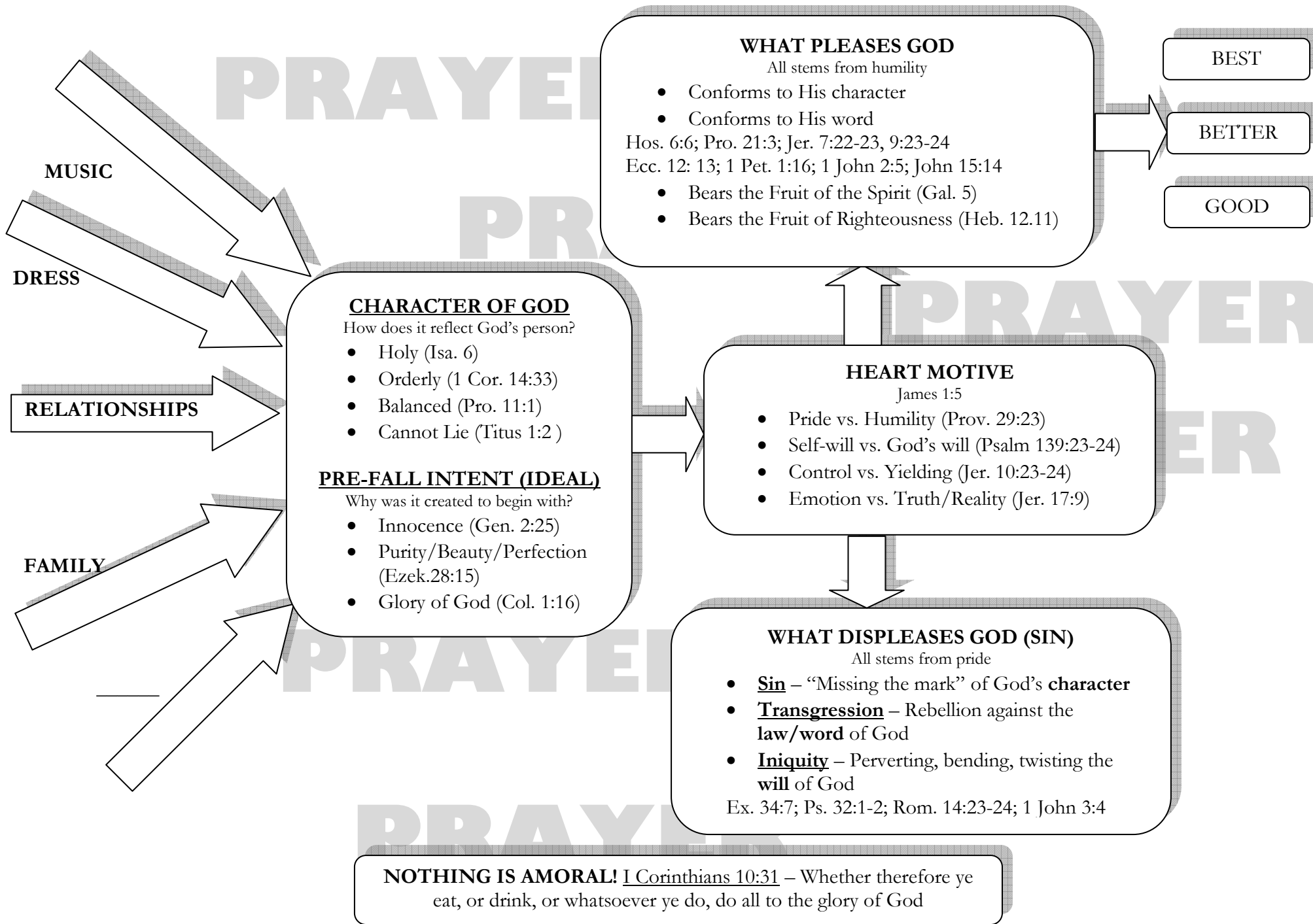


BIBLICAL DECISION MAKING Part I



BIBLICAL DECISION MAKING Part II

Building Fences of Protection

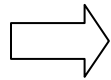
God's Grace



Does it contradict God's character, law, or will?

YES

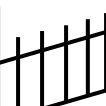
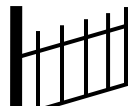
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GOOD

BETTER

BEST



SIN

Acceptable, but dangerous:

- *Could* lead to sin
- *Could* damage testimony
- *Could* offend conscience
- **Minimal** glory to God, praise, and worship.
- **Minimal** heavenly rewards

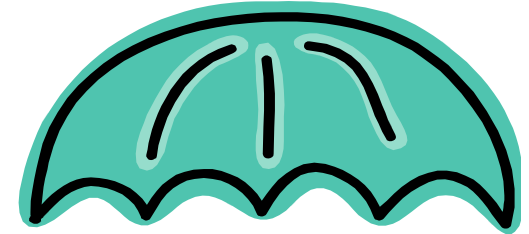
- EXCELLENT (Phil. 1:10)
- **Maximum** glory to God, praise and worship.
 - **Maximum** security from the danger of sin
 - **Maximum** testimony and influence
 - **Maximum** heavenly rewards

Fine, but ineffective:

- **Marginal** glory to God.
- **Marginal** security from the danger of sin
- **Marginal** testimony and influence
- **Marginal** heavenly rewards

THE PEACE OF GODLY DECISION MAKING:

God's Sovereignty



God does not force His children to grasp in darkness. If you are prayerfully trying to find God's perfect will, He WILL NOT hide it from you. Where you fail, God's sovereignty WILL make up the difference.
James 1:5-6; Phil. 4:6-7

PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

1. Stay within the fence of God's moral will
2. Decision making starts where biblical absolutes stop
3. The wrong goal: a perfect decision
4. The right goal: a wise decision.

Taken from Systematic Theology Lecture by Dr. Doug McIntosh of Cornerstone Bible Church; Lilburn, GA

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if *there be* any **virtue**, and if *there be* any **praise**, **think on these things**. (Phi 4:8 KJV)