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Every Sunday in December at 10am!

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Usage: In the New Testament, "teleios" is used to describe something that has reached its end or purpose, signifying completeness or maturity. It often refers to spiritual maturity or moral perfection, indicating a state of being fully developed in character and faith.

Cultural and Historical Background: In the Greco-Roman world, the concept of "teleios" was associated with achieving one's purpose or reaching a state of maturity.

Philosophers like Aristotle used the term to describe the ultimate goal or end of a process. In the Jewish context, the idea of perfection was linked to living in accordance with God's laws and achieving spiritual maturity.

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Greek: doulos

Definition: a slave, bondman, man of servile condition;

one who gives himself up wholly to another's will,

**---those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His
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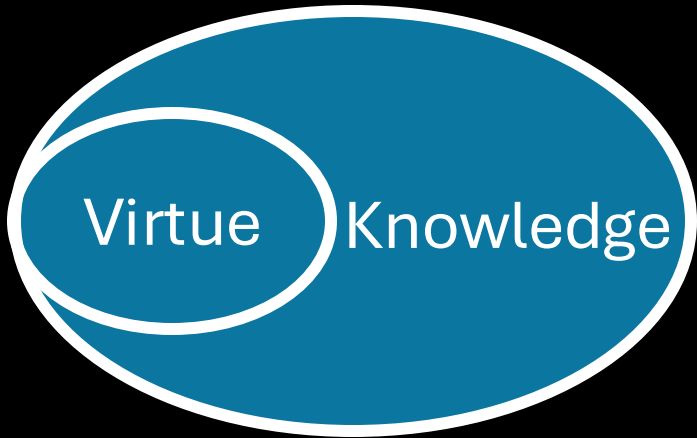
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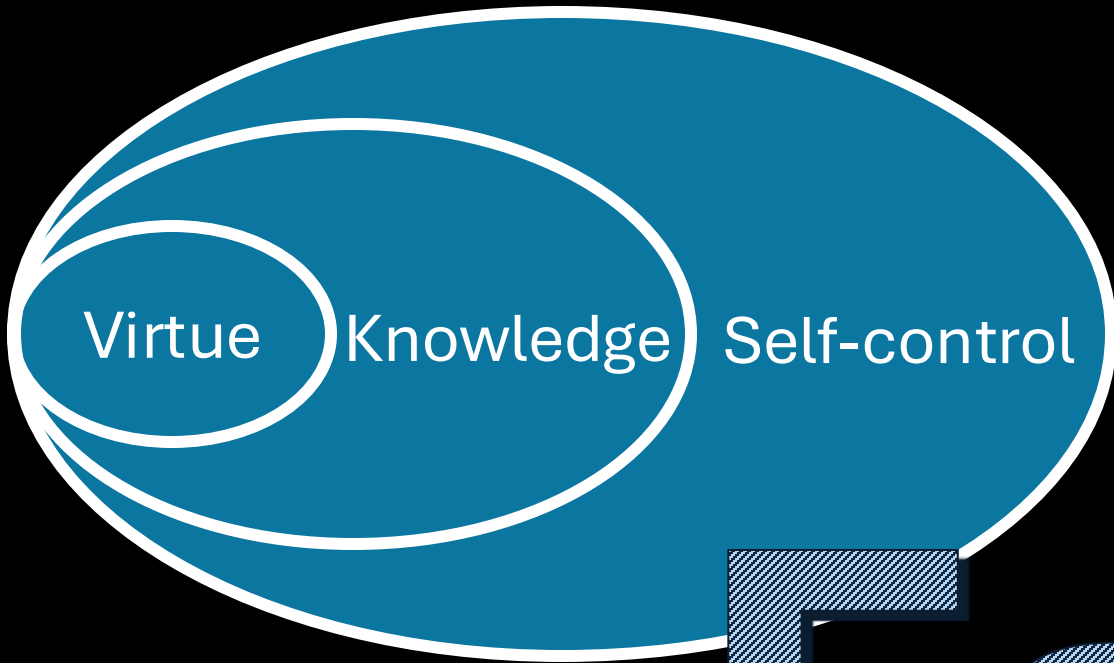
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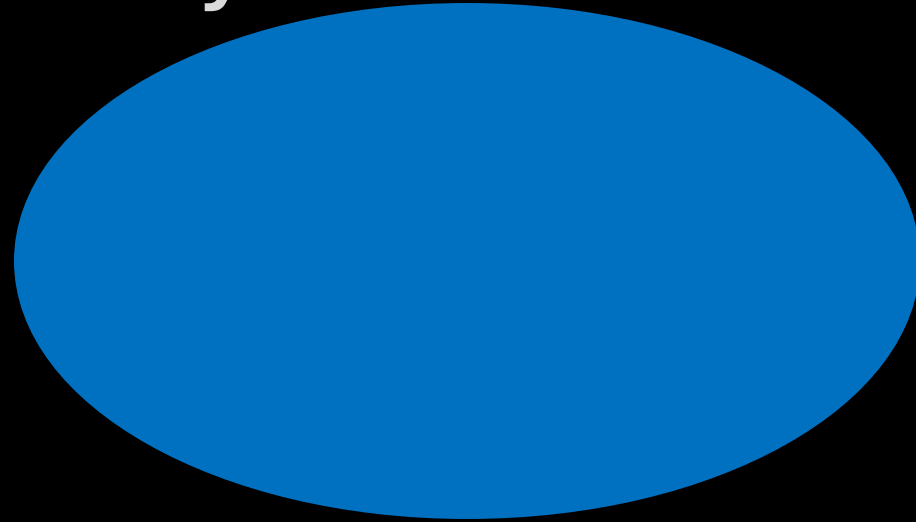
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