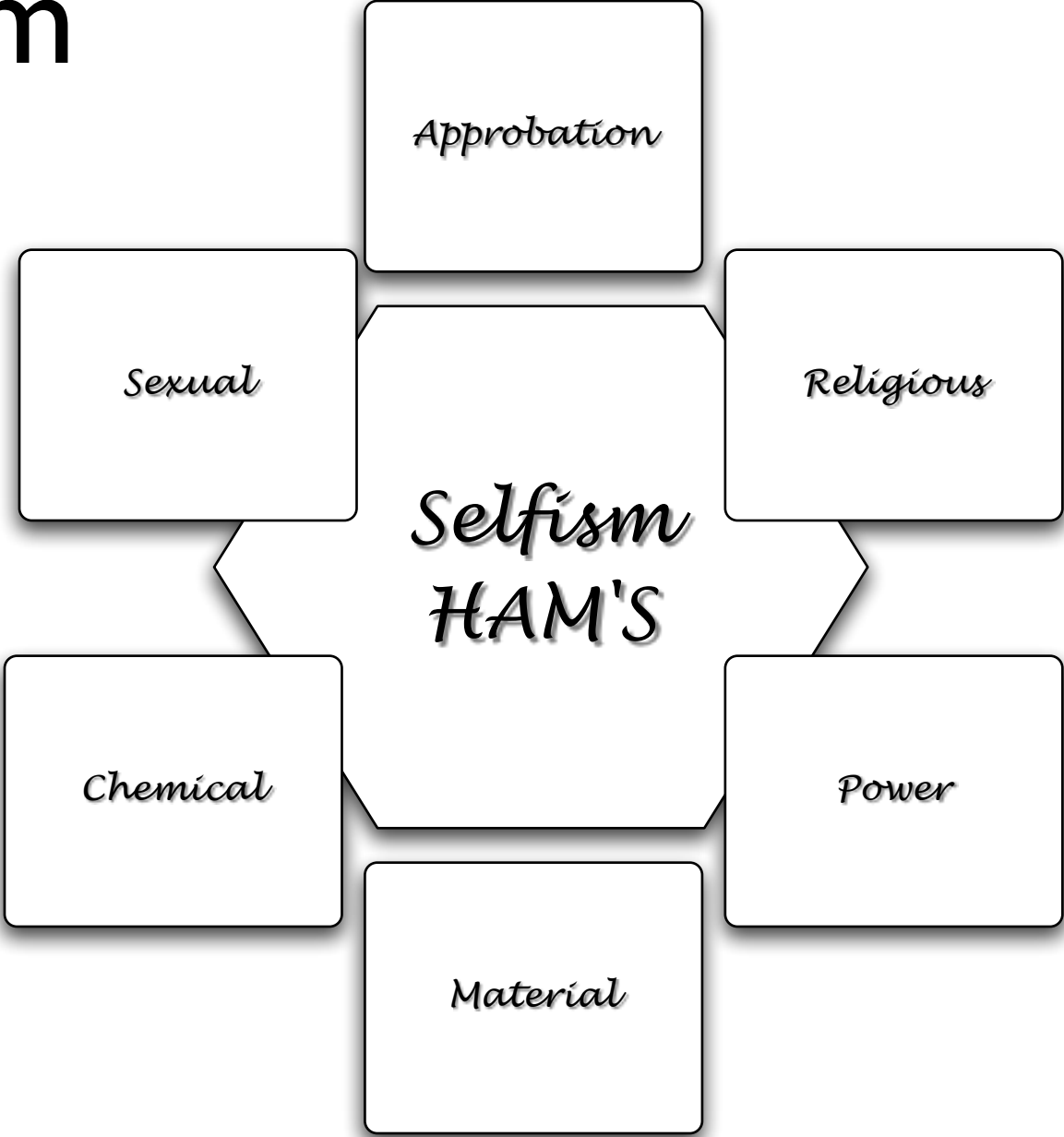
Selfism

- HAM's:
 - *Human Achievement Motivators*
 - *aka the Inherited Desires of the Adam Nature*
- The HAM's are expressed through the HATS:
 - Human Achievement Tactics & Strategies
 - The Strategies for the Attainment of the Selfishness Goals and the Tactics used to defend or accomplish them.

