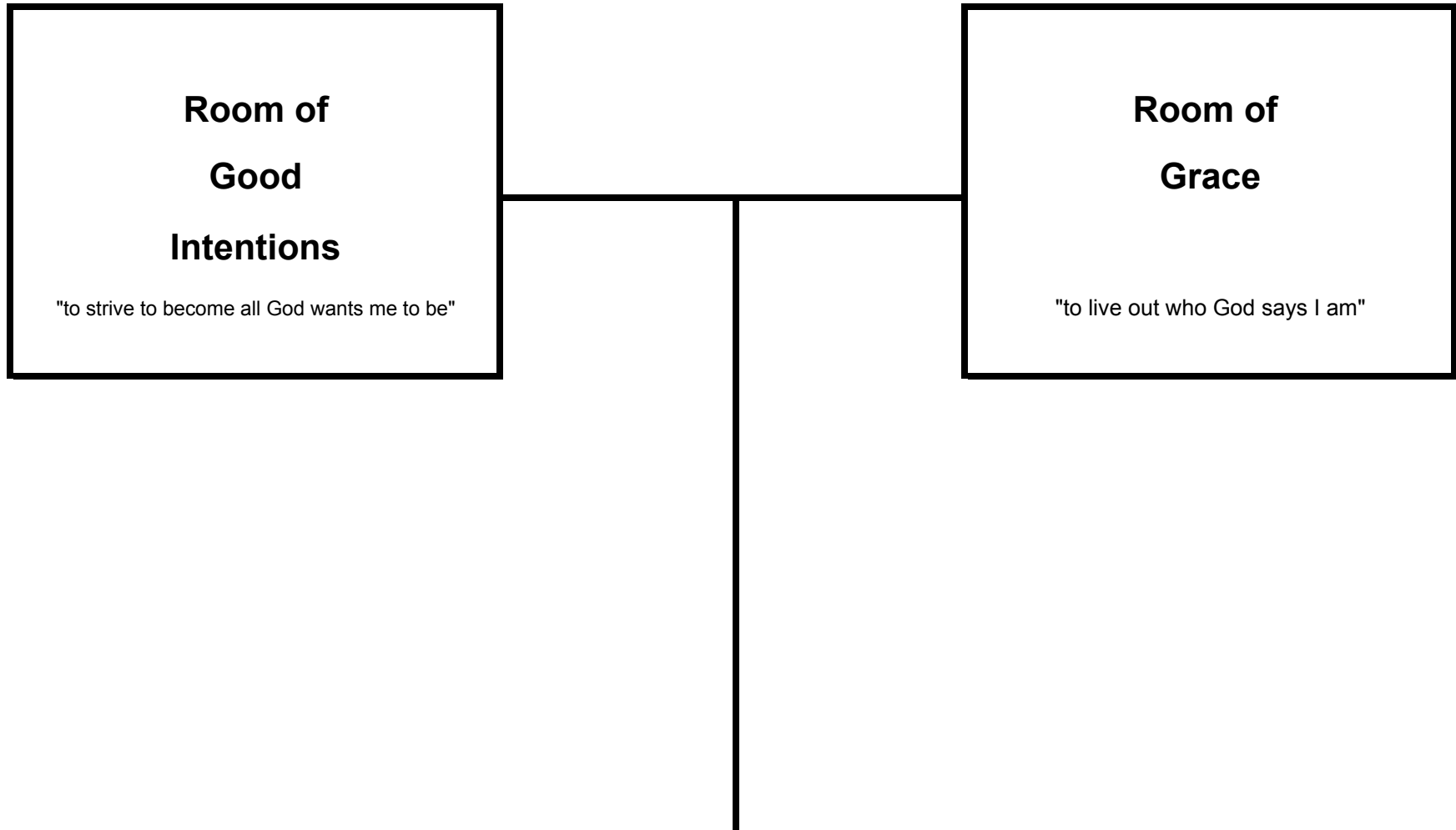


The Path Toward Either Good Intentions or Grace



Room Comparison

Pleasing God	Trusting God
<p>Room of Good Intentions</p> <p>Attempt to Live for God</p> <p>Idea of Striving for Him</p> <p>Wearing Masks is Necessary</p> <p>I Rest in My Hiddenness</p> <p>Performance Based</p> <p>Independent of Others</p> <p>Sinner Saved by Grace</p> <p>Sin Separates Me from God</p> <p>"I Must Change"</p> <p>Strive to Sin Less - Sin More</p> <p>Leads to Discouragement & Failure</p> <p>Striving Stifles Maturity</p> <p>In Slavery to Effort</p> <p>Self-Protectionism</p> <p>Dependent Upon Human Effort</p> <p>Spiritual Stagnation</p> <p>Human Dreams</p> <p>Image Triumphs Truth</p>	<p>Room of Grace</p> <p>Learn to Live with God</p> <p>Idea of Resting in Him</p> <p>Authenticity is Necessary</p> <p>I Rest in God's Grace</p> <p>Relational Based</p> <p>Dependence upon Others</p> <p>Saint Who Sins</p> <p>God & I Work on My Sin Together</p> <p>God has Already Changed Me</p> <p>Strive to Trust More - More Trust Happens</p> <p>Leads to Pleasing God</p> <p>Trust Develops Character</p> <p>Spiritual Freedom</p> <p>Healing</p> <p>Live in God's Power</p> <p>Spiritual Growth</p> <p>More than We can Think or Imagine</p> <p>Truth Lived Out in Grace</p>

A Description of the Room of Good Intentions

- 1. People are focused on superficiality and self-protection.**
- 2. In order to accomplish self-protection, people build walls and wear masks.**
- 3. Here are some of the masks that are worn in this room:**
 - A. “I’m great, and you?” mask**
 - B. “I don’t care” mask**
 - C. “I am self-sufficient” mask**
 - D. “I am very important” mask**
 - E. “I don’t need your love” mask**
 - F. “There is nothing wrong with me” mask**
 - G. “I am a victim” mask**
 - H. “I am the expert” mask**
 - I. “I’m not interested in your problems” mask**
