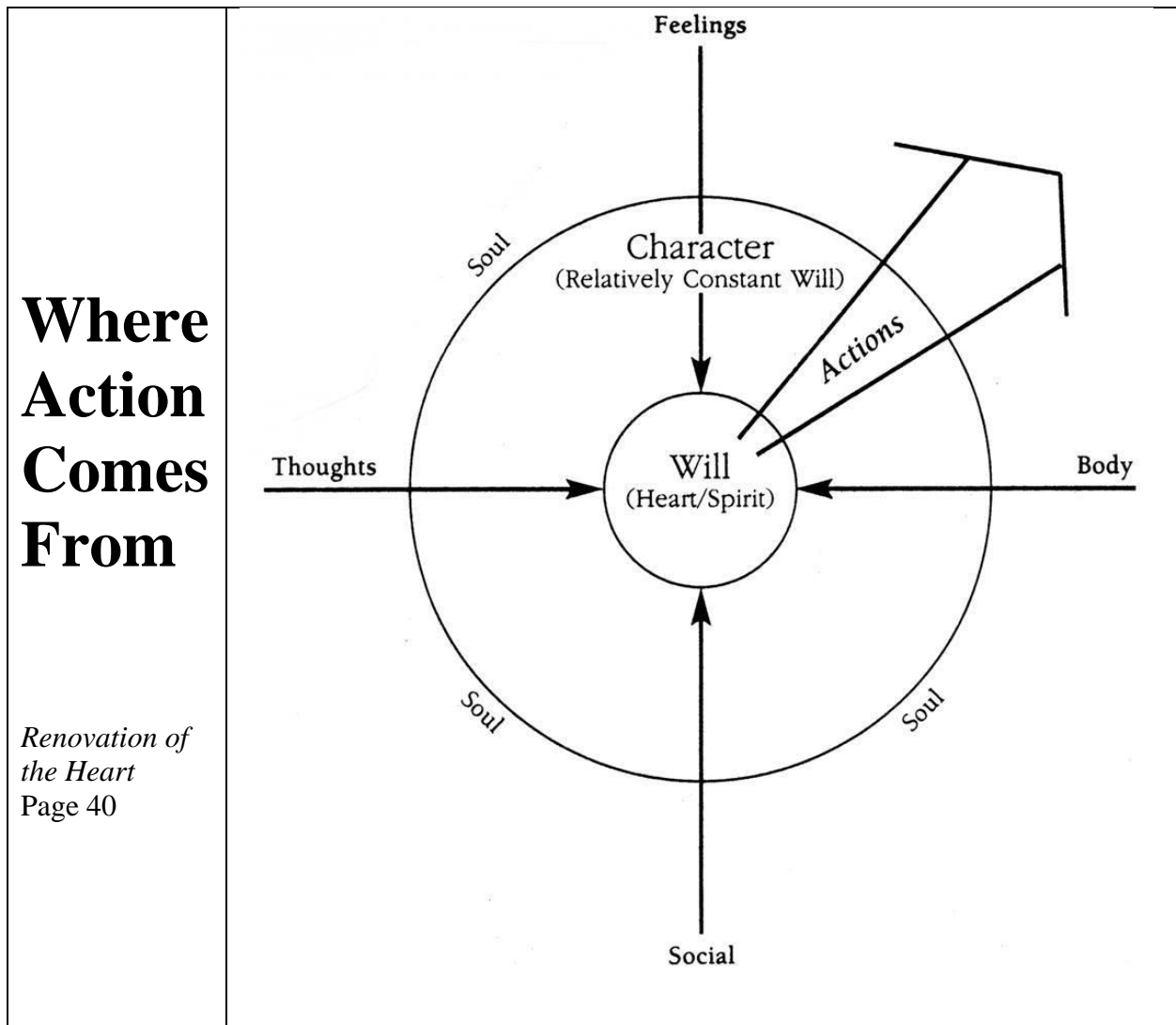


**Realism about Character Transformation:
'Spiritual Formation' and the 'VIM' Structure: Vision/Intention/Means**

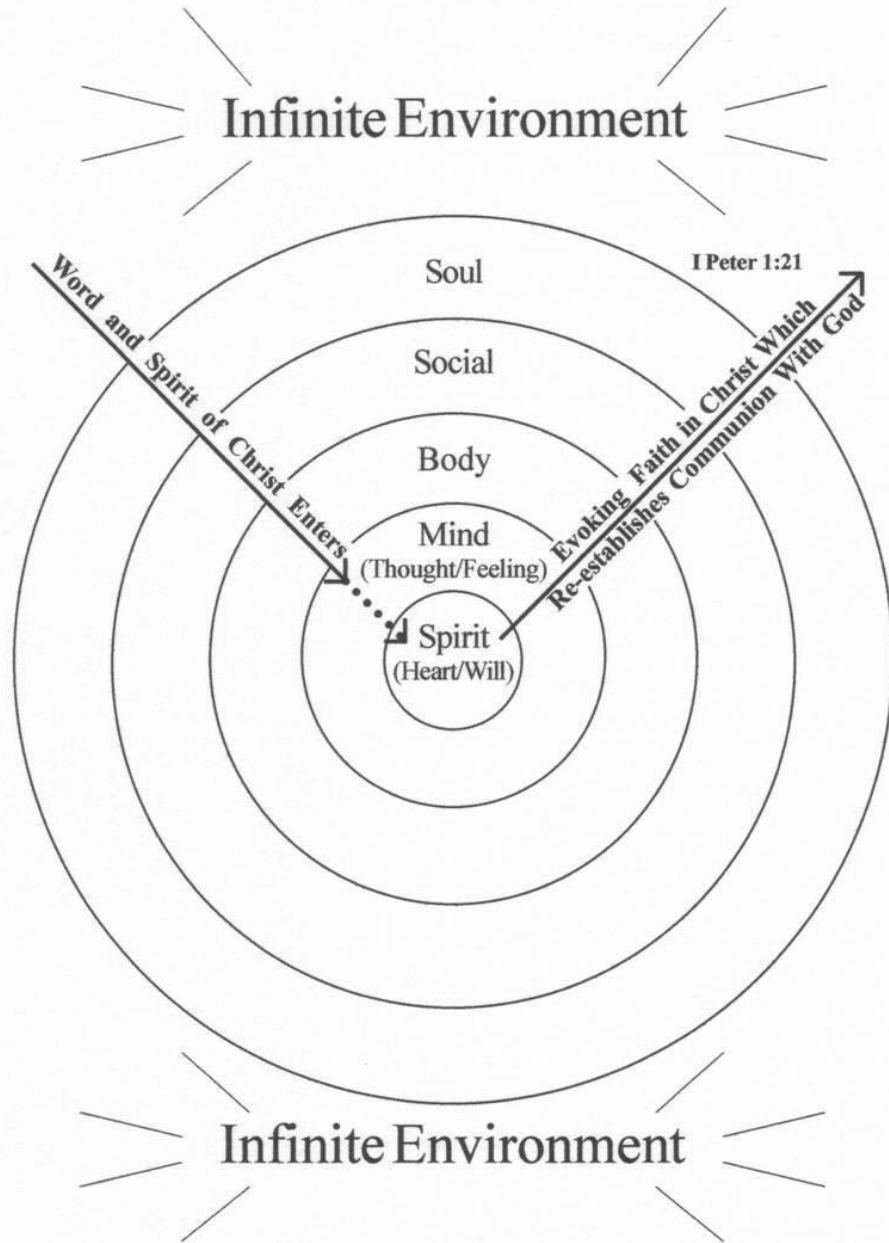
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Character building in Christ is the process of taking all of these aspects and devoting them to God.

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” —Matthew 22:37

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What Grace Is

*Grace is God acting in our lives,
to accomplish what we can't accomplish on our own.*

Of course, it is unmerited favor.
But it is not just for guilt, it is for life.
II Cor. 9:8; Rom. 5:17; Heb. 4:16

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The 'VIM' Principle (52:00)

- Vision
- Intention
- Means

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*A Discipline is an activity in my power which enables me
to accomplish what I cannot do by direct effort.*

Still required in areas of grace.

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Belief/Faith: (1:15:00)

If you believe something, you are prepared to act, in appropriate circumstances, as though it is real (true). You cannot choose to believe. It is important to know the things that are believed. If you have knowledge, faith is a virtue. If you don't have knowledge, faith is not a virtue.