

If you aren't invited by a person to DO something to help them grow, you don't need to hold any opinion about them other than God's opinion: ascribe to them unsurpassable worth (love) as a person for whom Christ died.

Titus 3:2 ...speak evil of *no one*

James 4:11-12 Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another speaks evil against and judges the law...There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

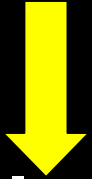
Eph. 5:2 ...*live in love*, as Christ loved us

Col. 3:14 *Above all*, clothe yourselves with love,

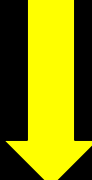
1Pet. 4:8 *Above all*, maintain constant love...for love covers (conceals, overlooks) a multitude of sins.

In Christ

Truth



Fullness of Life



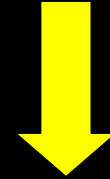
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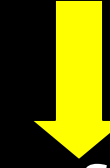
Openness

In Flesh

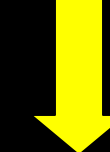
Lie



Emptiness



Performing

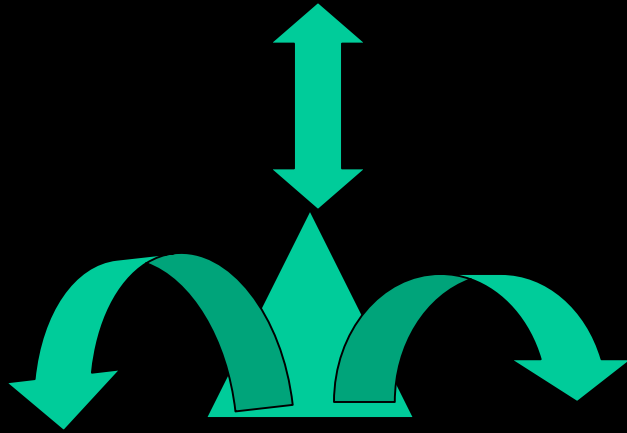


Hiding

Gen. 3:7-8. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

God's Design

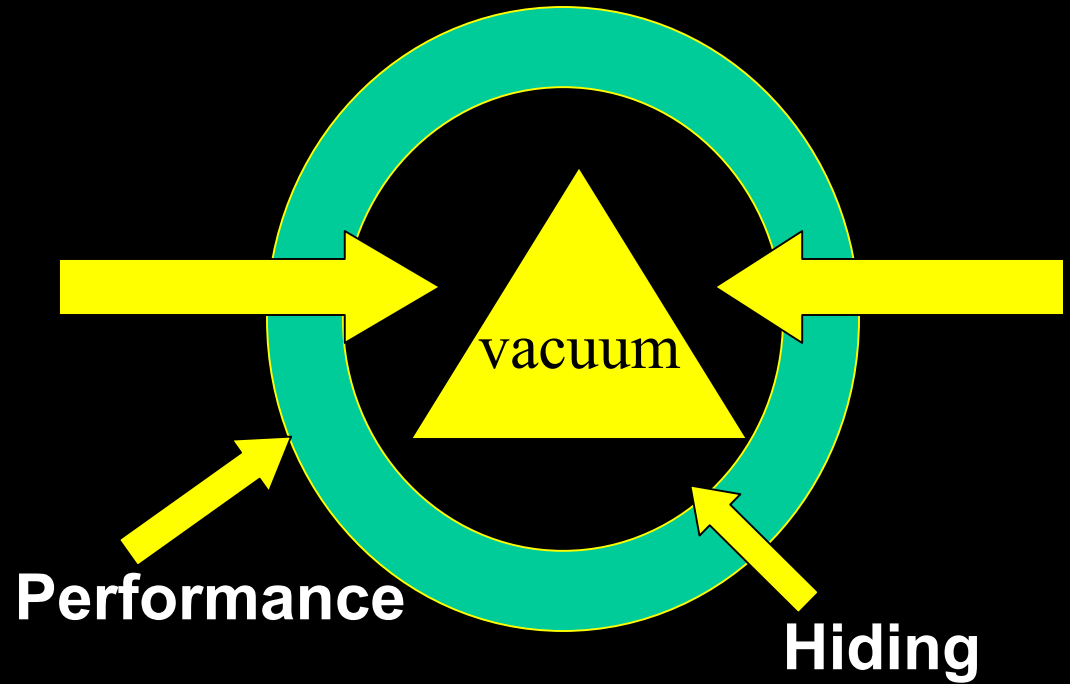
The open, full self



Walking in the light
I Jn 4:6

Satan's Design

The enclosed, empty self



Walking in darkness
I Jn 1:6

Eph. 4:26-27 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil

- 1. Get Life From Christ**
- 2. Be Outrageously Loving and Real**
- 3. Grow in an “Incarnational”
community**
- 4. Dare to “Come out of hiding” in all
areas of your life**