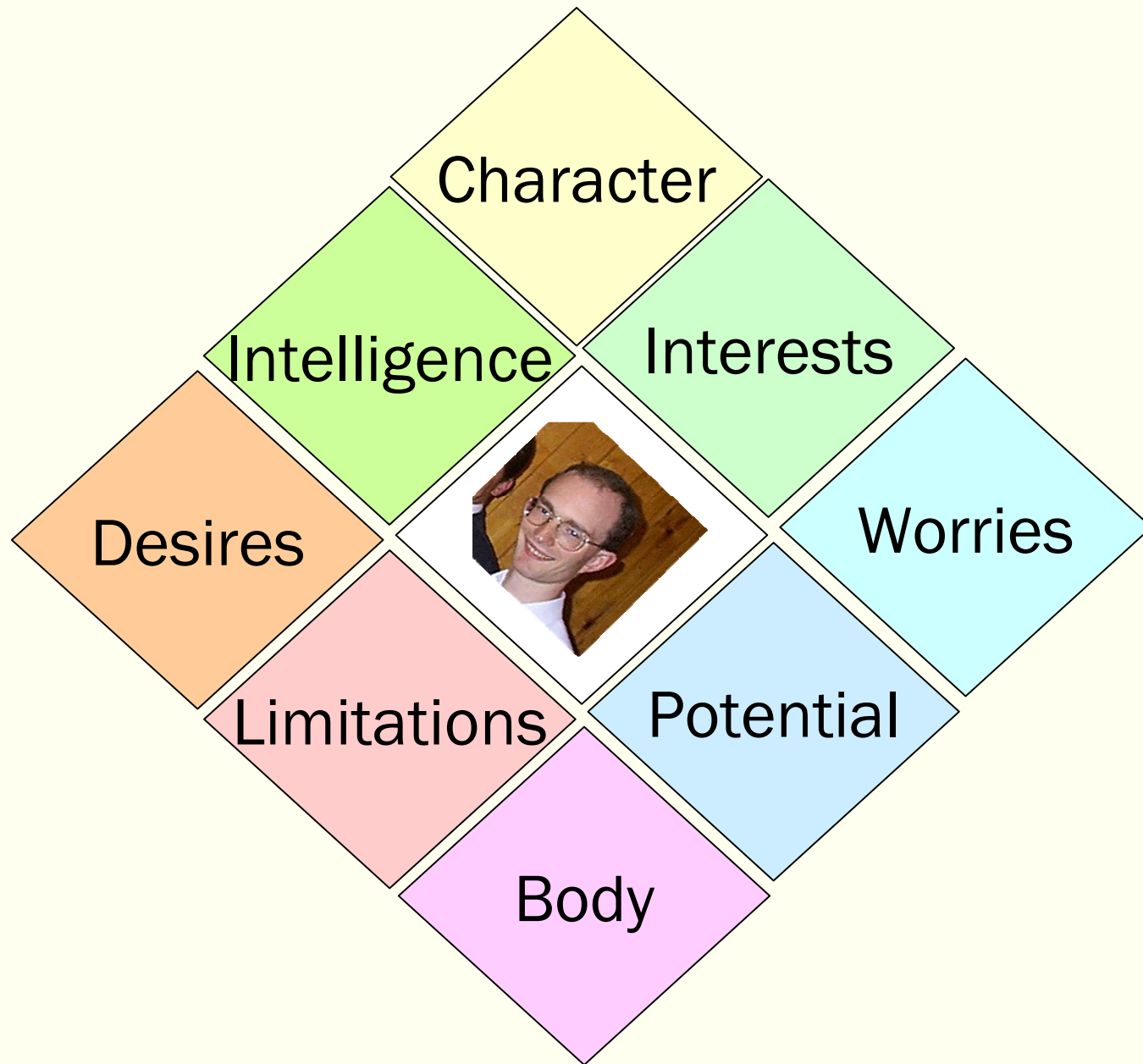
