
E. DEEPENING YOUR WALK WITH GOD/ INTIMACY WITH GOD

E.9: I know God and allow Him to transform me [Philippians 3:10]

People claim to know God, but it does not change their actions. HOW CAN KNOWING GOD CHANGE ME?

James 1:22, “Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.”

A STORY

Coaching the triangle of daily actions from concept of God

A number of years ago, someone shared an illustration that helped me see why my concept of God was so important to my daily actions. I learned that understanding God does not stop with just a concept. It moves to my being able to discern and “see” what is unseen. I was shown this illustration that is like a triangle divided into three parts. At the foundation of the triangle you will see the words “Concept of God,” in the middle you will see the words, “Basic Beliefs,” and at the top of the triangle like an iceberg, you will see what is visible in what we would call, “Outward Actions.” I learned that In the coaching session, you can draw out the diagram or describe it over the phone so the coachee can draw it out. I learned that I could also send him or her a prepared document with the picture. I will show you how I worked on this.

DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE

List some of the qualities of God that come to your mind. Try to put a Scripture by some of these.

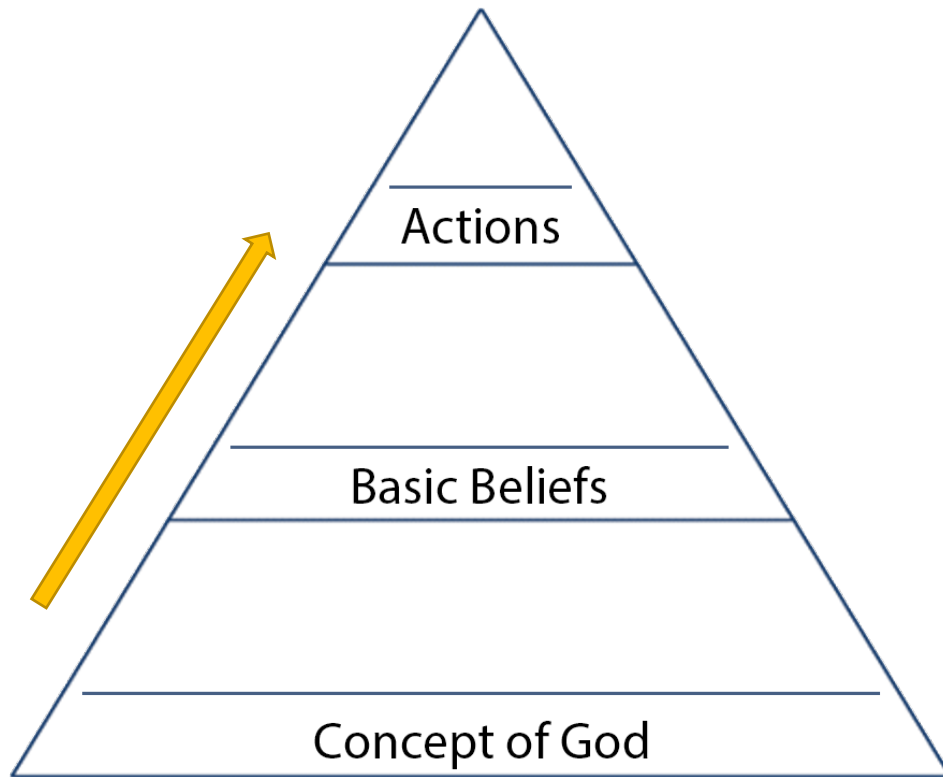
Infinity	Eternity	Sovereignty	Omnipresence
Omniscience	Omnipotence	Judgement	Grace
Mercy	Kindness	Goodness	Provider
Loving	Giving	Joy	Peace
Righteous	Triune		

Example: Joy - Nehemiah 8:10 *“The joy of the Lord is my strength.”*

This list is not exhaustive, but it will get us started. From here you can discuss a particular behavior or one with which the coachee struggles. Here is an example of the steps: #1 Identify the qualities of God that you want to look at. Enter them in the bottom of the pyramid space. (For example, God’s omnipresence. Matthew 28:20.... I will be with you always to the end of the age.) From there move to the next level up of the pyramid and record how this concept of God shapes your basic beliefs. Next move to the top of the pyramid and record what will be your outward action steps.