Selfism

- Strategy:
 - a plan designed to achieve a particular long-term aim or goal.
- Tactics:
 - short-range plans or actions to achieve a strategy.

Selfism



Selfism

- All of us succumb to one of these Motivators from time to time.
- The dominant Motivator related to you is derived from both your genetics and your environment and results in your Trend toward Human Goodness (HG) or Human Badness (HB); as well as your personal areas of weakness and your personal areas of strength in your Hereditary Adamic nature.

Selfism

- These Motivators divorce the believer from reality, cause unrealistic expectation, eliminate understanding, and prevent one from advancing spiritually.
- Happiness and contentment do not come from the achievement of one or more of these Motivations
- Happiness and contentment come from your relationship with God, understanding His principles, and applying them to the circumstances of life.

Selfism

- Selfism divorces the believer from reality so that every mechanic of the Christian way of life is distorted.
- Selfism can only be overcome through spiritual momentum and growth to spiritual adulthood.

Romans 12:2 (GNT)

- *“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete renovation of your thinking. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.”*

Selfism

- *Phil. 2:3-5 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility of mind, consider others more important than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*
- *Rom. 12:10 - Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

Selfism: Approbation Motivation

- The 1st Human Achievement
Motivator: Approbation
- Strategy: Attain Happiness in Life
through obtaining the approval of
others.

Approbation Motivation

- Approbation is related to what is mistakenly called an “inferiority complex” and “low self-esteem” which insatiably seeks constant approval and praise from others.
- In reality, it is the deep-seated sense of superiority that is frustrated by real or imagined physical, mental, circumstantial or social deficiencies to our Ideal Self.

Approbation Motivation

- Approbation Motivation results in a dominant Appraisal Filtering by Self Concept.
- Everything in life is seen as an issue relating to my worth as a person based on my real or perceived shortcomings.

Approbation Motivation

- So, if I Filter with Self Concept, because of my Approbation Motivation, I will attempt to please people in some way to overcome my “deficiencies”.
- I will develop the HATS Strategy of elevating my Self Worth through the validation by others.

Approbation Motivation

- *Galatians 1:10 (ESV)*
10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Approbation Motivation

- The desire to have friends and companions is normal, but approbation requires that a person receive validation from others in order to feel worthwhile and happy.
- They cannot relax because they are compelled to compare themselves to others to feel “superior”, so they must compete with others, resulting in put-down humor and snide comments, or other forms of inordinate competition.

Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- Approbation Motivation sometimes substitutes Christian service for spirituality and its momentum in the Christian way of life.
- Their desire for approval and validation results in a leaning toward a “doing” kind of Christianity, either Social Activism, Church programs, or Christian Parachurch organizations, without the Gift or Call.
- Living the Spiritual Life does not gain them the recognition they desire, so they must perform for God and Christians.

Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- If a believer is not filled with the Holy Spirit, he will have wrong motivation in doing good deeds.
- Usually, it is Approbation (or Power) Motivation.
- When their demand for higher level of Approbation is not met, this can easily result in complaining, grumbling, whispering, and disputes, ie, “*eritheiai*”.