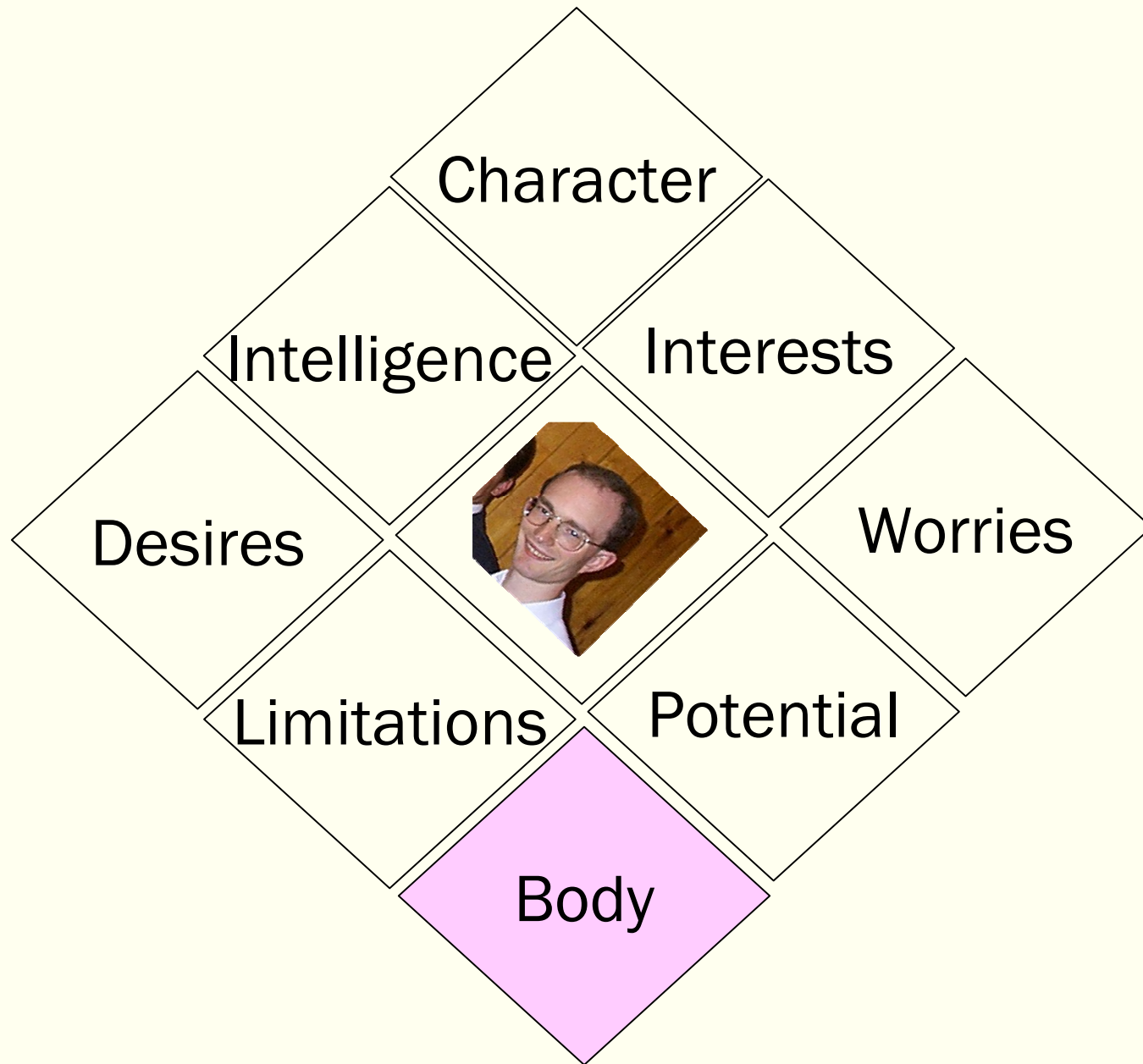


