Do Your Best

I. What Is NT Motto?

Seek first!

Mt.6:31-33

- Gentiles seek material things
  - "But Christians have them too"

Christians use, not misuse; God is first
(Mt.6:11; 4:17)
(1 Co.7:31)
Not focused on comfort,
money, status…

Every thought captive!

Mt.6:31-33

2 Co.10:5, even all our thoughts

Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life

– Pr.4:23.

Redeem the time!

Mt.6:31-33

2 Co.10:5

Ep.5:16-17

"Buy out of"
Someone owns an opportunity…
We exchange pleasure, rest…
to get it

1. Plan, Ro.1:13

2. Purpose, 1 Tim.5:13

3. Power, 1 Co.9:27

How to live!

Mt.6:31-33

2 Co.10:5

Ep.5:16-17

1 Tim.3:15

Act, behave, live.
Ep.2:3

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Mt.5:3-12 ▪ Ph.4:4, 6-7

Becau[illegible] our best. . .

1. De[illegible] 24:24
2. Da[illegible]n. Ac.6:3
3. Distre[illegible] of mind.

Destroys:
WORRY
FEAR
INGRATITUDE

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Mt.25:14-30

Rv.3:15-17

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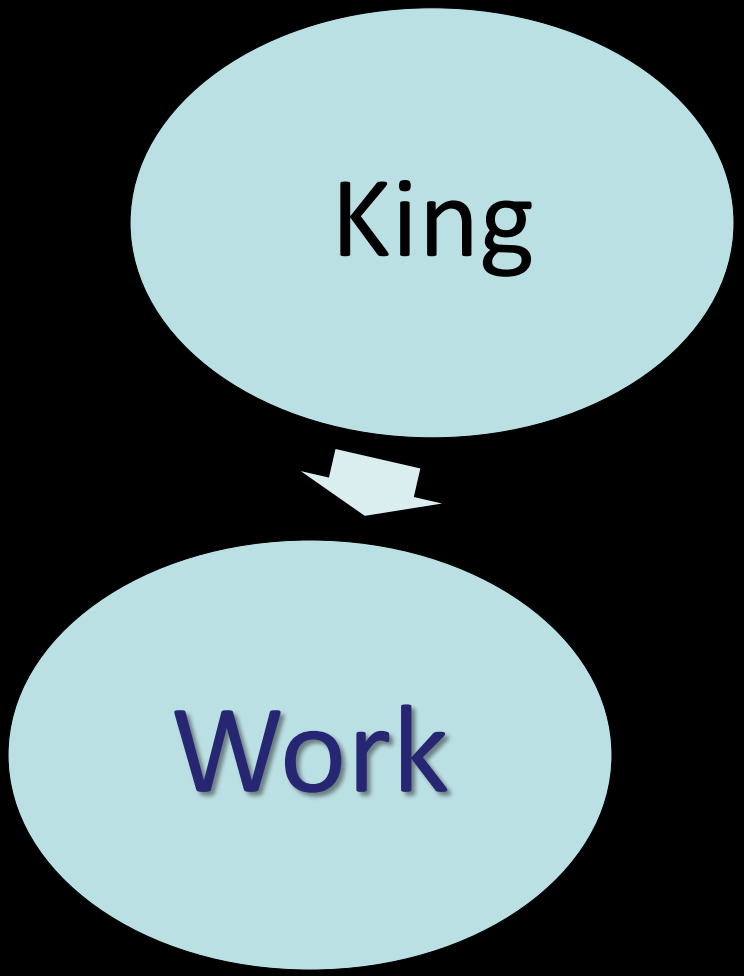
III. How To Do Our Best?

