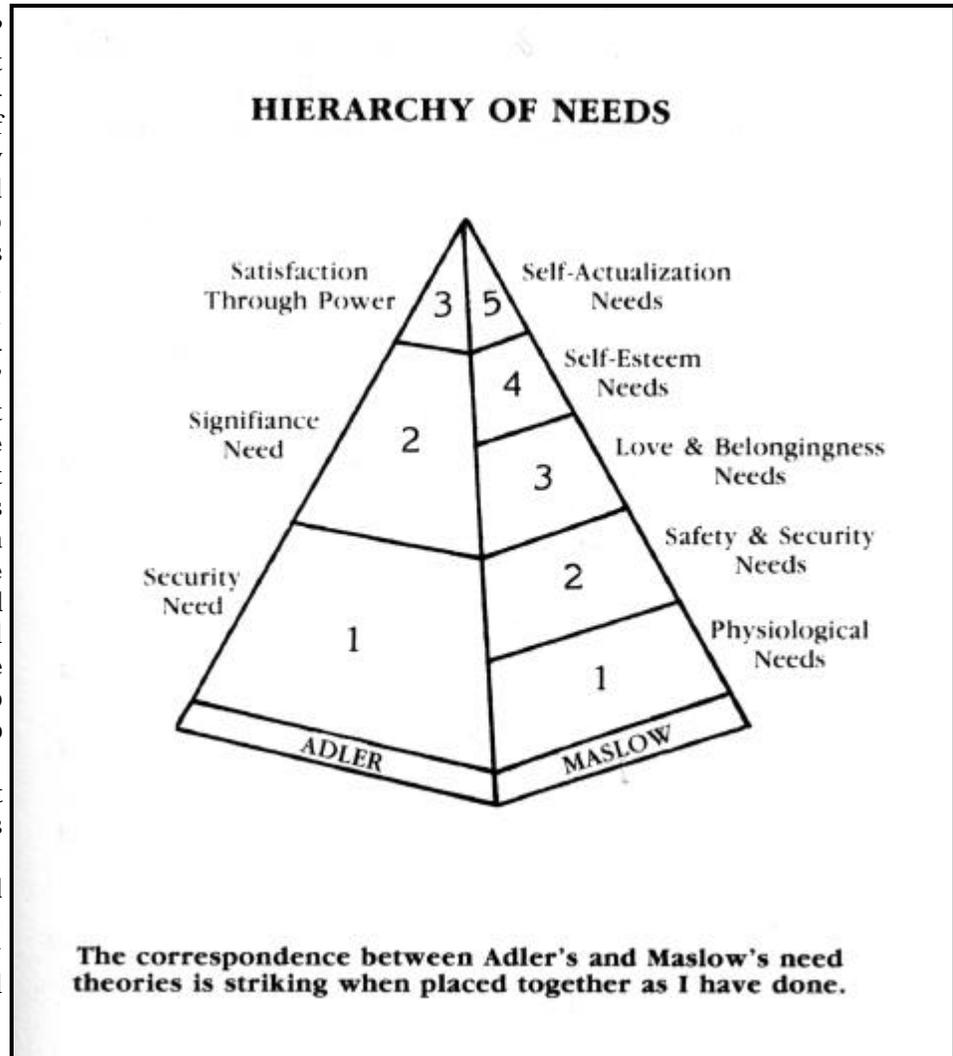


What Do We Need?

What do we “need”? According to the chart on the right, the so-called hierarchy of needs as stated by Alfred Adler and Abraham Maslow, two of the founding fathers of modern psychology, we need many things. In fact, unless our so-called “lower needs” are met, we are not able to realize the “higher needs.” What it comes down to is this: unless certain needs are met we cannot be held responsible to fulfill other needs or the commands of God to love others or even to love God as we should. Is this true? look at what the bible says about necessities, needs, desires and contentment. The truth has been plainly spoken for us all along.



Necessities

Luke 10:41-42

41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;

42 but {only} a few things are necessary, really {only} one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

(NAS)

Needs

Matt 6:7-8

7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they

suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

8 "Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.
(NAS)

Luke 9:11

11 But the multitudes were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He {began} speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.
(NAS)

Luke 12:29-32

29 "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying.
30 "For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.
31 "But seek for His kingdom, and these things shall be added to you.
32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.
(NAS)

Eph 4:29

29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such {a word} as is good for edification according to the need {of the moment,} that it may give grace to those who hear.
(NAS)

Desires

Ps 73:25-26

25 Whom have I in heaven {but Thee} And besides Thee, I desire nothing on earth.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
(NAS)

Gal 5:16-17

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.
(NAS)

Col 3:5

5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.
(NAS)

Contentment

Phil 4:11-13

11 Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

(NAS)

1 Tim 6:7-11

7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

8 And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

11 But flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance {and} gentleness.

(NAS)

Heb 13:5-6

5 Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

6 so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?"

(NAS)

Where are your true needs fulfilled?

2 Pet 1:2-3

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

(NAS)