

**I. First, we can have confidence that despite failure, God's grace always provides for recovery. 6:9**

**Hebrews 6:9, “But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.”**

**II. God's justice does not forget, neglect or overlook that which we have done in the power of the Spirit. 6:10**

**Hebrews 6:10, “For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”**

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# The Essence of God

**Sovereign**

**Omniscient**

**Righteousness**

**Omnipresent**

**Justice**

**Omnipotent**

**Love**

**Veracity**

**Eternal Life**

**Immutability**

## **God Remembers:**

**Work**

**Labor of Love**

**Ministry  
(Christian  
Service)**

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διακονέω *diakonéō*; aor. act. part. “to minister, to serve, perhaps to offer financial help (BBC). These two ptcp should be understood as causal,

**BECAUSE YOU HAVE SERVED THE SAINTS  
AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO SO.**



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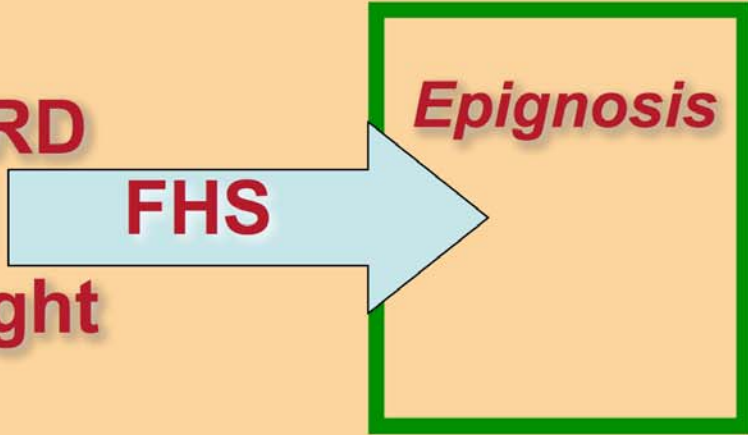
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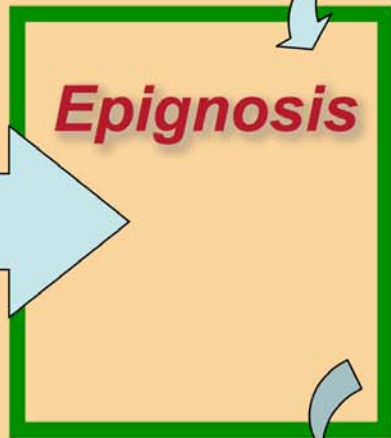
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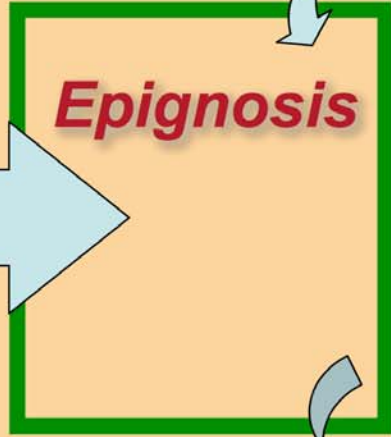
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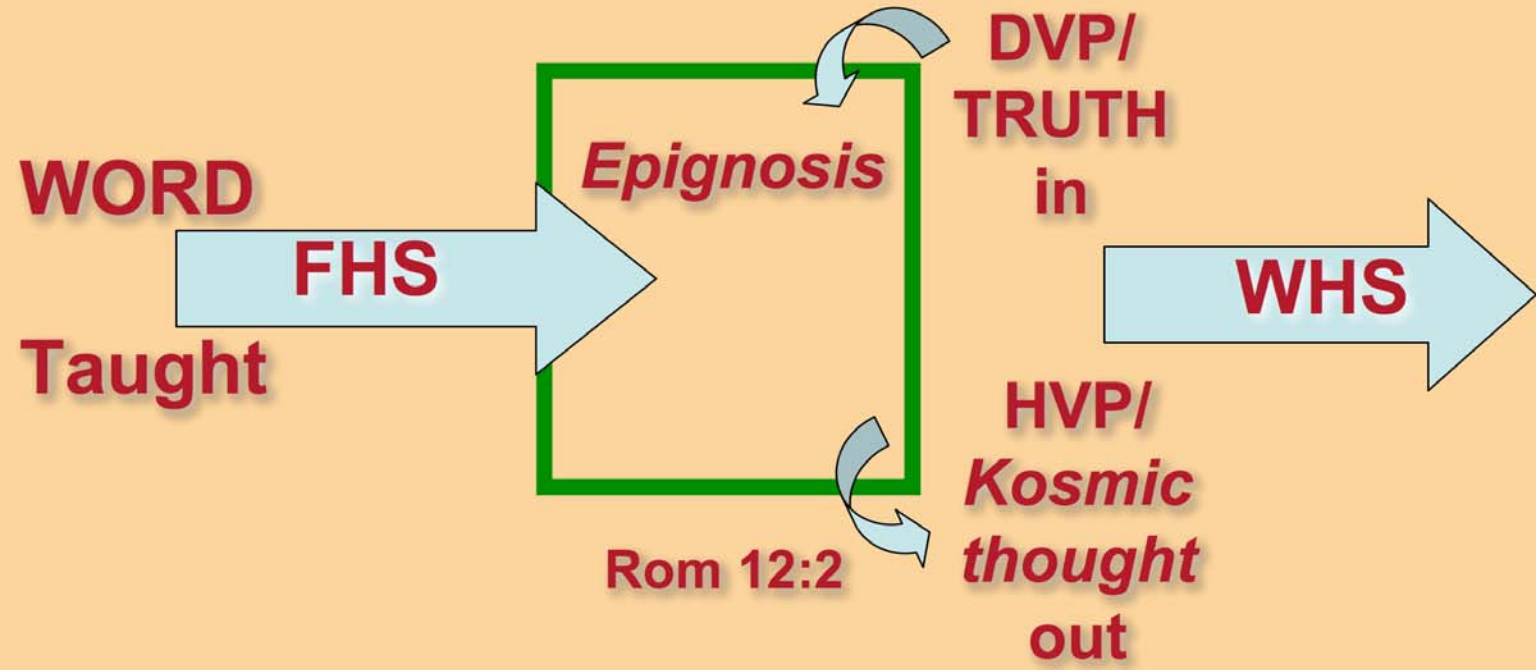


