

HE'S ALL I NEED

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There is a great confusion in the lives of many people concerning what their NEEDS vs. their WANTS are. When a person truly analyzes it, they will see that there are very few, but important, things that they really need. We need Air to breathe; food to eat; water to drink; clothing for warmth; shelter for protection; each other for company. You may even think of some things that you need that I have not mentioned here and that is okay. The point is that there is a distinction between things that we need and things that we want. The Bible talks about some things that we NEED. These are the things that God has determined to be essential for our lives. Of course, to think that you have no needs is to disagree with God.

If we think we need nothing, we are wretched, miserable, poor and blind.

Revelation 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Wretched: desolate, heartbroken, nothing to live for, no hope.

Miserable: Depressed, sad, fed-up.

Poor: unfortunate, deprived, meager, broke.

Blind: sightless, unsighted.

LUKE 18:9-14 The story of the Righteous Pharisee who needs nothing.

We need physical help

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, **They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

- The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd druther not. - Mark Twain
- Be careful about reading health books. You might die of a misprint. - Mark Twain
- Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died. - Erma Bombeck

We have need of each other

Acts 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

Acts 4:35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

1 Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

The Sequoia trees of California tower as much as 300 feet above the ground. Strangely, these giants have unusually shallow root systems that reach out in all directions to capture the greatest amount of surface moisture. Seldom will you see a redwood standing alone, because high winds would quickly uproot it. That's why they grow in clusters. Their intertwining roots provide support for one another against the storms. Suffering comes to all of us, and no one can suffer for us. Even so, just like those giant Sequoia trees, we can be supported in those difficult times by the prayers and understanding of loved ones and friends. It's when we are too proud to admit our needs to others that we are in the greatest danger.

We need to repent

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

A minister was once speaking to a group of children. In opening his talk he asked the question,

"What is meant by the word repentance?"

A little boy raised his hand.

"Well," the minister said, "what is it, my lad?"

"Being sorry for your sins," was the answer.

A little girl on the back seat raised her hand.

"Well, my little girl, what do you think?"

"I think," said the child, "it's being sorry enough to quit."

We need salvation

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

- Every human is a sinner. - Romans 3:23
- God's penalty for sin is death. - Romans 6:23
- In His great love, God has made provision for the salvation of sinners. - Romans 5:8
- Each person must put his trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ. - Romans 10:9-10, 13

All of our needs are supplied by God

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.