King

Be best citizen you can be

- 1 Pt.2:13-17
- Our reputation on the line (4:15-16)
  - Shame is associated with crime
  - If Christian is involved, shame falls also on Christ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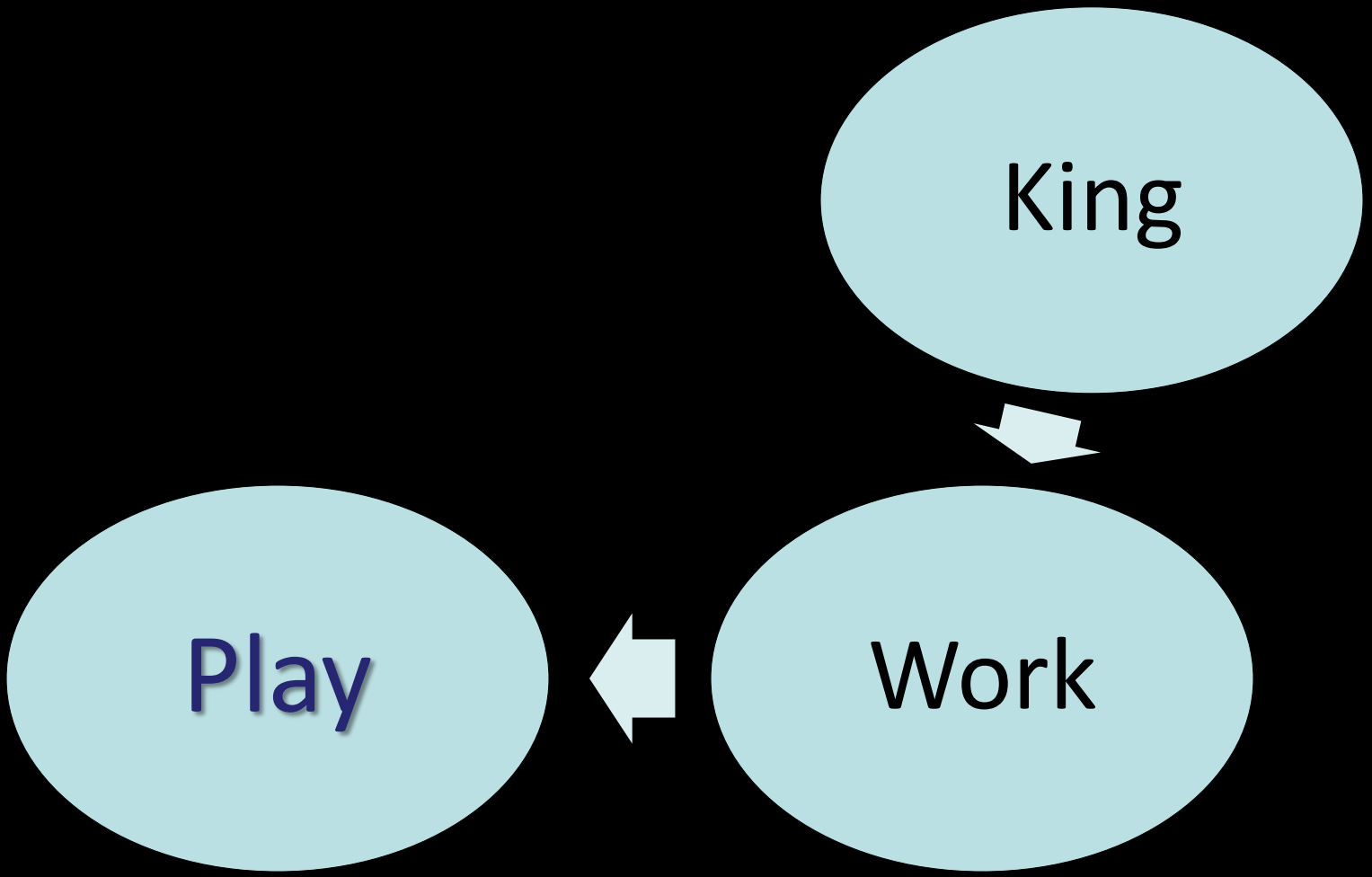
Work

Be best employee you can be

- Ep.6:5-9
  - Fear and trembling: because it is "as unto Christ" (cf. Ph.2:12)
  - Sincerity: singleness of purpose or motivation
  - Gn.39-40, Joseph

Could have become cynical, rebellious, malicious in his circumstances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Play