Session 2: Personal

*“O LORD, Thou hast searched
me
and known me”*

Romans 7:15-25





Saul – right man to be king?

... Saul, a choice young man, and a **goodly**, and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was **higher** than any of the people.

1 Samuel 9:2

Good for giant-killing?

Rotherham: *noble*, NIV
impressive, NKJV/RSV
handsome

What should we worry about?

And which of you with **taking thought** can add to his stature one cubit?

If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

Luke 12:25,26

Anxiety,
worry

“The very hairs of your head are numbered”



Matthew 10:30 ⁶

“Man looketh on the
outward appearance, but
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“I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after
mine own heart**, which shall fulfil all my will.”

Acts 13:22

God looks at...	Man looks at...
The heart: the emotional core of the mind, the real person inside, character; things as they really are	The outside: things as they appear

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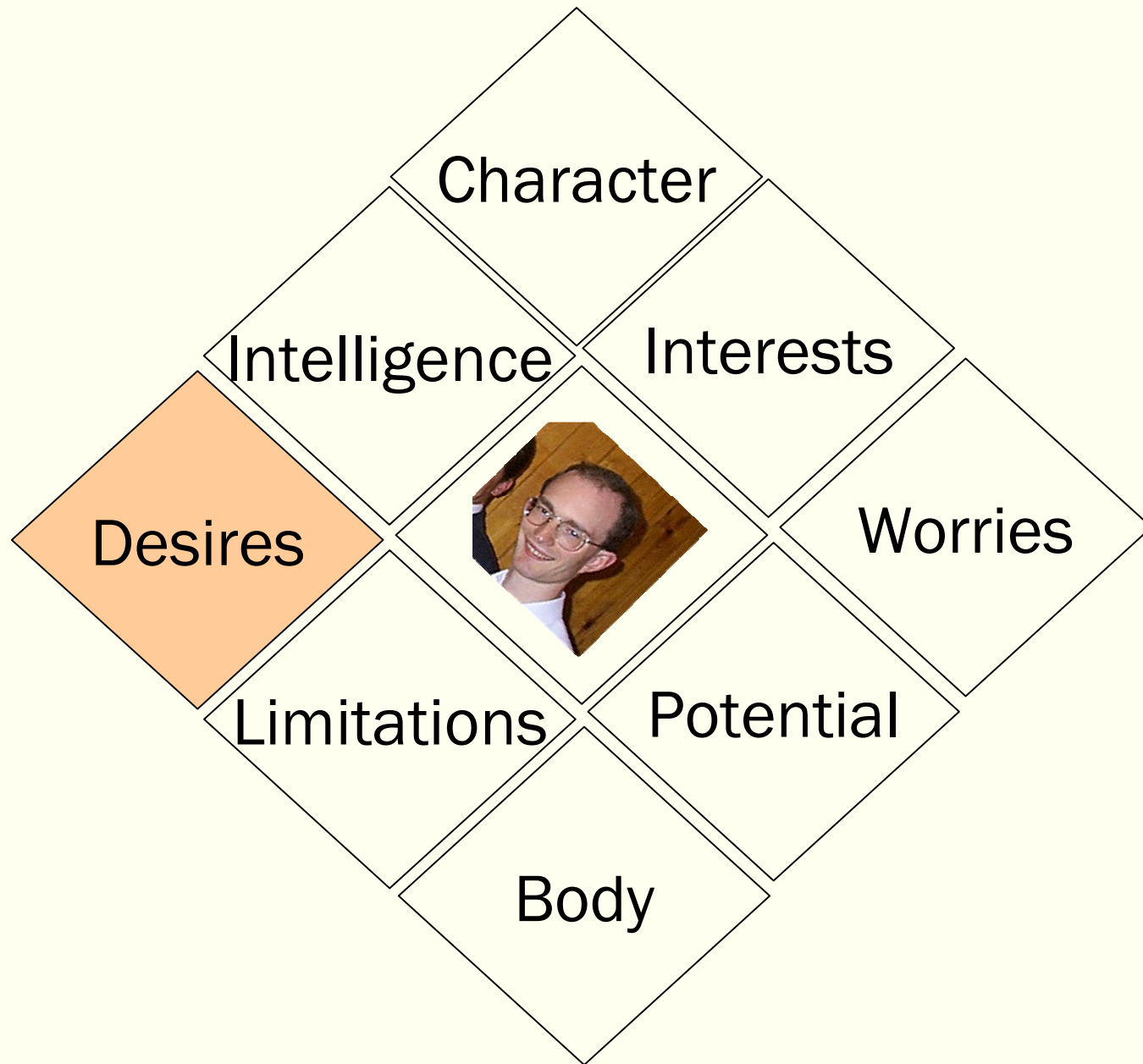
Why?

