

What Do You Need?

Needs

- “Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s needs, but not every man’s greed.”
- “We all need people who will give us feedback. That’s how we improve.”
- Mt.3:14
- Ac.2:45
- 1 Th.4:9 . . . 5:1

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

1. Physiological (food, water, sleep, shelter, clothing)
2. Safety
3. Love
4. Self esteem
5. Self-actualization (need for morality, creativity – the level of our full potential)

Other needs are spiritually discerned

Rev.3:17

Prov.23:23

Bad bargains –

1. Esau, Hb.12:16-17
2. Demas, 2 Tim.4:10
3. RYR, Mt.19
4. Israel, 1 Sm.8

I. I Need Personal Faith

Some inherit faith of parents

- Danger of second generation Christians

Some follow faith of friends

Strong saints realize need for faith

- Firm conviction. Hb.11:6
- Personal surrender. Mk.16:16
- Conduct inspired by such surrender.
2 Co.5:7
 - Nu.14, most were unbelievers
 - Hb.3-4, greatest rescue ... miracles ...

Examples of personal faith . . .

- Noah and family avoided evil
- Abraham waited for God's promises
- Joseph did not lose hope or blame God, complain, waver, hold grudges...

I. I Need Personal Faith

II. I Need Prevailing Prayer

Jesus prevailed over satan / death, Mt.4

- Christians can prevail, Ro.3
- David, Ps.51
- Ro.8

What hinders our prayers?

- Ja.1:5
 - Our good can be canceled by . . .
 - Doubt, 6-7. Ep.4:14
 - Double-mindedness, 8
- Ja.4:1-3
 - Some would rather fight than pray
 - When they do pray, it is to satisfy their passions

Prevailing prayer does not quit...

- Gn.32, Jacob prevailed...with God
- Ex.17, Moses prevailed...against enemies
- 2 Kings 4, woman...would not quit
- Mk.10:48-49, blind man...would not be silenced

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III. I Need Perfect Love

Mt.5:43-48

“Perfect” – mature, complete

Be as perfect in love as God is

- 1 Jn.4:17-18
- 1 Co.13:1-3
- Ps.122:1
- Perfect love includes total commitment to God, brothers / sisters, family...

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IV. I Need Persistent Effort

Gal.6:9

- Many tire of the load
- Bible emphasizes persistence
 - Lk.8:13-14; Ro.10:2
 - Lk.11:5-8
 - Lk.18:1-8
 - Ph.3:14
 - 2 Tim.4:10
 - Hb.12:1 . . . 11:27

“The difference between want
and need is self-control”

- “We need but little here below, nor need that little long”
- Do money and luxury make modern Americans better people? ...happier? ...satisfied? ...more spiritual?
- 1 Tim.6:17-19