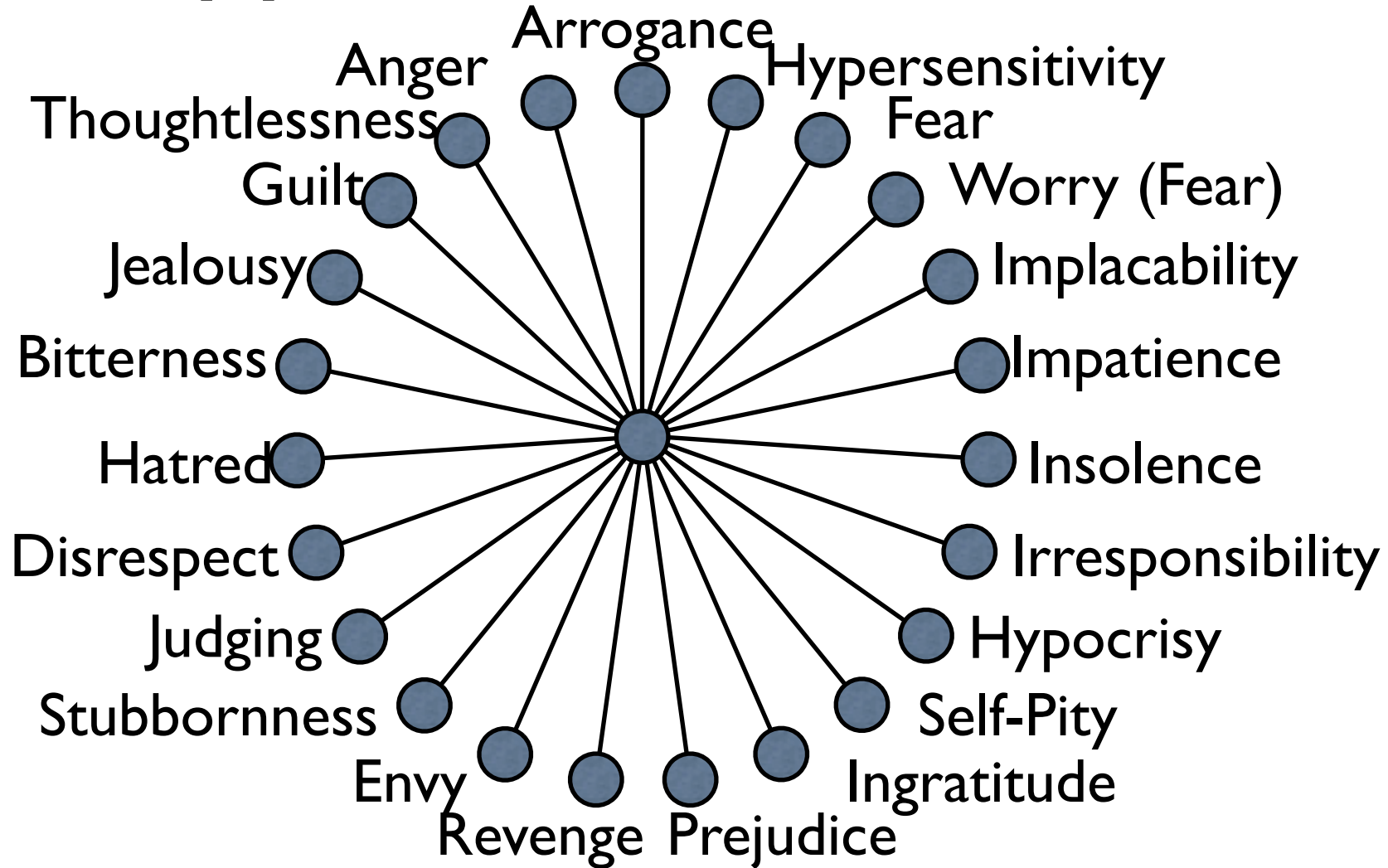
Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *Phil. 2:13-14 - For God [Holy Spirit] works in you, both to will and to do His good pleasure.*
- *[And, The Christian Service Approbation Motivation Checklist:]*
- *Do all things without complaining [whining, fault-finding, grumbling, dissatisfaction, murmuring, griping, irritation] or strife [disputing, arguing, controversy, quarreling].*

Approbation Motivation

- Human Achievement Motivator: Approbation
- HATS: Human Achievement Tactics and Strategies:
- Strategy: Attain happiness by means of approval and popularity among a selected population.
- Tactic: Approbation has at least 22 Tactics