Hierarchy: The Pyramid

Title: _____



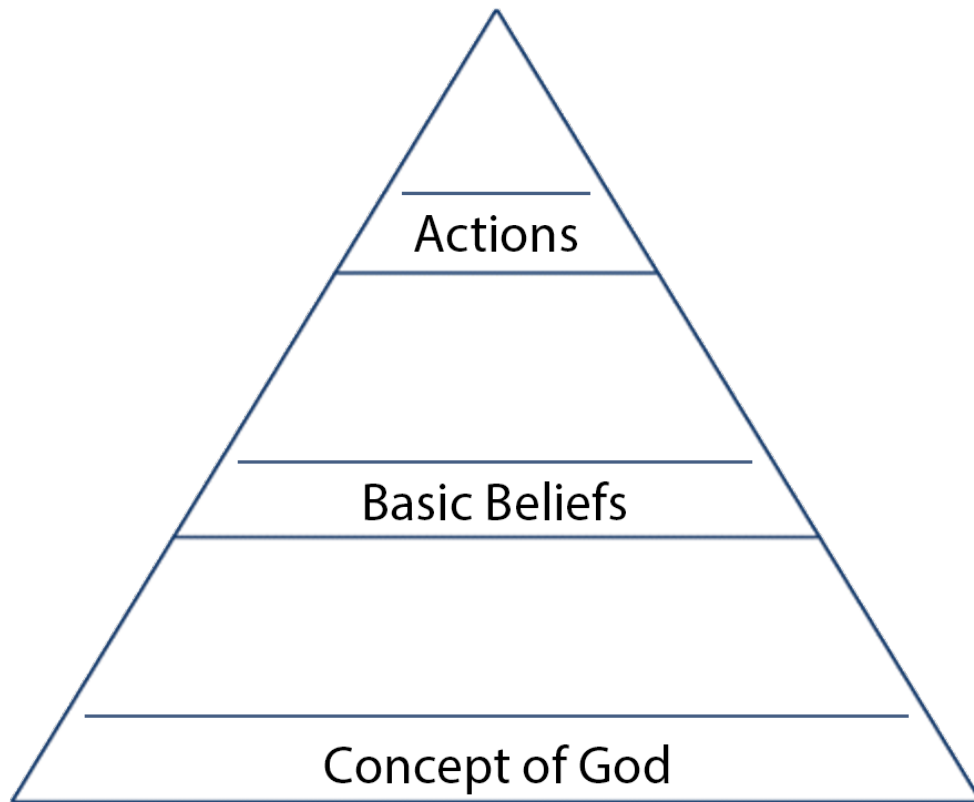
Base: God's omnipresence (Concept of God)

Mid: Write in the next space your basic beliefs

Top: Define your resulting behavior / actions

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DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY

1. What is one area of your life that you are struggling with?

2. Tell me some history about this issue.

3. How does encountering God and seeing His work in your life affect this area of life?

4. Let's look at the list of God's characters and determine which areas may relate to your issues?
Let's explore God's Joy Neh. 8:10

5. Let's study the verses in relationship to that character. Place Joy of the Lord in Concept of God

6. What basic beliefs form in your life as a result of knowing God 's Joy in this way?

APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

7. How can these beliefs change your outward actions?

8. What would be the motivation to change if you based your decision on your growing knowledge of the character of God and how he wants to transform your life into the image of His son?

9. What are some character qualities of God will you study in the days ahead?

10. When will you get started?

DIGGING IN DEEPER

1. What is the most important part of this lesson to you? Explain.

2. How do you see applying aspects of this lesson to your life?

3. When do you feel would be the best time to make that application?

4. What do you hear the Lord speaking to you about this right now?

SIMILAR VERSES IN THE BIBLE
