

Four Fundamental Needs

Introduction

1. We all have basic physical needs in our life.
 - A. Food, clothing, shelter, belonging
2. Spiritually, we also have some basic needs.
 - A. There are four fundamental needs that I believe every Christian should strive to possess in their life in order to be pleasing to God.

Chart – 4 Fundamental Needs

Need to Know

1. One of the crying needs of the hour is to have **more knowledge of God's holy Word!**
 - A. A lot of emphasis must be placed on this need more than the other 3 because without this first being filled, the other three will not happen!
2. In Hosea 4:6 we read that God's ancient people were destroyed because they lacked knowledge.
Hosea 4:6
3. Knowledge allows us to be able to correct others when they're not practicing righteousness.
Romans 15:14

4. We should be ashamed of ourselves for lack of knowledge of God's word.

A. The apostle Paul clearly states this:

1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for **some do not have the knowledge of God**. I speak this to your shame.

5. We will never be able to strive to perfection without attempting to gain knowledge.

Ephesians 4:13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

6. If we increase in knowledge, we are worthy and can then be fruitful in God's kingdom.

Colossians 1:9-10 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing Him, **being fruitful in every good work** and increasing in the knowledge of God;

7. Jesus said in John 8:32 "and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

8. What is the secret to knowing God's Word? (there is none)

Acts 17:11

2 Timothy 2:15

Need to Grow

1. Physically and Spiritually.

A. In both cases we must start off with milk.

1 Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

B. Physically, in time, we get past the milk stage and grow into eating meat and other food.

1) We become diversified. We must do the same thing spiritually as Christians.

Hebrews 5:12-14

- a. This has become an enormous problem in the Lord's church today – many Christians are not growing in knowledge and as a result the church is dying.

2. 2 Peter 3:18 tells us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

A. How do we grow in grace?

- **Grace Defined:** "the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings."

1) By conducting our lives in a way that is pleasing to God.

Need to Glow

1. **This is VERY IMPORTANT! This is where we radiate that knowledge and growth in our lives.**
 - A. **Each day our glow as Christians should become more apparent to other Christians and to those of the world.**

2. **Among other things Webster defines glow as:**
 - A. **“To shine with an intense or white heat; be animated; light; earnestness; ardor.”**
 - 1) **Doesn't that describe a Christian possessed with knowledge and a desire to be with God eternally?**
 - 2) **We should be a light as described in Matthew:
Matthew 5:14-16**
 - 3) **Other verses that describe the Christian as being a light are:
Philippians 2:15**

1 Thessalonians 5:5 You are all **sons of light and sons of the day**. We are not of the night nor of darkness.
 - 4) **When others see us do we stand out like a light in darkness?**
 - **Can others see and know we are Christians?**
 - **Are our lights always on? Or do we turn them on and off as the situation dictates?**

Need to Go

1. **We are saved to save.**
2. **The first word in the great commission is "GO"**

Matthew 28:19-20 **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- A. **We cannot teach and make disciples if we do not KNOW, GROW, or GLOW as Christians!**
3. **In Mark we are told to preach the gospel to everyone.**
Mark 16:15-16
 - A. **If the Lord's church continues to teach others about Jesus at our current pace will we see any progress being made?**
 - B. **In this geographical area there are many souls that have never heard a sermon about salvation or the Lord's church.**
 4. **We must place importance on our duty to go forward for the cause of Christ and teach others.**
Luke 9:59-62
 - A. **Let us never be guilty of looking back!**

5. **Before anyone can be saved, they must first hear the word of God.**
 - A. **Faith cannot result if one has not heard.**
 - B. **One cannot hear unless they get the word.**
Romans 10:12-17
 - C. **Let's ensure that we are doing our part in telling others!**

Conclusion

1. **KNOW** - Study and put into practice the word of God.
2. **GROW** - Don't stay on the milk of the word. Grow in knowledge and maturity.
3. **GLOW** - Important - Be excited about being a Christian. Let others see our light!
4. **GO** - Tell others why we're excited!
 - A. **The gospel truly is the good news of salvation.**

