

# BASIC NEEDS CHART

As a result of the “Fall” man became motivated by need.

- His “God consciousness” was replaced by “self-consciousness.”
- [*I am ashamed / naked.* (Genesis 3:7, 10) *Who said you were naked?* (v.11)]

“Need” indicates poverty.

There are four primary needs that drive all behavior.

- All behavior is an attempt to meet a need.
- There is a reason why we continue to do what we do.

Our behavior will either “sabotage” or “strengthen” our life.

- It will attract people to us and repel others from us. (good and bad)
- We will either be “toxic” or “nurturing.”

When we are driven by the needs, our sense of worth (self-esteem) is derived through meeting them (instead of through our true identity as child of God).

Paul → I have counted it all loss (all my human achievements) for the excellency of knowing Him. (Philippians 3:1-15)

We can be saved but never mature to the degree that our basic emotional needs are met – therefore never access the “abundant life.” (John 10:9, 10)

Dysfunction attracts dysfunction.

- When the negative behavior of an unmet need meets the negative behavior of another unmet need it becomes magnetic. (a toxic relationship is formed)
- Many are under the erroneous misconception that someone else can make them whole.
- We will attract what we are.

When our need is so great that it encompasses several categories, it opens the door to spiritual (demonic) warfare and addiction (bondages of the flesh).

Proper nurture should meet the needs to a large degree. (We cannot provide what we do not have, so, unless someone rises above it, we proliferate the need with each generation.)

- What about the young girl who has a baby just because she wants to be needed and loved? (But she is not whole enough to love herself!)

Much ministry is done to meet a need (in the one ministering). → It is soulish.

- If it is driven by anything other than faith and grace it is not of the spirit.
- We have to learn to tell the difference.

## ACHIEVEMENT

Acceptance is based on performance.

Work-driven

Task motivated (**Driver**)

Fear of: Failure

Being taken advantage of

Loss of control

## SIGNIFICANCE

Acceptance based on comparison

Appreciation-driven

People motivated (**Amiable**)

Fear of: Change

Strife

Loss of control

## CONNECTION

Acceptance based on inclusion

Impression-driven

People motivated (**Expressive**)

Fear of: Rejection

Loss of approval

## CERTAINTY

Acceptance based on need to be right

Precision (accuracy)-driven

Task motivated (**Analytical**)

Fear of: Being wrong

Criticism of performance

Loss of quality

You can always tell your dominant motivator by your greatest fear.

We will always put more energy into avoiding the thing we fear than pursuing the vision God has given us.

At the "Fall" these four fears became the "taskmasters."

- They each must be brought to the cross so that we can move to the higher order of life. At the cross, the needs are met by God through our new identity in Him.
- Our dominant need has to be dealt with and sanctified by the cross.
- God will arrange circumstances so that we can face the fear head on. Instead of avoiding it we need to confront it with the power of God.
- Here is where we access wholeness and integrity.
- Adam "walked with God" When we walk with God in close fellowship and relationship, **He** meets our needs! (No human will fully meet our every need.)

There are two transcendent needs that constitute a “higher order of life.”

- The “abundant life” (Kingdom) is one that has enough to continue to pour out to others.

**GROWTH** A life-long process of development and enlargement into the image of God where his glory is revealed in us in increasing measures.

*“...He must increase, I must decrease...”*

*“...I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live...yet not I...”*

*“...in Him we live and move and have our being...”*

*“...He that loses his life for my sake shall find it...”*

**CONTRIBUTION** – Giving out of “being” (the depth of what you are).  
Living out of your purpose and the superior reality of the kingdom.

*“...the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve...”*

We cannot live out of the two higher needs if we are living by the four lower needs.

- The lower needs “take” while the higher needs result in “giving out.”
- The higher needs produce life in others – while the lower needs take life from others.

The Holy Spirit will reveal the places of our emotions that are driven by unmet need.

- Truth and the presence of God must come into those areas – to meet the need so that it does not continue to drive our behavior.

\*\*\* From here we must go to renewing our mind in relation to past experience.