

Romans Series

Lesson #55

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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Skills for Developing Virtue
Romans 5:3–5; 2 Peter 1:3–8



Rom. 5:2, “through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope [confidence] of the glory of God.

Rom. 5:3, “And not only that, but we also rejoice [glory, NJV] in adversities, [because we] knowing that adversity produces endurance;

Rom. 5:4, “and endurance, character; and character, confidence [hope].

Rom. 5:5, “Now hope [confidence in God] does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

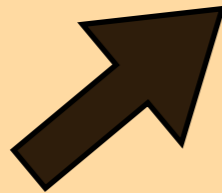
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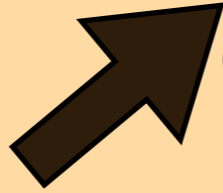
Rom. 5:4, “and endurance, character; and character, confidence [hope].”

Romans
5:3–4

adversity
(thlipsis)



endurance
(hupomone)



tested, approved
character
(dokime)



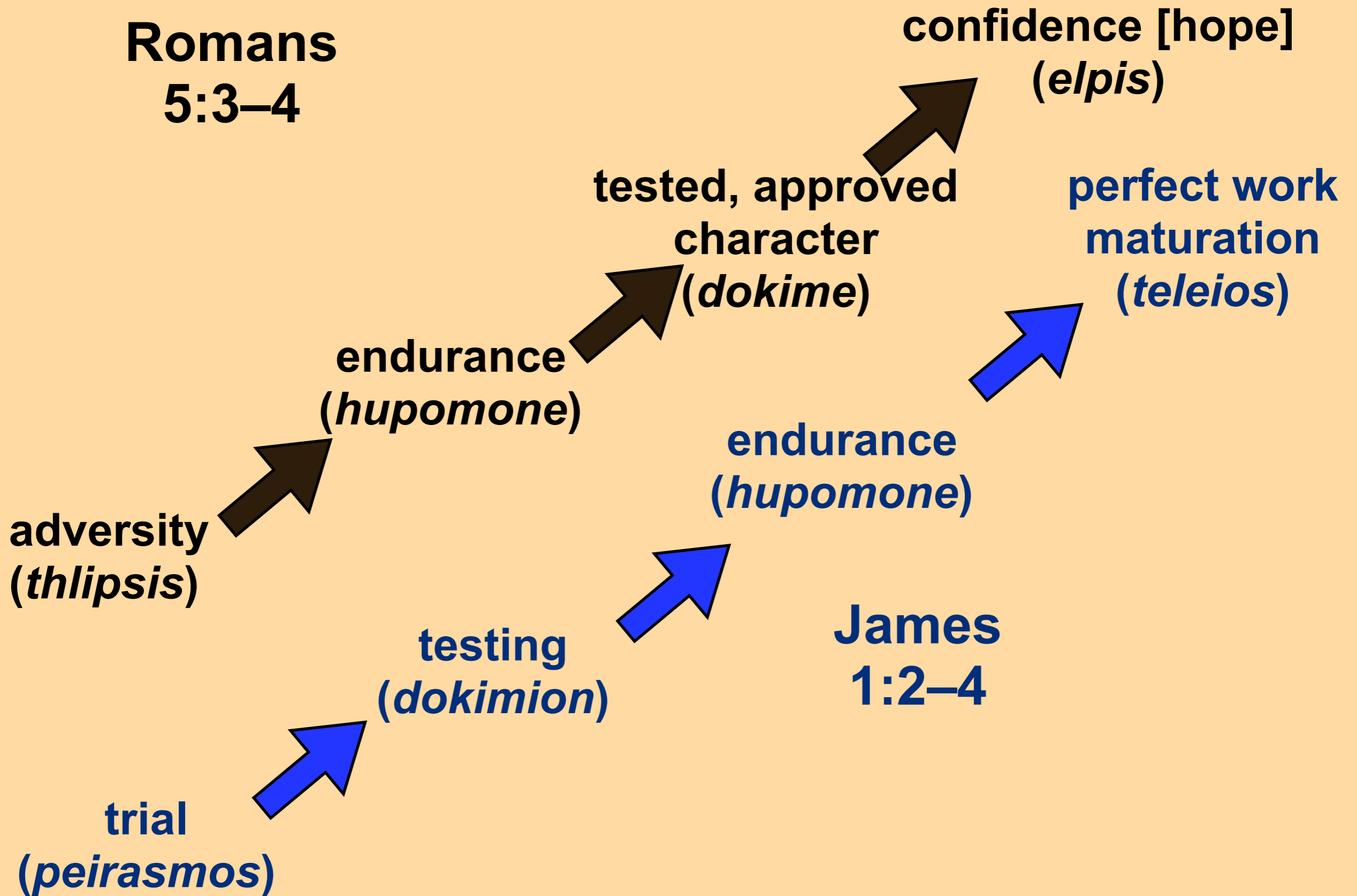
confidence [hope]
(elpis)