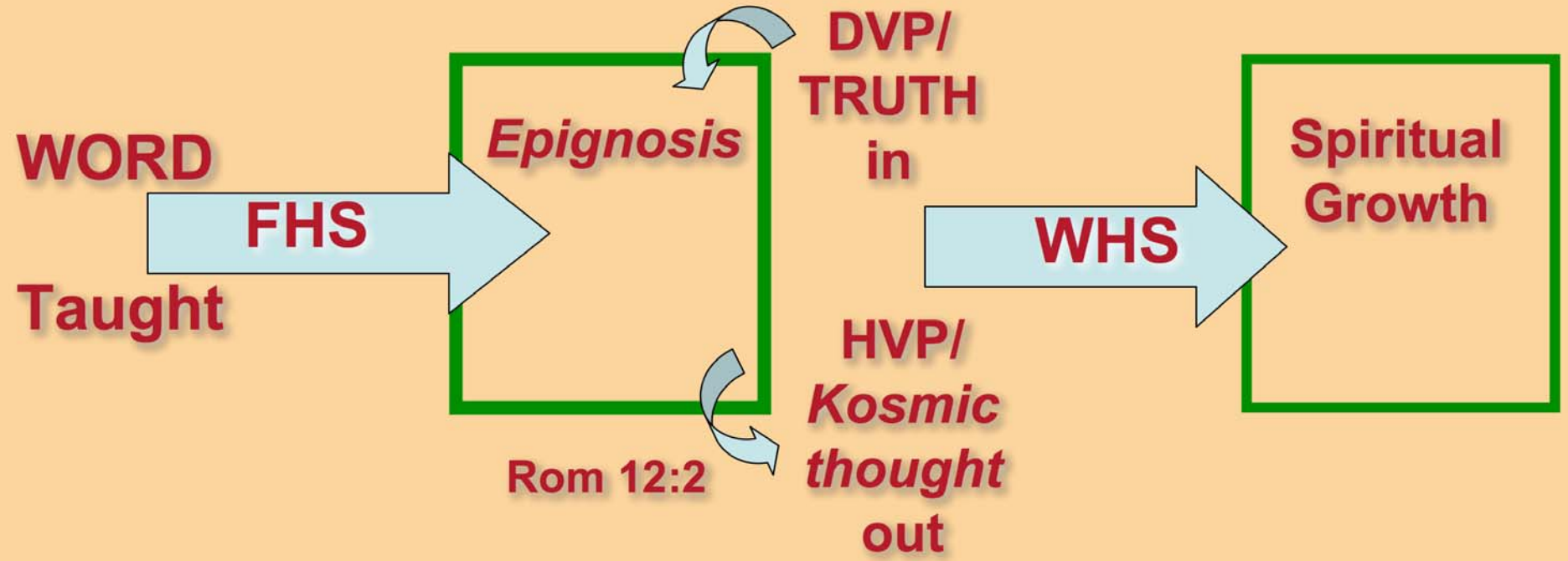
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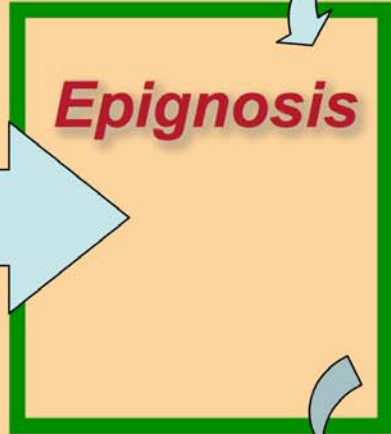