Man's view vs God's view

For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust** of the eyes, and the **pride of life**, is **not of the Father**, but is **of the world**.

1 John 2:16

Natural
human
desire



“The desires of the flesh and of the mind” (Eph 2:3)

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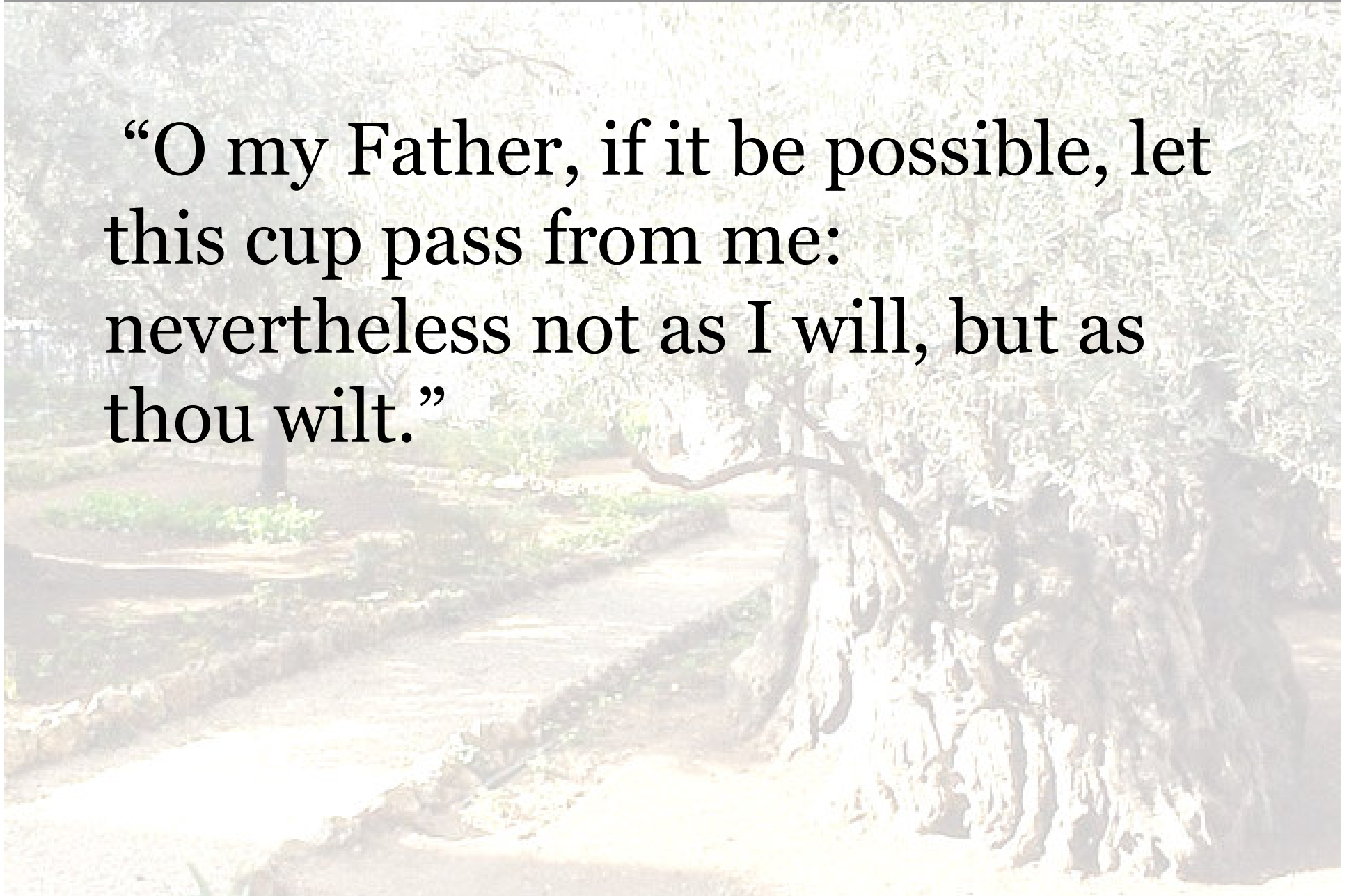