James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

James 1:3, “because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance [*hupomone*].

James 1:4, “But let endurance [*hupomone*] have its maturing work, that you may be perfect [mature] and complete, lacking nothing.”

Romans
5:3–4



Virtue (Latin: virtus, Greek: ἀρετή "arete") is moral excellence.

The opposite of virtue is vice.

Virtue in the Greek world is not the same as virtue in Biblical thought.

In Biblical thought, virtue is related to the action of God's righteousness and justice toward His creation.

2 Pet. 1:3, “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

2 Pet. 1:4, “by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

φθορά phthora

gen fem sing

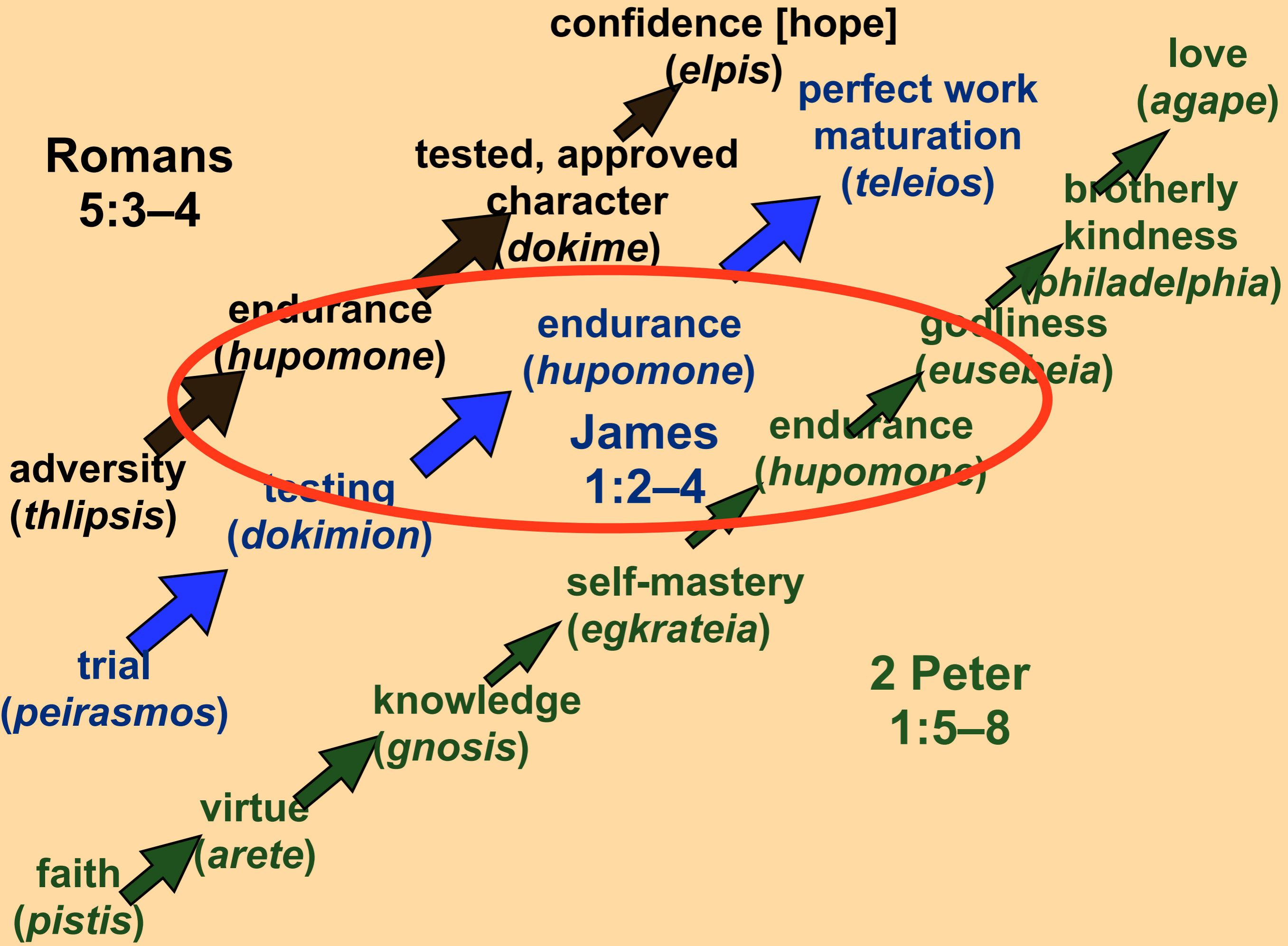
**corruption, decay, something ruined,
spoiled**