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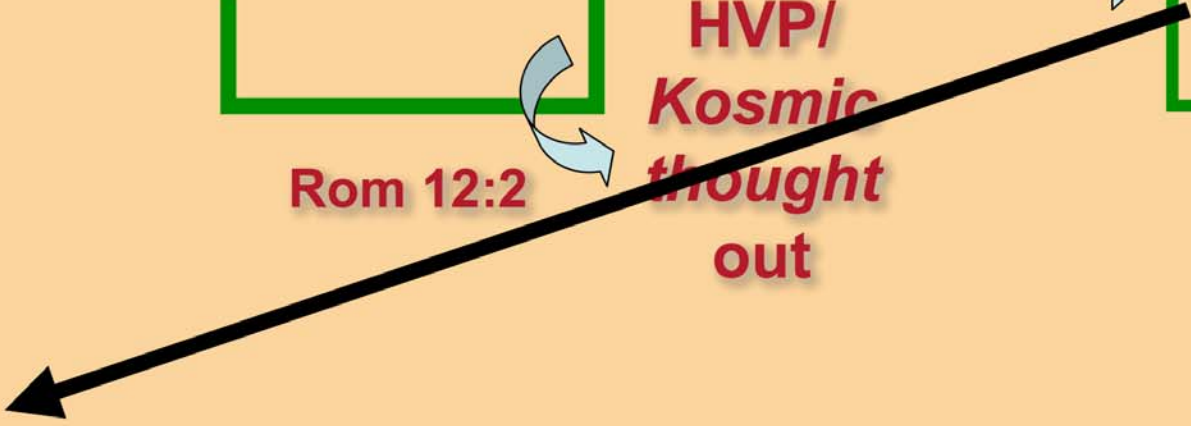