 - J. “I’m not going to let you get to know me” mask**
 - K. “I have no needs” mask**
- 4. The main theme is “to strive to become all God wants me to be.”**
- 5. Entrance into this room is based on effort**
- 6. Relationships with God are based on human righteousness not God’s**
- 7. Residents to this room usually fight discouragement, loneliness, & pride**
- 8. The general attitude is “I need to fix my sin in order to be intimate with God”**
- 9. Focusing on sin normally increases it instead of reducing it**
- 10. “Disconnectedness” and “hiddenness” eventually leads to boredom and giving up**
- 11. Weariness never goes away because of self-dependent thinking**
- 12. My pursuit of self-righteousness dumps me into the rut of busyness**
- 13. In this room, people grow religiously but not spiritually**
- 14. No dreaming here of what God can do, just what I can do**

A Description of the Room of Grace

1. People experience the gifts of grace which are love, repentance, and forgiveness
2. People practice authenticity here by tearing down walls and removing masks
3. The main theme is “to live out who God says I am”.
4. Entrance into this room is based on humility
5. A relationships with God is based on God’s righteousness
6. Relationships with others are based on grace
7. The general attitude is “God and I need to work on my sin together”
8. Focusing on trusting God normally increases my trust of Him
9. People in this room feel loved, appreciated, and accepted
10. People in this room change through God’s resources
11. By purposing to trust God, we actually please Him
12. Spiritual disciplines happen here out of a love, not duty, for God
13. The environment in this room provides people a safe place to fail
14. The needy Christian begins to heal
15. The healing Christian begins to mature
16. The maturing Christian is release to receive God’s dreams for him/her to minister in His Kingdom