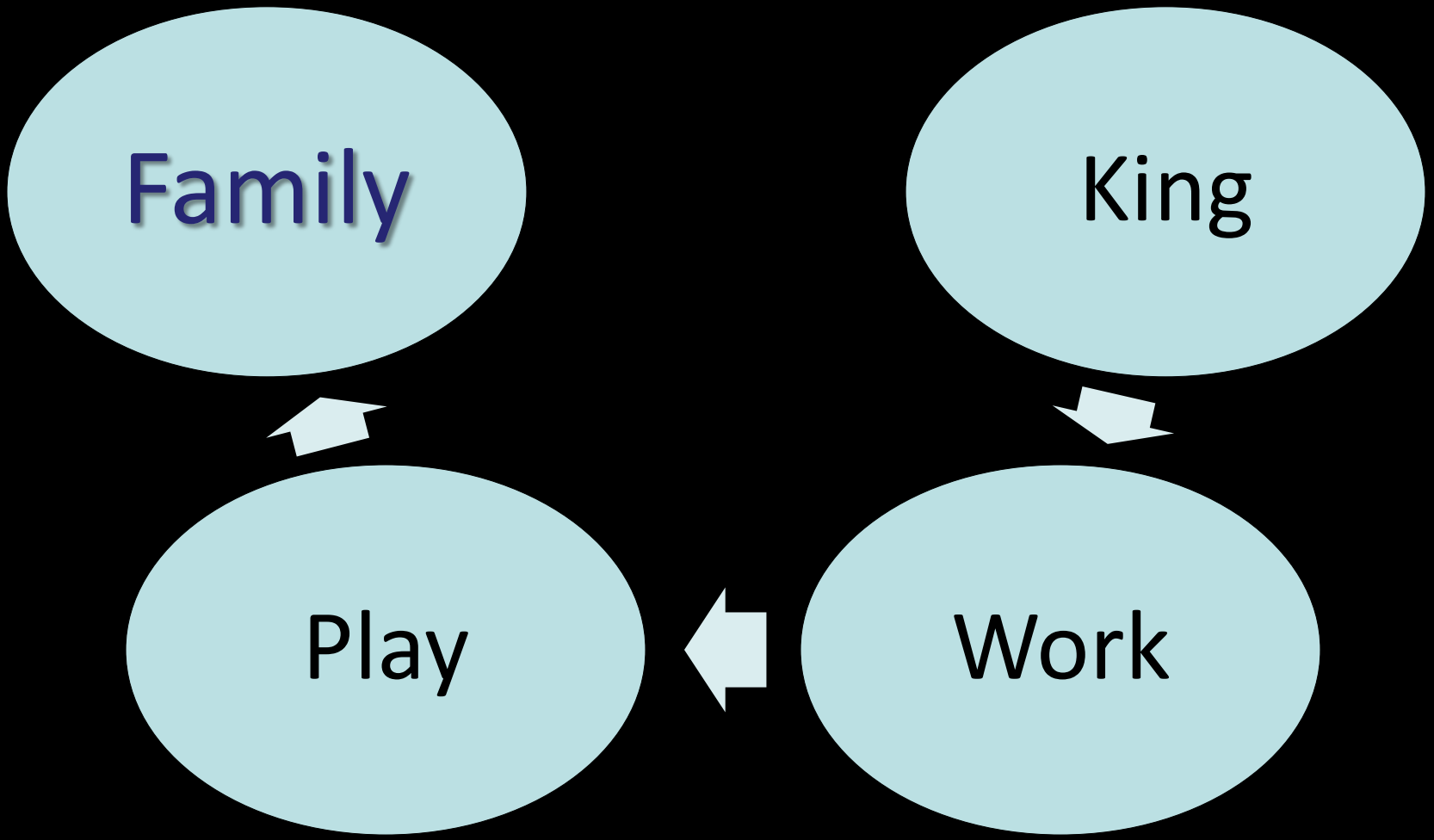
Do not leave God out of leisure

- 1 Tim.6:17, to enjoy

Faith: in God, not Mammon

Foundation: good works, not riches

Funds: in heaven, not on earth


Family
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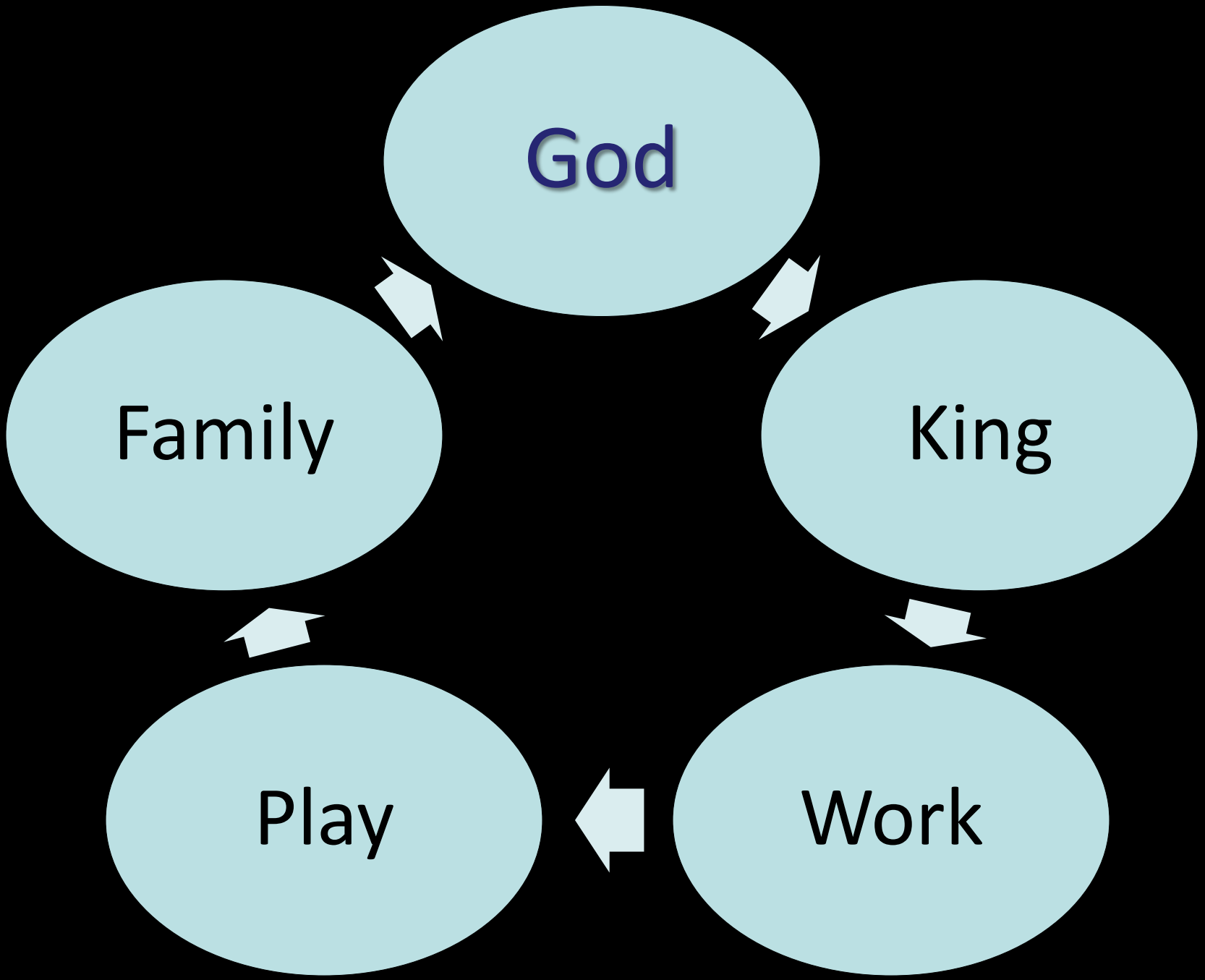
‘Prays together, stays together’

- Col.3:18-21
  - Wives: submit, as fitting in Lord
  - Husband: love, not bitterness – 1 Pt.3:7
  - Children: obey…pleasing to Lord
  - Fathers: do not cause resentment, make them bitter

Never able to please father	Gossiping mother	Unfair comparisons


God
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Family

Giver of every good, perfect gift

- Ro.12:1-2
- In practical terms, we need:
  - Drive: remember His mercies
  - Direction: receive His word
  - Devotion: relish His will
  - Denial: reject call of the wild