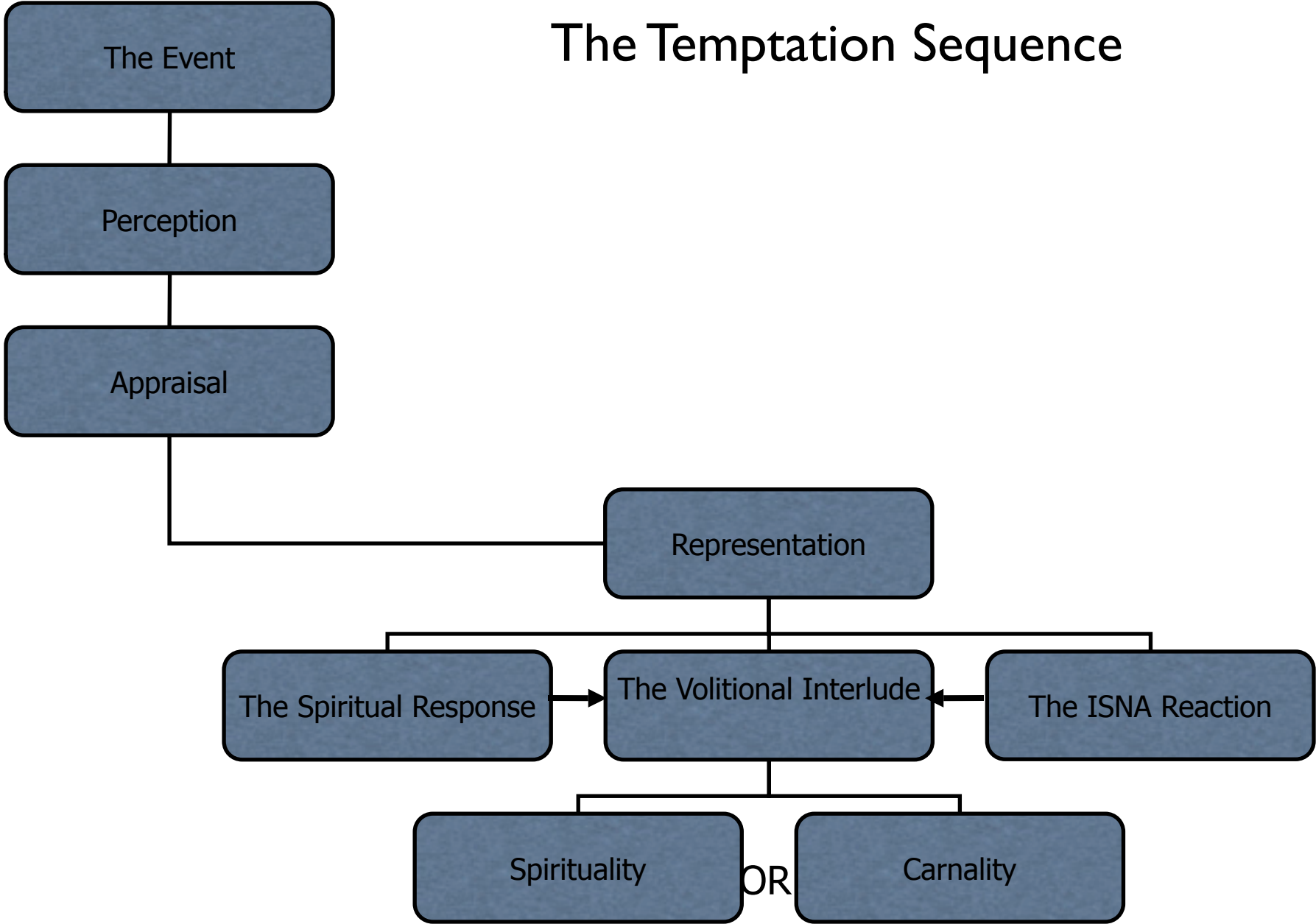
Approbation Tactics



The 3 Elements of Resisting Temptation

- 1. Knowing the mechanics of temptation.
- 2. Identifying Temptation when it happens, by knowing HAM's and HATS.
- 3. The capability of Reckoning or Resisting through Biblical Alternative Thinking Skills (BATS).

