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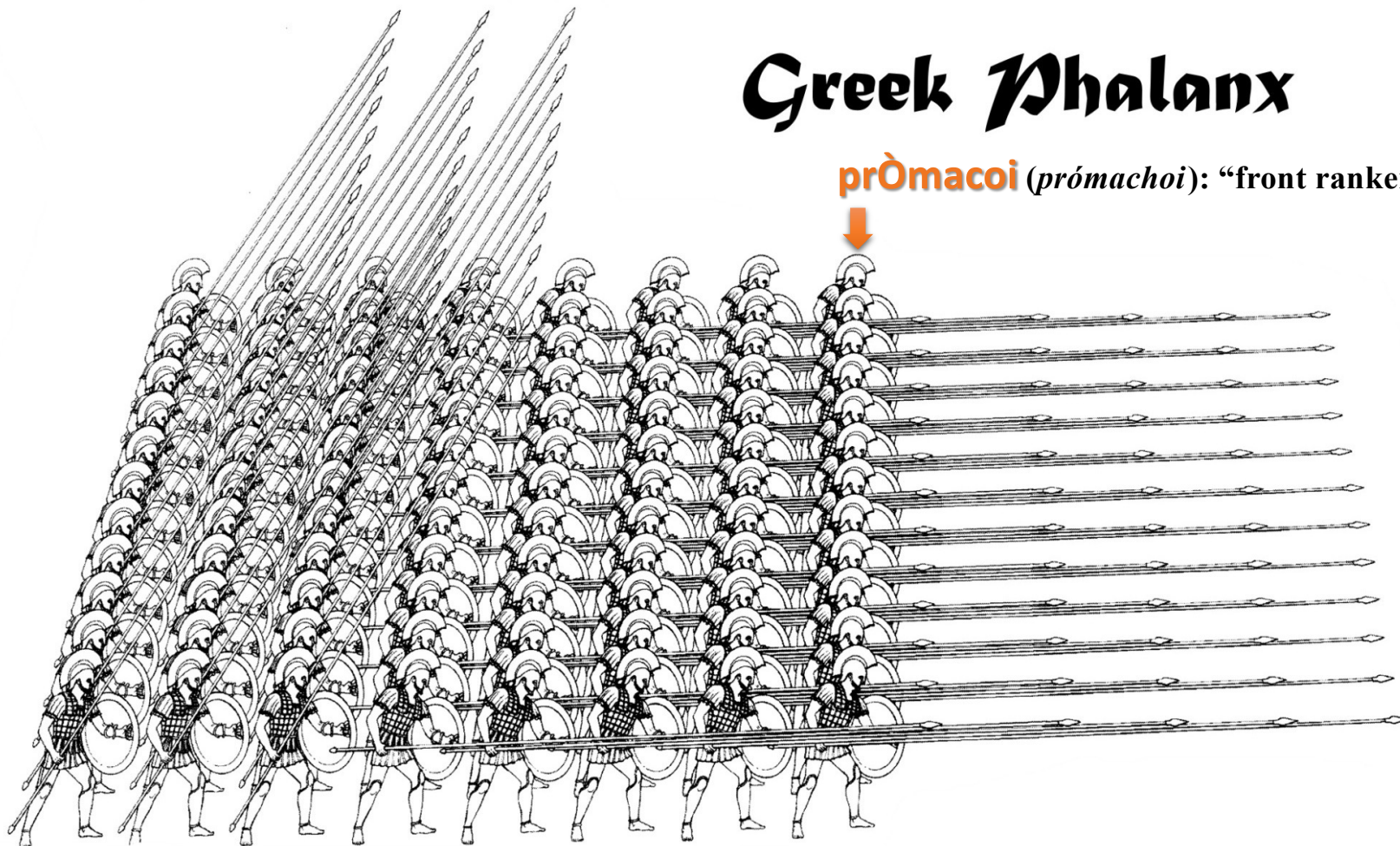
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Greek Phalanx

prōmacoi (*prómachoi*): “front rankers”



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Ps 34:11-14:

“Come my children, listen to me. I will teach you respect for the Lord. Who is the person who desires life and LOVES LENGTH OF DAYS that he may see the good (*THE PLAN OF GOD*) Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, do good and pursue it (*THE PLAN OF GOD*).”

PRINCIPLE:

“LENGTH OF DAYS” equals playing time, game time. No one wants to sit on the bench and watch others do the job you were designed for!



Psalm 25:5:

“Guide me with Your doctrine and train *(routine, persistence, repetition)* me, because You are the God of my deliverance.”



Proverbs 3:13-17:

“How happy is the person who finds doctrine, and the person who gains understanding. For her *(BIBLE DOCTRINE)* profit is better than the profit of silver, and her gain better than fine gold. She *(BIBLE DOCTRINE)* is more precious than precious stones, and nothing you desire compares with her. Length of days is in her *(DOCTRINE’S)* right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and her paths are prosperity.”

PRINCIPLE:

The protocol Plan of God is the process by which we grow to be winners in time *(ONE DAY AT A TIME)*.



