

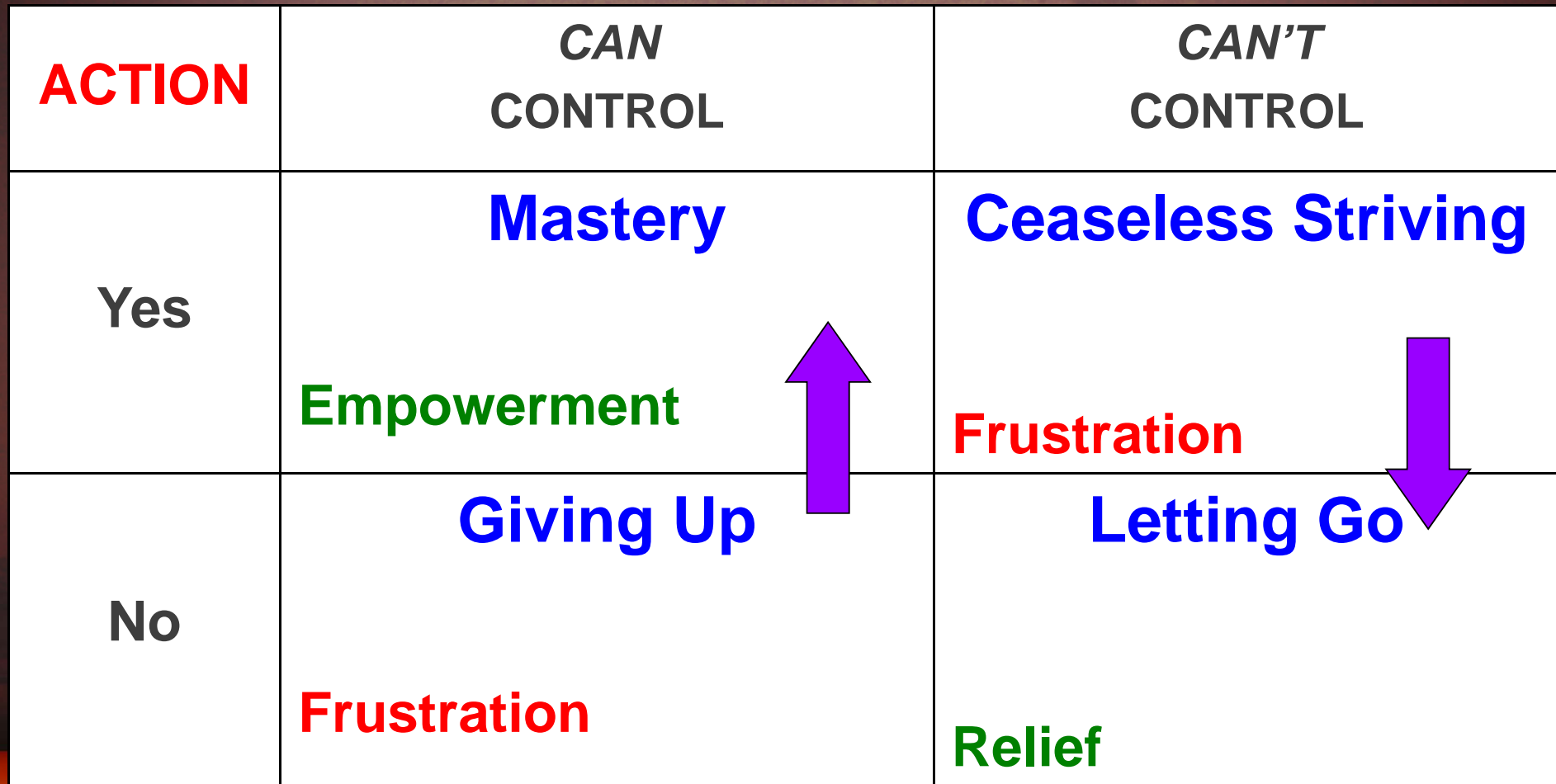


Sermon

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The empowerment grid

ACTION	<i>CAN</i> CONTROL	<i>CAN'T</i> CONTROL
Yes	Mastery Empowerment	Ceaseless Striving Frustration
No	Giving Up Frustration	Letting Go Relief



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ACTION	CAN CONTROL	CAN'T CONTROL
Yes	<p>Mastery – living by the law</p> <p>Salvation by works</p>	<p>Ceaseless Striving</p> <p>Salvation by works Human pride</p>
No	<p>Giving Up</p> <p>Christ has saved me and there is nothing I can do but to live my life</p>	<p>Letting Go</p> <p>Relief – I can't add to my salvation. Justification by faith. A life of sanctification lived with the Holy Spirit</p>

The purpose of the law

- 1. The law reveals God's character. It reveals his holiness.**
- 2. The law gives visibility to sin. One may violate or trespass the law without knowing it. The law exposes our sin and leads us to Christ. The law doesn't just give visibility to sin, it gives rise to more sin.**

The purpose of the law

- 3. The civil purpose of the law is to provide a foundation for society.**
- 4. The moral / normative law establishes how I am to live as a Christian. This is how I love God, by repentantly and sincerely seeking to live my life by the power of God's Spirit in obedience to Christ.**

The promise vs. the law

The promise to Abraham – One way promise made by God to Abraham. God's graciousness at work.

The Mosaic law was a covenant between God and his people which required the two parties to each keep their part with consequences for failure.

The promise vs. the law

Abraham's promise – God said “I will do...”

Moses' law – God said “You will do ... and you will not do... or else...”

The gospel exists because the law exposes us in our sin and makes our need for redemption all the more evident.

Justification by faith alone

The law makes us aware of our sinfulness and holds us in our sin. The law was not accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit enabling people to obey God.

Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah and 'seed' of Abraham, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham.

Justification by faith alone

Jesus is the promise, he is the one God and he is the mediator of the new covenant which is what the book Hebrews is all about.

The only way we can be justified/ made right is not by works, but by faith in God's promise.

Hebrews 9:15

15 “For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance – now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 26-28

²⁶ Christ appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once and after that to face judgement, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.”