The Temptation Sequence



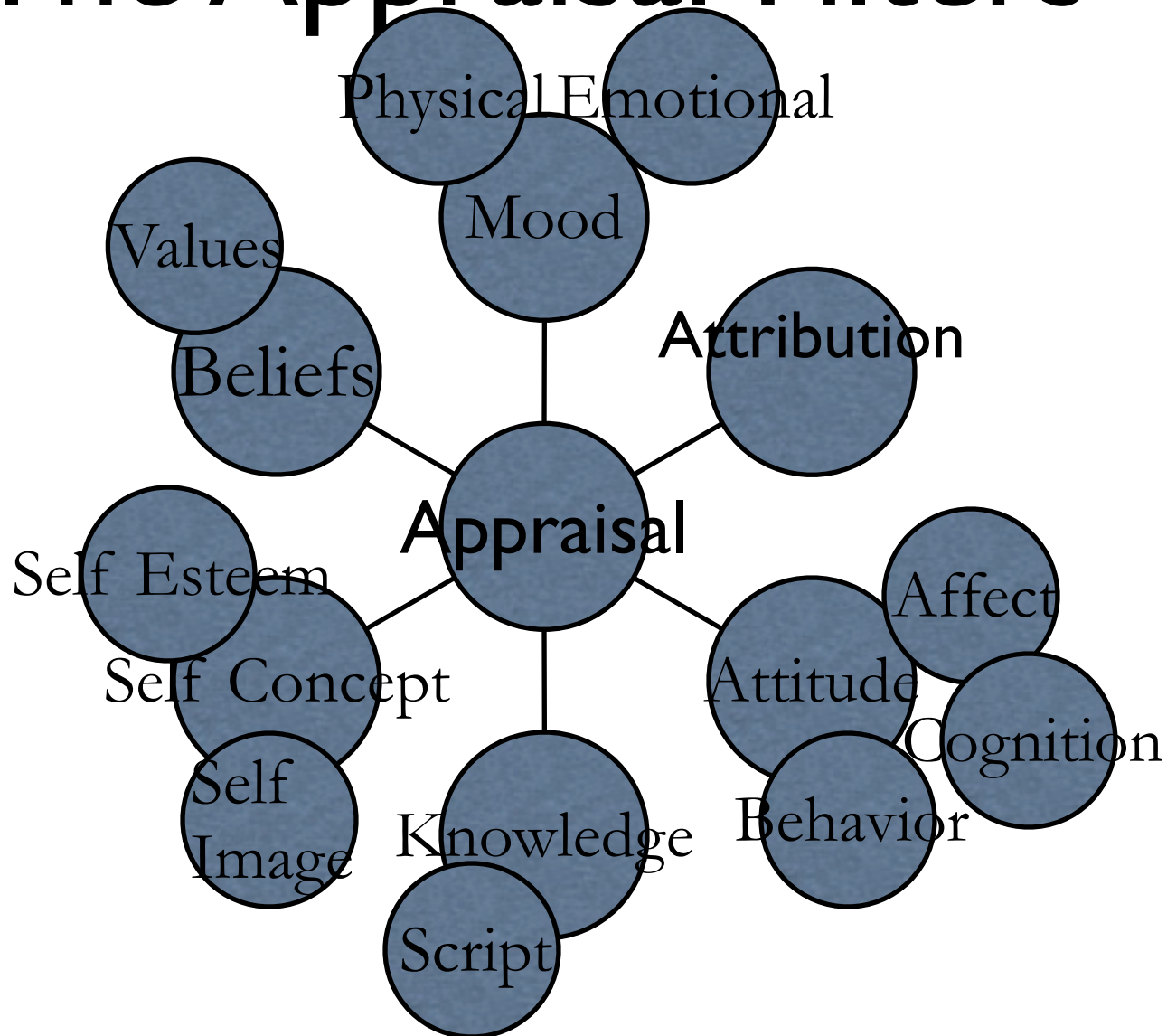
10 Steps to Temptation

The 3 Arenas

- *John 2: 16 (NASB-95) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.*

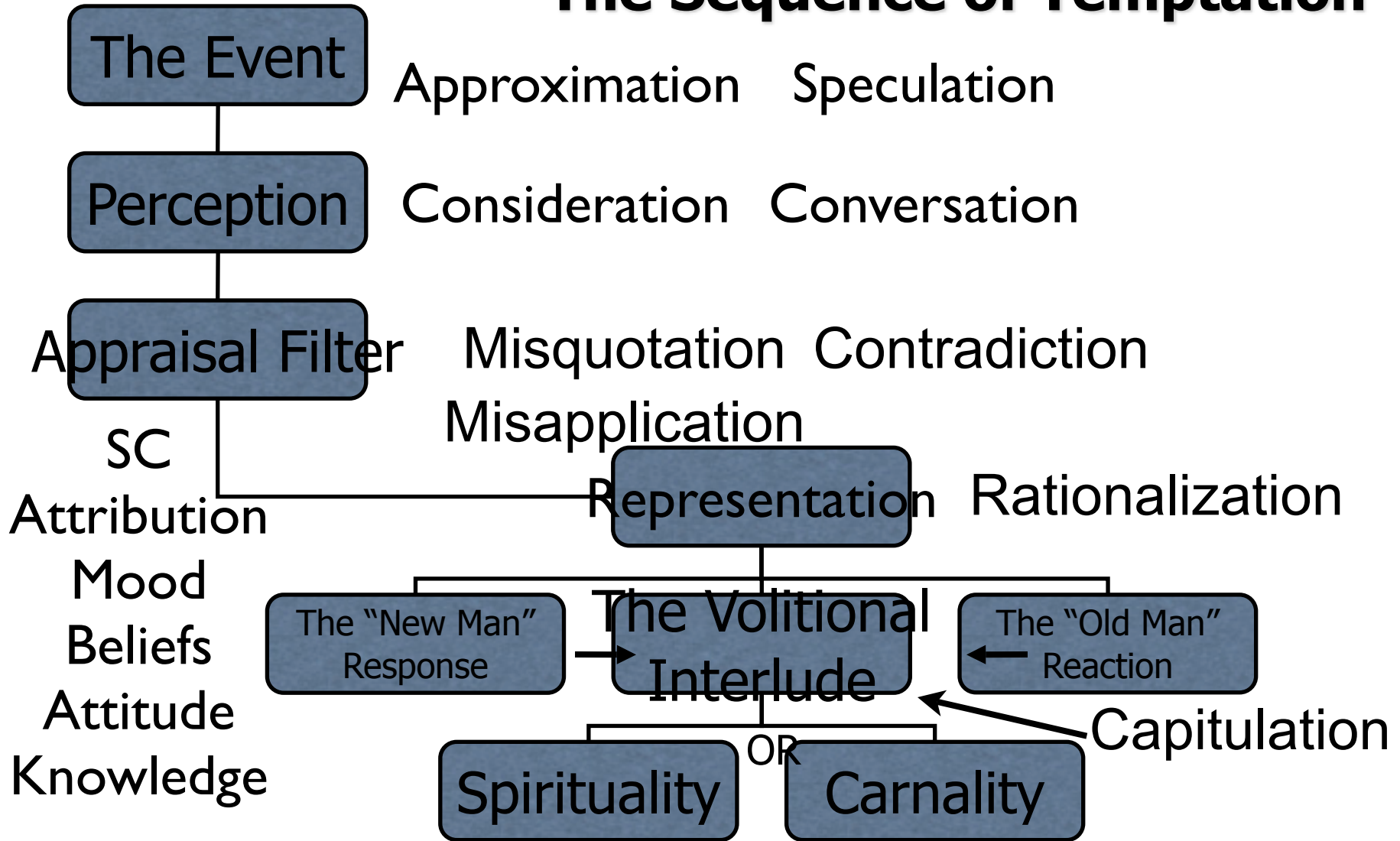
Approbation is From The Pride of Life

The Appraisal Filters



Soul Subordination

The Sequence of Temptation



Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- No matter the Selfism Evaluation of my “Ideal Self”, it will always be subject to Hypersensitivity.
- Instead of being sensitive (thinking of others), Approbation Selfism is hypersensitive, (thinking only of ourselves).
- Hypersensitive people are arrogant, insecure, and very defensive.

Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- 1 Pet. 2:19-20 - *For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.*

Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *1 Cor. 9:12 . . . we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.*
- *Col. 3:13 - Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Approbation Tactics: #2

- Fear

- Fear is a valuable emotion to alert our bodies and mind to the presence of danger.
- This fear can manifest itself in panic, horror, terror, and hysteria when the pressure is immediate and extreme.
- Sinful Fear is a HAT to deal with anything that threatens a HAM and begins to structure the way we approach the people and situations in our life.

Approbation Tactics: Fear

- In Approbation Motivation, Fear is used as a defensive mechanism to protect us from injurious self-concept intrusions.
- Fear then controls us and results in a lack of thinking.
- It manifests itself in worry, apprehension, dread, anxiety, trepidation and foreboding.

Approbation Tactics: Fear

- The more you surrender to fear, the more it controls you and ruins your life.
- The MAS of fear is linked with Approbation because it causes a person to become totally preoccupied with himself, fearing any threat.
- It makes self-concept protection, rather than Bible doctrine, the number one priority in life.

Approbation Tactics: Fear

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- *Deut.31:6 - Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD your God, he it is that goes with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you.*
- *Deut.31:8 - And the LORD, he it is that goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you, neither forsake you: fear not, neither be dismayed (anxiously looking about).*

Approbation Tactics: Fear

BATS

- *Prov. 29:25, - The fear of man provides a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord shall be exalted.*
- *Josh 8:1 - And the LORD said to Joshua, `Fear not, neither be dismayed: `*
- *Isa. 41:10 - Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed, for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.*

Approbation Tactics: Fear BATS

- *1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

Approbation HAT 3:

Implacability

- implacable adjective
- unable to be placated : he was an implacable enemy of Ted's.
- placable | 'plakəbəl| | ,pløkəbəl| | ,plakəb(ə)|
- adjective archaic
- easily calmed; gentle and forgiving.
- DEFINITION - NOT EASILY, SOOTHED, OR MOLLIFIED; NOT TOLERANT ; NOT WILLING TO BE APPEASED, PACIFIED, OR MITIGATED; UNFORGIVING.

Approbation HAT 3: Implacability

- We are commanded by our Lord to forgive others:
- Col 3:13 - *Bearing one another and forgiving each other. Whoever has a complaint against anyone else, just as the Lord forgave you, so also you should forgive others.*

Approbation HAT 3: Implacability

- *Eph 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other just as God in Christ has also forgiven you.*
- *Matt 6:14-15 - For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Approbation HAT 3: Implacability

- Implacability is a form of taking revenge.
- It is an effort to make someone suffer for what they have done to you.
- It is a violation of Rom. 12:19 – *Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”*

Approbation HAT 4:

Impatience

- IMPATIENT - ADJECTIVE
- 1 having or showing a tendency to be quickly irritated or provoked : an impatient motorist blaring his horn | she was impatient with any restriction.
- A RESTLESSNESS OF SPIRIT, IRRITATION AND SHORTNESS OF TEMPER WHEN DELAYED; TO BE ANXIOUS AND OR INTOLERANT.; NOT BEARING PAIN WITH COMPOSURE.
- We are commanded to have patience:

Approbation HAT 4: Impatience

- Rom 12:10-12 - *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

Approbation BAT 4: Impatience

- The first thing mentioned about love in the famous description given in I Cor. 13:4-8 is, guess what?
- Patience! Love is patient . . .

Approbation HAT 4: Impatience

- We have a great need for patience.
- Heb 10:35-36 - *Don't throw away your confidence (in Bible Doc. as something worthless, like trash), which hath great recompence of reward. For you need patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

Approbation HAT 4: Impatience

- *James 1:2-4 - Count it all joy, my brethren, when you fall into manifold temptations (trials), Knowing that the proving of your faith works patience. And let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect (mature) and entire (complete), lacking in nothing.*