

NAVIGATING PRAYER:

Understanding the way
you engage the Lord
and engage the world.

Matthew 6:5-24

Heaven-minded

Quadrant #1
Pharisees, Religious

Quadrant #2
Sons & Daughters, Kings & Priests

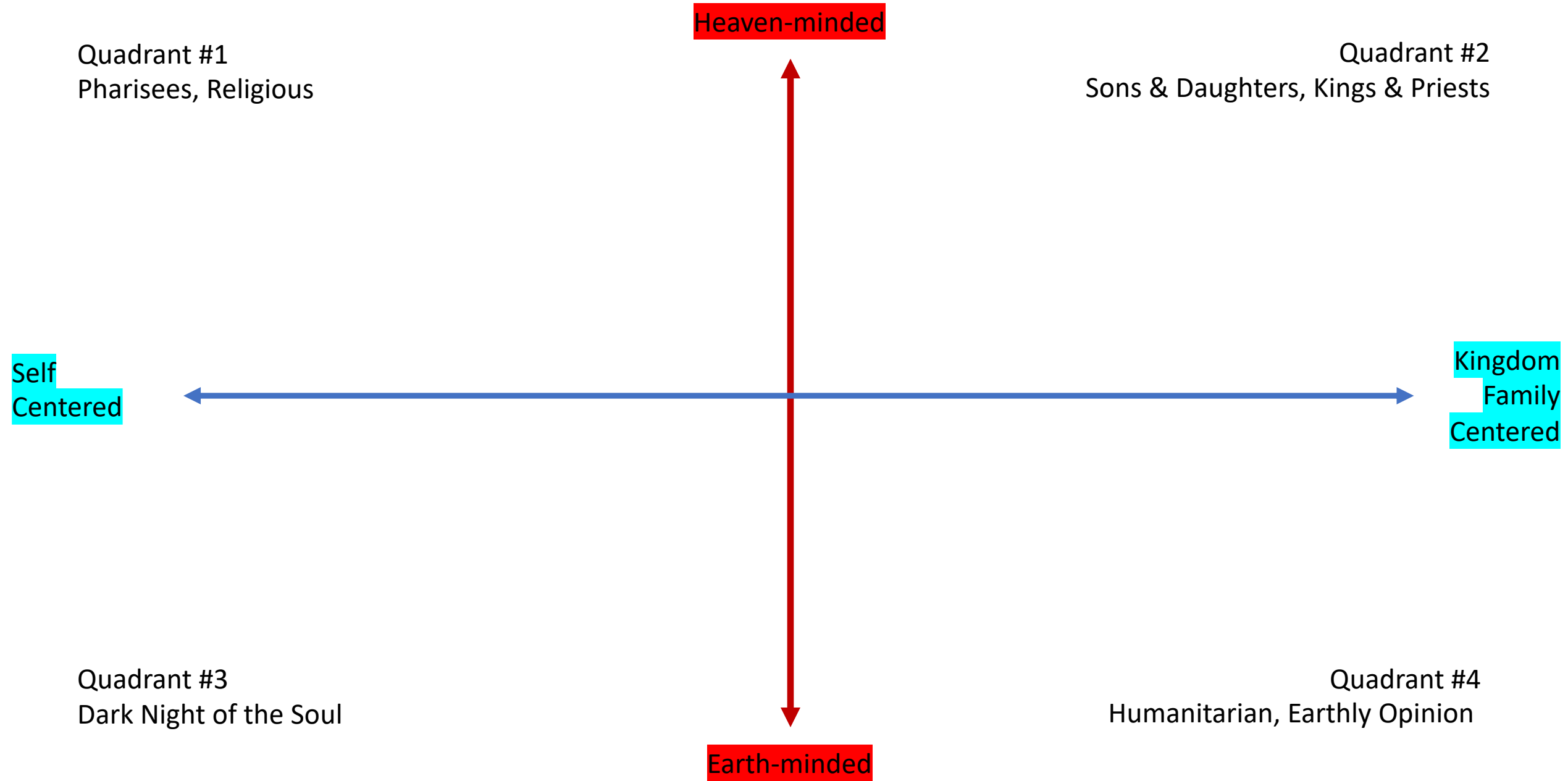
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Quadrant #3
Dark Night of the Soul

Quadrant #4
Humanitarian, Earthly Opinion

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- Religious: "law is more important than love"
- Inauthentic: "check-in-the-box" way of prayer and obedience
- "Pharisaical": self-righteous
- Seeking to "appear holy"
- Prayer w/ no action
- Sees issues but not looking for solutions
- "I pray this person feel your wrath"

- Prayer prioritizes God's Fatherhood & worship
- Submits to God's Kingdom, order, & will
- Sees God has given everything needed here & now
- Ministry of reconciliation: confession, repentance, forgiveness toward others
- Prayer leading to action
- Spirit-led
- Catalyst for kingdom-change

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- Prayer is self-deprecating
- David's "dark night of the soul"
- Fear driven
- No knowledge of where to go
- No purpose and no will

- People driven but not purpose driven
- Prayer seeks approval of man's opinion
- "I pray this person will change"
- Action and service with no guidance by the Spirit
- Solutions but no power
- Prays for people, but prioritizes tradition and formula

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Confession & Repentance:

Leads you to true humility and forgiveness.

Reference: Matt. 6:12, Luke 19: 1-10, James 5:16

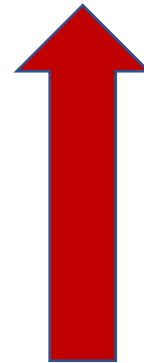
Question:

- Is there any unforgiveness or pride that is affecting your prayer life or withholding your love for others?
- What do you need to confess and repent to be led in the Spirit in prayer and action to those around you?

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Knowledge & Attention:

What you spend time learning and paying attention to will become what you worship.

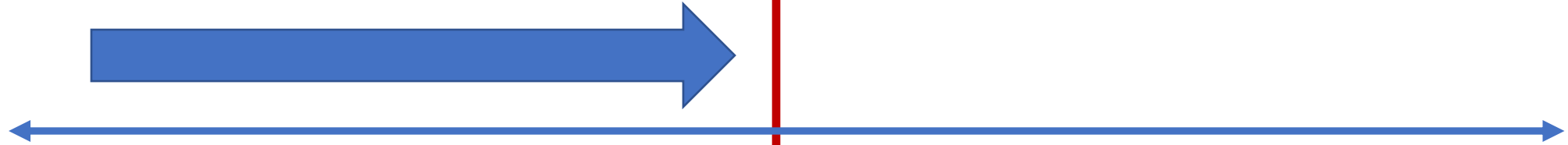
Reference: Romans 8:5-6, Matt. 6:19-24

Question:

- What sources do you gravitate to?
- What earthly things do you need to let go of in order to more effectively pray and reach the people around you?
- What are some practical things you can do to be more heaven-minded?

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This is the place where our humanness can be met by grace. It's ugly to recognize what you need to confess & repent, and what you need to turn your knowledge & attention to. What do you know about grace?

Reference: Romans 3:23-25, Romans 5:18-21

GRACE

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Grace is what will sustain you, and grace is what will get you to the other side.

Question:

Define grace. How should it affect you and the way you see yourself? How should it affect the way you see and interact with others?

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