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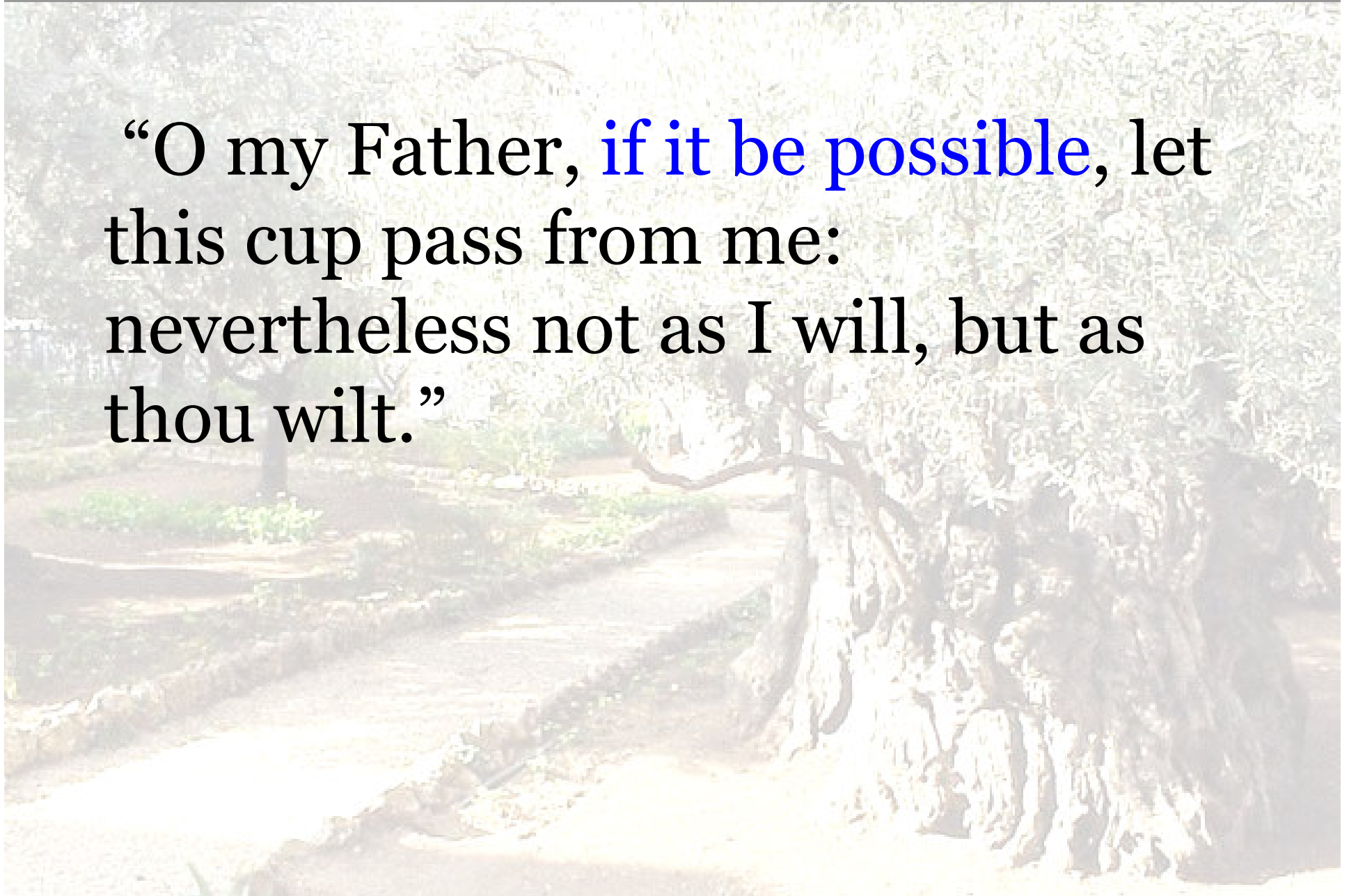
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