

TRUE NEEDS

WHAT THE WORLD SAYS I NEED

- To please myself
- To please others *so that they please me*
- More self-love
- To get
- To *receive* “love” from others
- To find my life
- High self-esteem
- High sense of self-worth
- To get what I deserve
- Fairness
- Happiness
- Fulfillment
- Gratification (fleeting pleasure)
- Respect
- To be treated well by others
- To protect and live for my “rights”
- To have my “emotional needs” met by others
- Good self-image
- Comfortable circumstances
- Inner strength
- Independence
- Treasures on earth
- To change other people, my circumstances, or my feelings
- To feel good / to trust my feelings
- “Love,” as the world sees it
- To hope in and focus on what is seen, temporary
- To be a well-liked and well-received member of this world
- Whatever it is that feels right (or good)
- The ever-changing and conflicting popular “wisdom” of man
- People & things (“the creation” – what is seen)
- To feel good about myself
- To avoid conflict

WHAT GOD SAYS I NEED

- To please God (faith and obedience)
- To love God with my whole being
- Denial of self, to love myself less
- To give
- To know God’s love and to *give* love
- To lose my life
- Humility (meekness, brokenness)
- Realistic sense of worth (“poor in spirit”)
- To *not* get what I deserve (mercy)
- Forgiveness (living in grace and mercy)
- Holiness
- Faith (faithfulness despite level of temporary “fulfillment”)
- Purity (lasting joy and peace)
- Fear of God and to become “worthy of respect”
- To trust in God no matter how I am treated
- To offer myself as a living sacrifice
- To not fear man or put my hope in the performance of man
- Accurate self-image (a wretched sinner in need of a Savior)
- Discipline, suffering
- Weakness (reliance on God’s grace and power)
- Total *dependence* on God
- Treasure in heaven
- Repentance / contrition / sorrow
- Self-discipline / Self-control / to often go against my feelings
- To know *God’s* love, which I have already been given
- To hope in and fix my eyes on what is unseen, eternal
- To glorify God, knowing that my citizenship is in heaven
- Truth (no matter how it makes me feel)
- God’s Word, which has *everything I need* for life and godliness
- God alone (what is unseen)
- To change my heart
- To fulfill God’s desire and design in conflict