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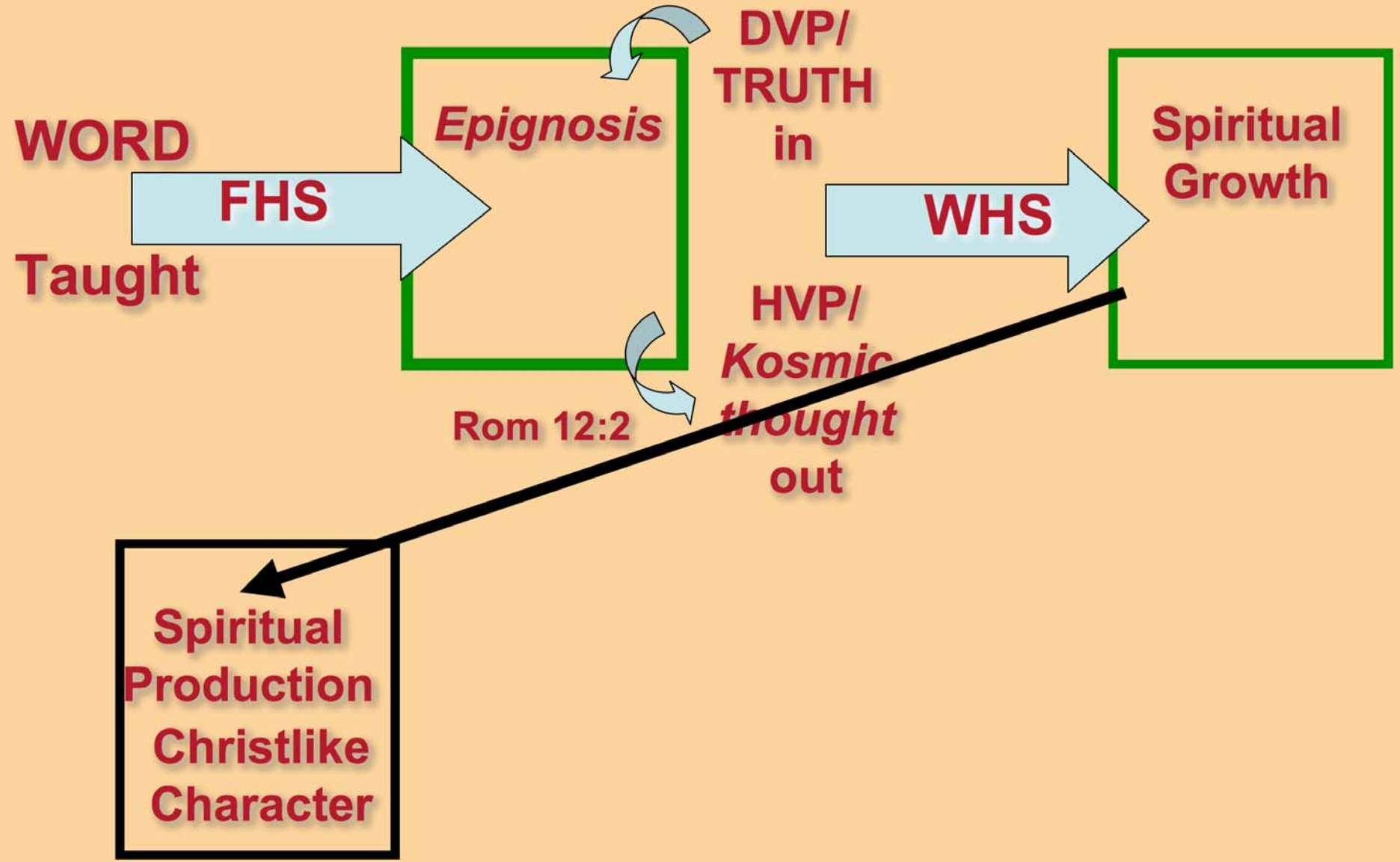
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