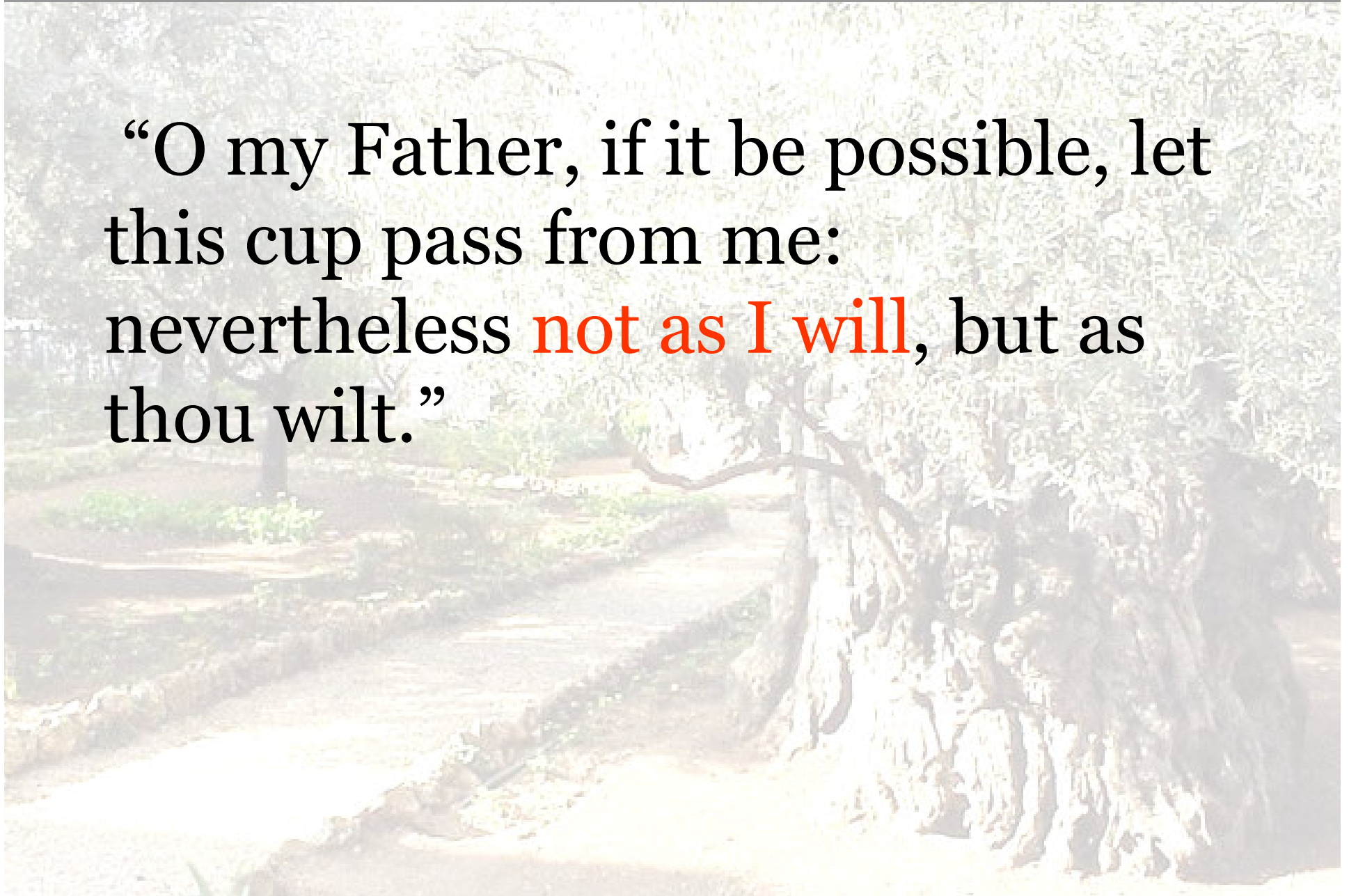
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"The works of the flesh"