2 Pet. 1:5, “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

2 Pet. 1:6, “to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

2 Pet. 1:7, “to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

2 Pet. 1:8, “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



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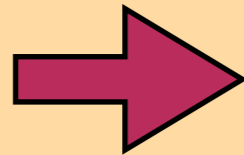
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The Image of God (*imago Dei*)

***Virtue* = the reflection of God's character**

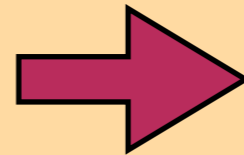
**Mankind
created in
God's
image.**

Gen. 1:26–28



**The
“image” is
defaced
and
corrupted
by the fall.**

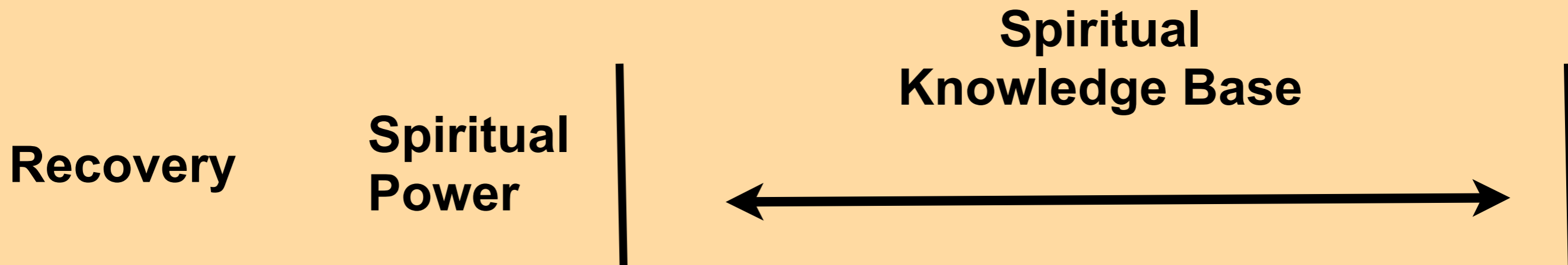
Gen. 3



**The “image” is
being
conformed to
the image of
Christ
through
justification
and
sanctification.**

Rom. 8:28–29

Basic Spiritual Growth: Spiritual Skills for Developing Virtue



Confess, 1 John 1:9
FHS, WHS Eph. 5:18

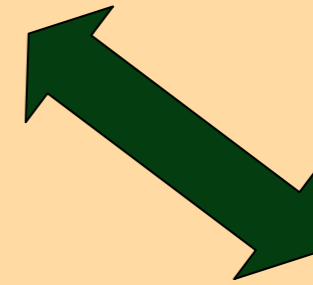
FRD, Pet. 1:3, 4

G/O, 2 Pet. 3:18

D/O, 2 Pet. 3:18

Interplay of Spiritual Knowledge Skills

**G/O,
2 Pet. 3:18
grow in the grace**



**FRD,
2 Pet. 1:3, 4
“by these
promises”**



**D/O ,
2 Pet. 3:18
grow in the
knowledge**

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Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

1 Pet. 1:14, “as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance”

2 Pet. 1:5, “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,”

**2 Tim. 3:1, “But know this, that in the last days
perilous times will come:**

**2 Tim. 3:2, “For men will be lovers of
themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy,**

**2 Tim. 3:3, “unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,
without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,”**