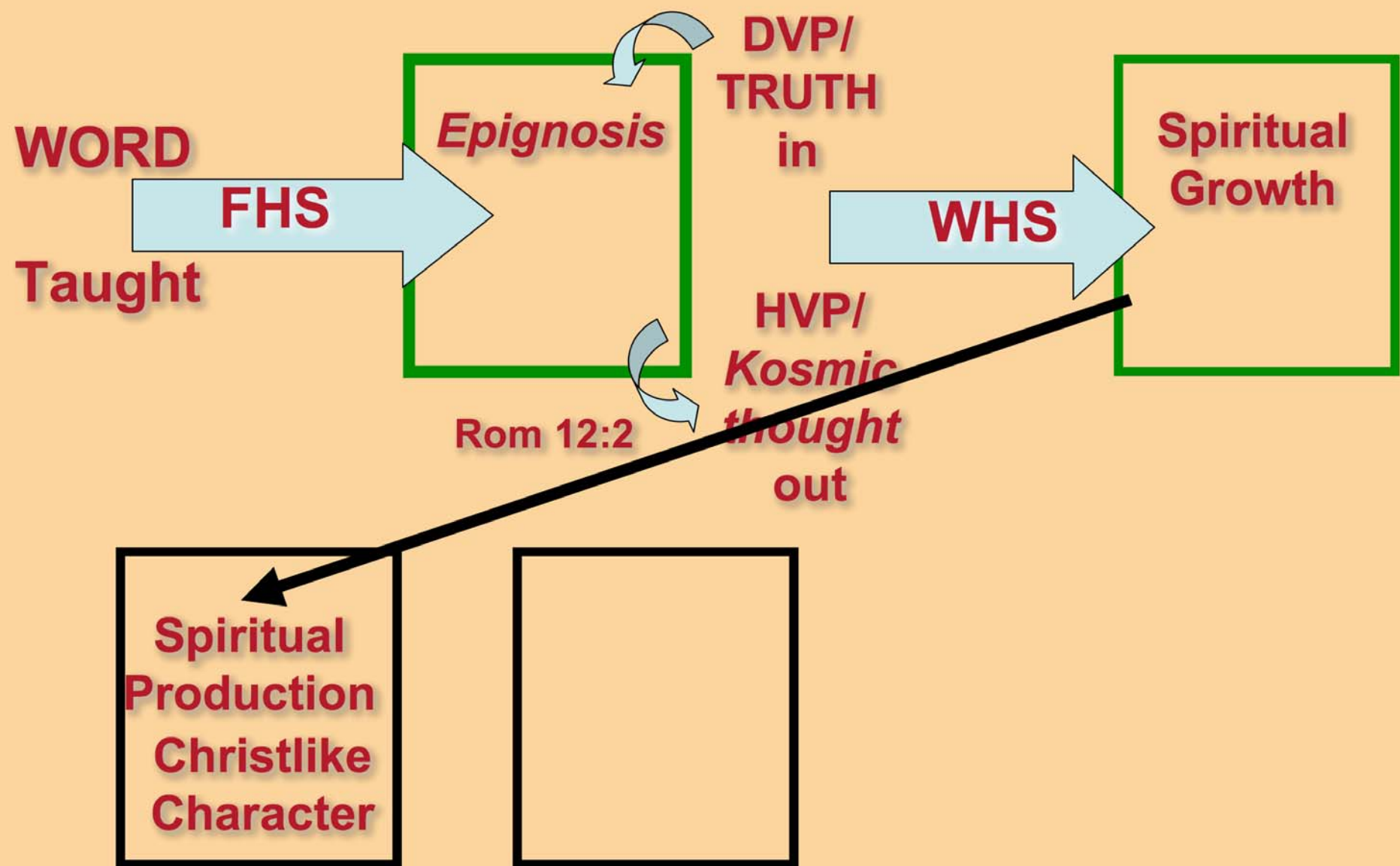
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