Galatians 5:19-21

Illicit sexual relations

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Jealousy

Division

Drunkenness

"Sorcery",
drug-taking

"Party spirit"

Impurity
of thought

Fits of anger

Wild parties

Hatred

Envy

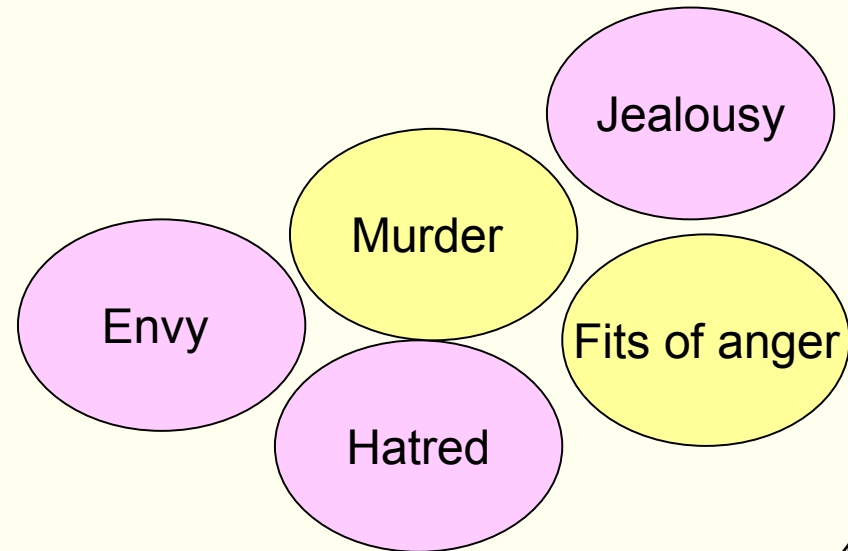
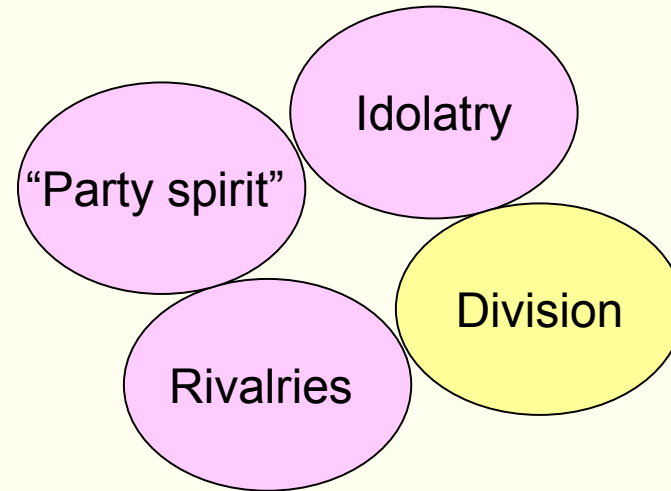
Unbridled
lust

Rivalries

Murder

"The works of the flesh"

Galatians 5:19-21



Don't fight the flesh with fleshly weapons!

- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- 1 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Overcoming fleshly giants

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22

Joseph: get away from sin

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16


"forethought" ie don't plan ungodliness

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Romans 13:14

Actively seek out God's ways



Fleshly
thinking



*Spiritual
thinking*