STUDY

2 Timothy 2:15:

“Study” to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

The verb “study” is the Greek word σπουδάζω, ‘*spoudazō*’ and is an imperative mood in the Greek New Testament. It is a command not a request.



LEARN

Matthew 11:29-30:

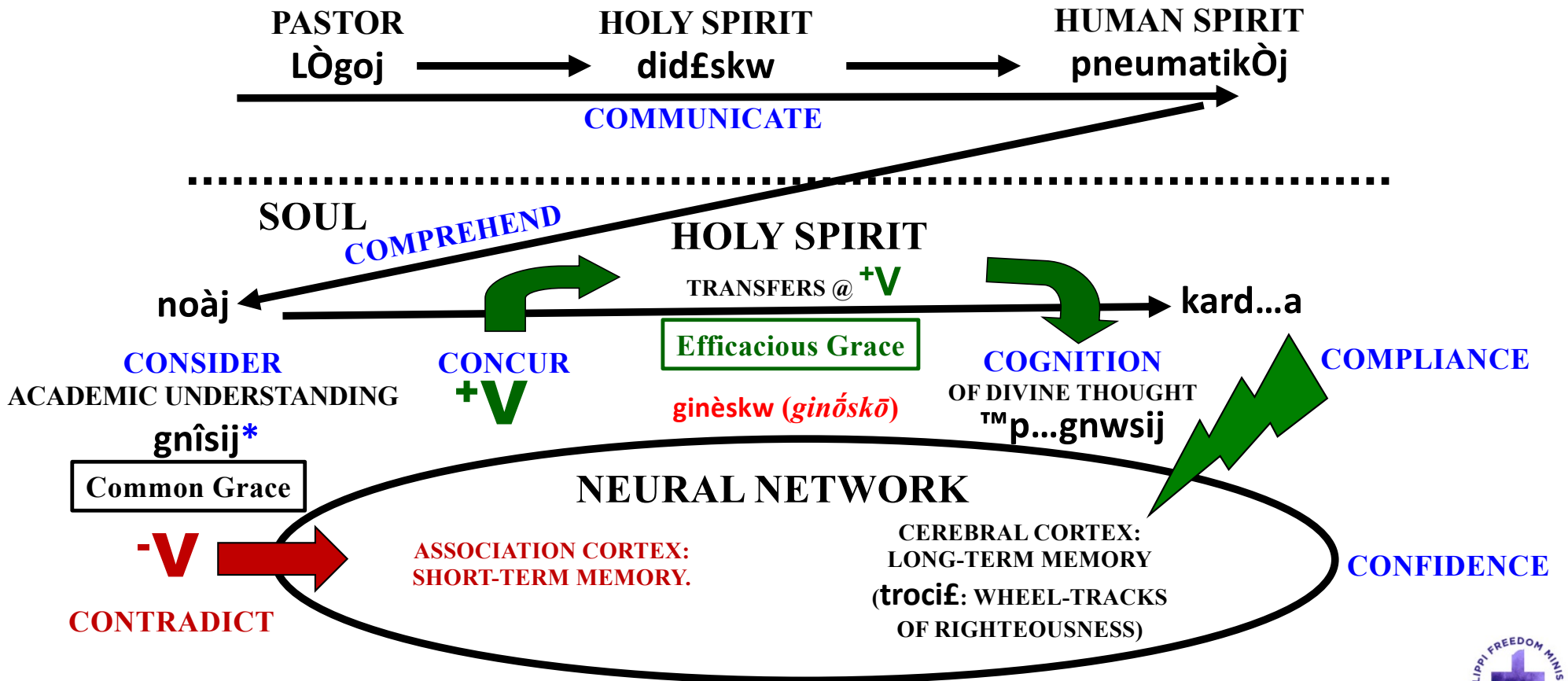
“Take My yoke upon you and “learn” from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Vs.30: For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

The verb “learn” is the Greek word **μανθάνω**, ‘*manthanō*’ and it’s another imperative mood.



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1 Corinthians 2:1-16



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GROW

2 Peter 3:18:

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...”

The verb “grow” is our third imperative mood and it’s the Greek word *αὐξάνω, ‘auxanō’*.



PRINCIPLE: Following Jesus Christ is not an intermittent emotional high minus spiritual preparation and training. Your routine must be daily.

PRINCIPLE: Greatness is not in the moment. Greatness is day after day of routine and moving ahead in the Plan of God. That's greatness! It's not glamorous.

PRINCIPLE: The spiritual life must come first then everything else falls in place. You must put spiritual growth first.

PRINCIPLE: There is only one reason to be consistent in Bible Class (in attending) and it's to **grow spiritually** (there are a lot of excuses to miss; to take the day off; to forget spiritual nourishment). **I bet you don't forget any meals!**

PRINCIPLE: The time the Lord has given you is so valuable that you have been given time so you develop wisdom and understanding so you can re-present Jesus Christ in your life.

Bottom line: Following Christ is a lifelong pursuit that must be consistently chosen and fulfilled despite the difficulty.

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