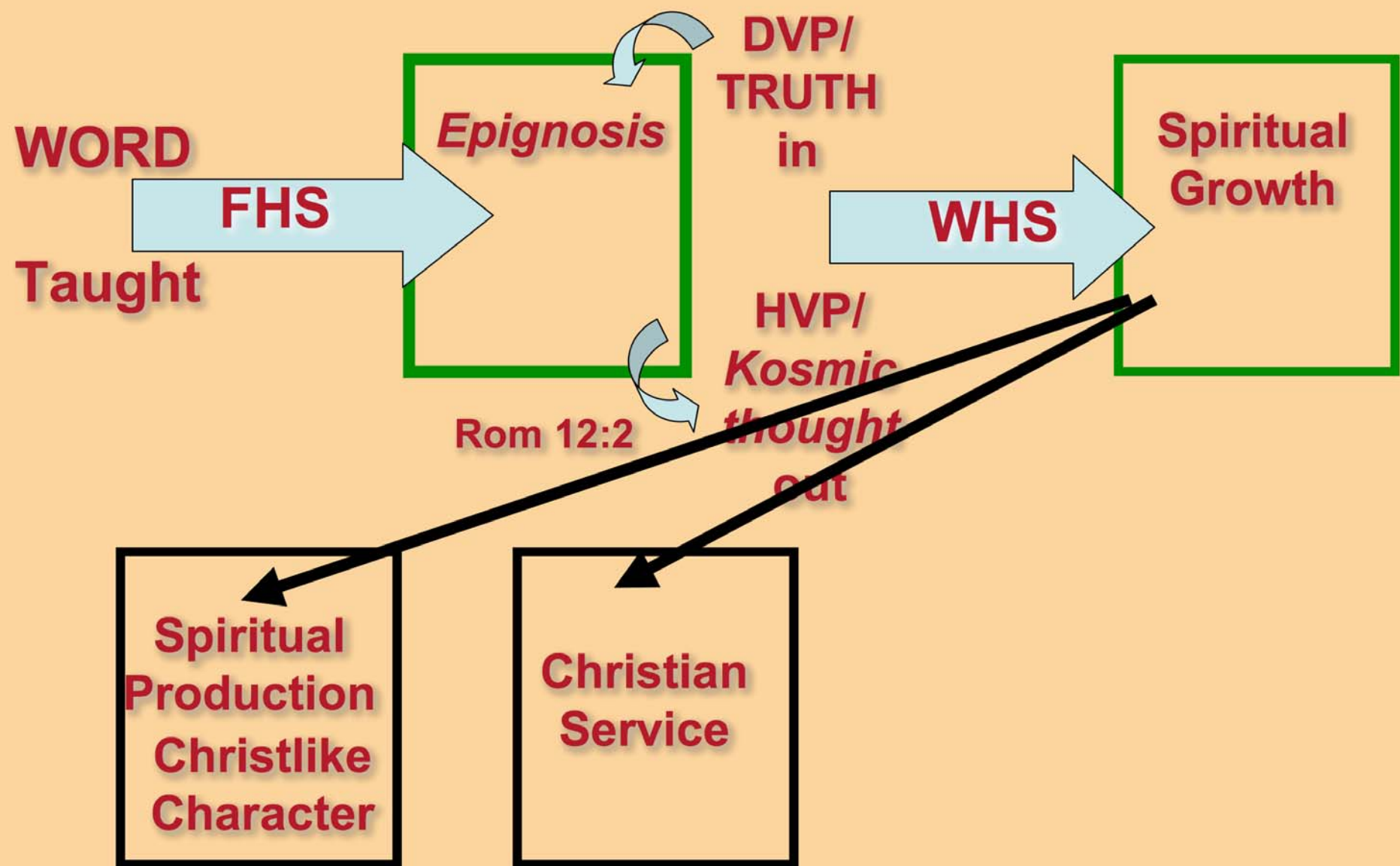
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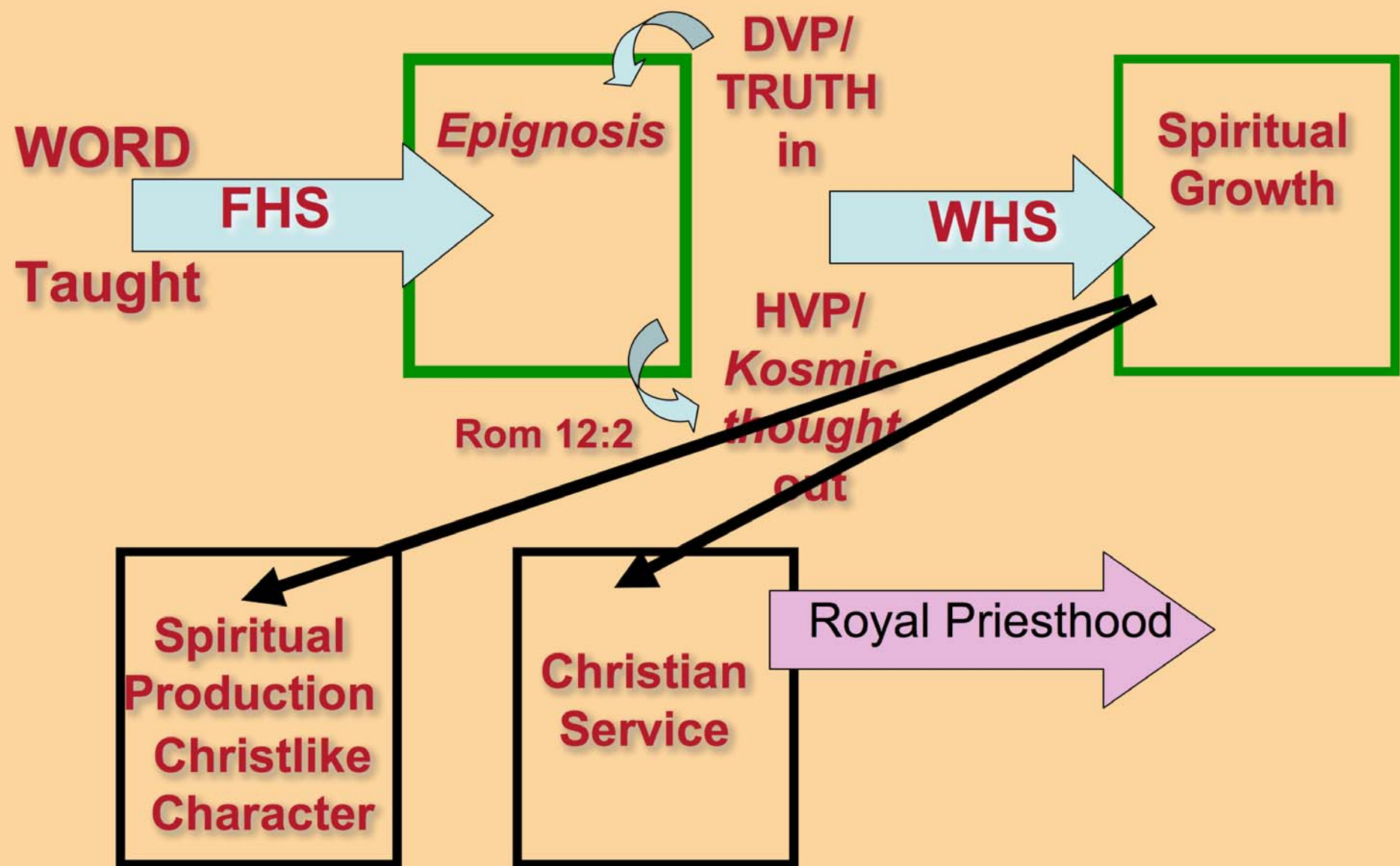


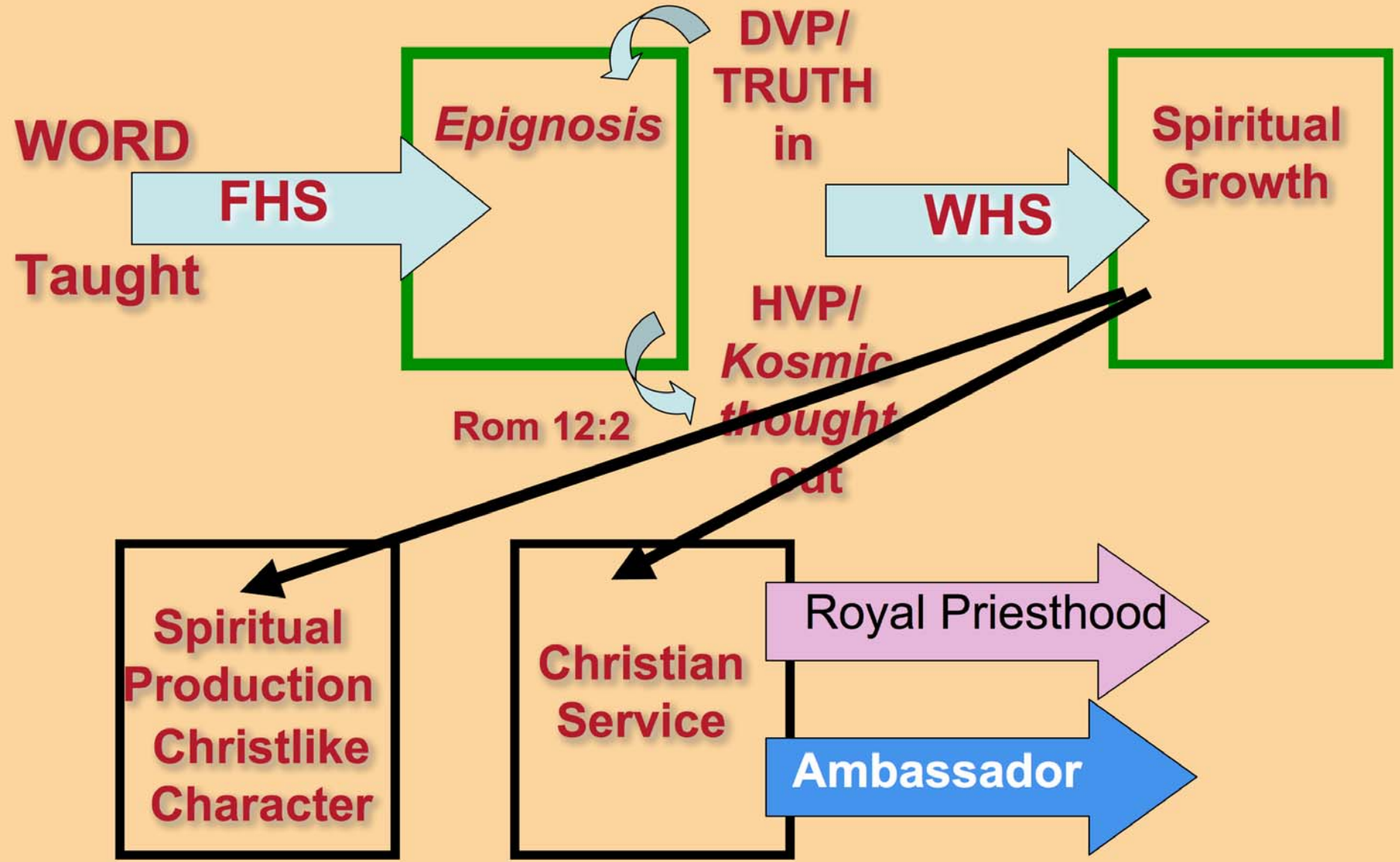






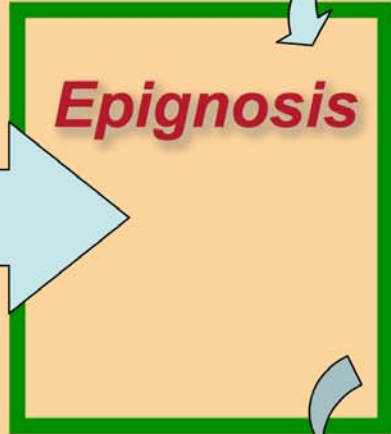






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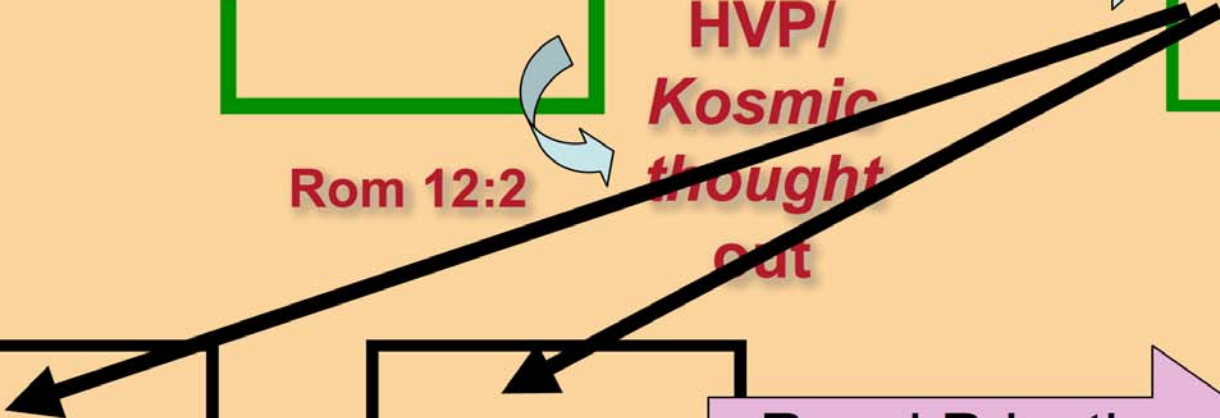
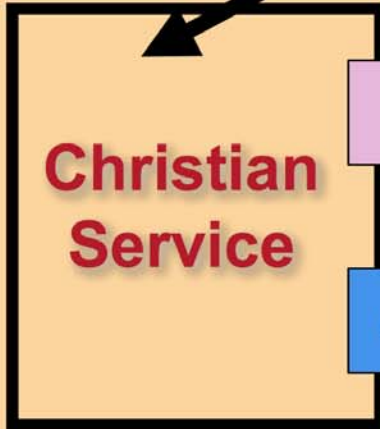
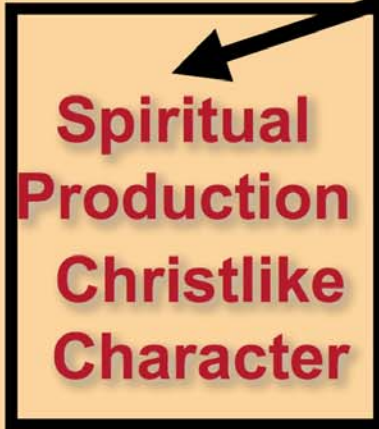


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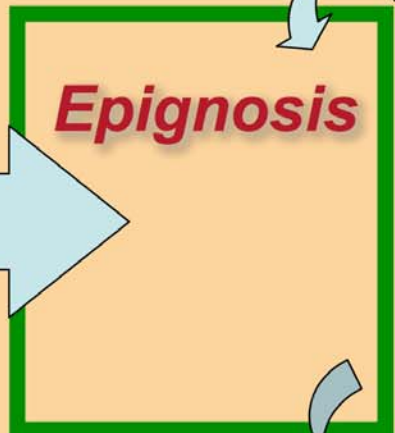


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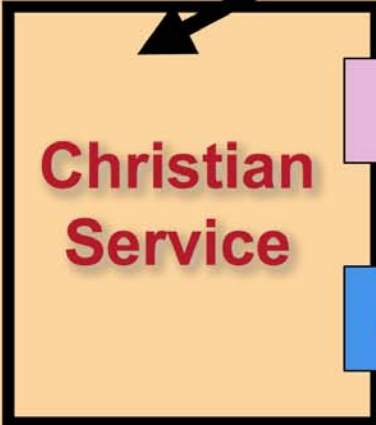
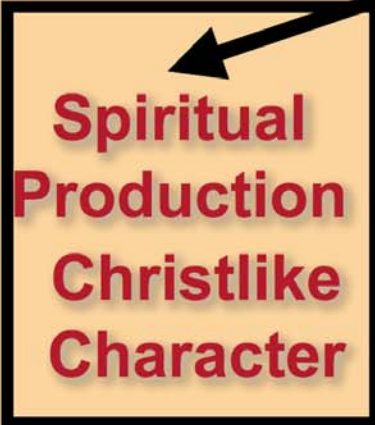
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# Labor of Love

Rom 12:2



**III. The believer is to persevere in light of our future expectation to continue in faith and patience to realize a full inheritance. Heb 6:11–12**

**Hebrews 6:11, “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,**

**Hebrews 6:12, “that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”**



Ephesians 4:11, “And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Ephesians 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of **ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

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ἐπιθυμέω *epithuméō*;  
“to have a strong desire  
for something.”

Hebrews 6:11, “And we desire that each one of you show the same **diligence** to the full assurance of hope until the end,”

σπουδή *spoudé* ;  
“to speed, urge,  
hasten, press.  
Speed, haste,  
earnestness,  
diligence, zeal.

ἐνδείκνυμι  
*endeíknumi*;  
Pres mid inf,  
“to show, to  
demonstrate, to  
make something  
known, to prove”

Hebrews 6:11, “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of **hope** until the end,”

ἐλπίς *elpís*; confident expectation; oriented to the future realization of God’s plan for history.

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νωθρός *nōthrós*; spiritually lazy, sluggardly,

μιμητής *mimēté s*; to mimic, to imitate,

1 Cor 4:16, “Therefore I exhort you, be **imitators** of me.”

1 Cor 11:1, “Be **imitators** of me, just as I also am of Christ.”

Eph 5:1, “Therefore be **imitators** of God, as beloved children;”



1 Th 1:6, “You also became **imitators** of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,”

1 Th 2:14, “For you, brethren, became **imitators** of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,”

Hebrews 6:12, “that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and **patience** inherit the promises.”

νωθρός *nōthrós*; spiritually lazy, sluggardly,

μακροθυμία *makrothumía*;

“to be longsuffering. Forbearance, long-suffering, self-restraint before proceeding to action.”

**James 5:7, “Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.”**

**James 5:8, “You also be patient [*makrothumia*]. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

**James 5:9, “Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!”**

**James 5:10, “My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.**

**James 5:11, “Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended* by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.”**

**James 5:17, “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.”**

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# What Made Them Different?

1. **Faith.** They had the will, the gumption, the guts to believe God and take up the challenge to walk by faith and not by sight.

**2 Cor 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”**

2. **Since they had a biblical view of reality, their norms and standards, their plans and procedures, their core values were turned upside down by the Word of God. They were willing to totally submit to the plan of God and become servants of God, servants of Christ.**



**Deuteronomy 6:13, “You shall fear the LORD  
your God and serve [*abad*] Him, and shall take  
oaths in His name.”**

**Romans 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service* [λατρεία *latreía*].”**

**Matthew 20:28, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served [διακονέω *diakonéō*], but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

**Matthew 23:11, “But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant [διάκονος *diákonos*].”**

**Luke 16:13, “No servant [οἰκέτης *oikétēs*] can serve [δουλεύω *douleúō*] two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”**