

esied Maslow's theory or acts because of some human theory. Rather, Maslow seems to have just recognized what God, as our Creator has known, and provided all along.

God wants you to recognize what YOU were born to do: be

His servant, a conqueror in Him. If we are ever going to be "self-actualized individuals," we need to be able to see how God meets our needs on a daily basis. So, when you eat lunch today, remember that God is meeting your needs. When you leave your house to go to your job or school, remember that God is meeting your needs. When you are kept safe throughout your day, remember that it is God who is providing for your needs. When you go to church, remember that God is meeting your needs. When you have loved ones in your physical and spiritual families, remember that God is meeting your needs. When you realize all the great things that God has done for you because He values you so much, remember that God is providing for your needs. Then, you can realize what your job on this earth is and have the framework to succeed in that task.



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"Your Father
knows that you
need these
things"
Luke 12:30

God Meets Our Needs

by Curtis Carwile

When I lived in Kentucky, I used to work at a facility for troubled kids called the *Home of the Innocents*. We were constantly attending trainings and lectures about a number of different topics ranging from newborn parenting classes to early childhood developmental psychology. In these seminars, we would look at a lot of things that would help us in counseling the children in our care. One of the things that we went over was a psychological theory developed by Abraham Maslow known as the "Hierarchy of Needs Triangle."

In his theory, Maslow argues that for a child to develop correctly, certain needs must be met in a particular order. First, a child must have their "physiological needs" met (food, water, clothing, shelter, etc). Second,

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a child must **feel safe, secure, and protected**. Third, a child must feel like **they belong to a group** and that **they are loved**. Fourth, a child must **feel respected**—they must develop self-esteem. Then, finally, a child can “do what they were born to do” and meet their own need of **self-actualization**. Those are roughly the five



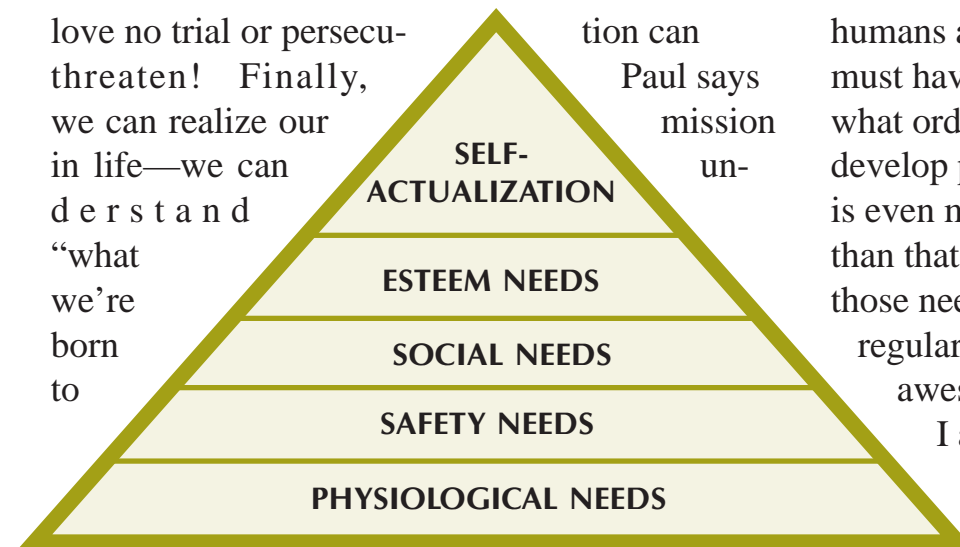
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stages in Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs Triangle.

According to Maslow specific needs must be met in a specific order. That means that the needs of one level must be met before a child can move on to having their needs met on the next level. So, before a child can feel safe and secure, they first need to have their basic needs of survival met on a regular basis. Before one can become self-actualized, they must first have all of the other needs met on a regular basis.

In Romans 8:31-39, we can actually see Maslow’s Hierarchy illustrated in the Bible as part of God’s plan. Paul says that God will provide for us. He asks the Romans—**“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”** (8:32). The fact that God provided Jesus shows His willingness to provide for our needs. He also says that God will protect us and keep us safe. **“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns?”** (8:33-34a). If God is the one who justifies, no outside force can pose a danger to the one who clings to Christ. Paul goes on to tell us that He does this because He loves us and the place

where we belong is with Him. He continues, **“It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us”** (8:34b). Jesus is in heaven, where we belong working as an Intercessor on our behalf. He then tells us that because of these things, we can see the same value in ourselves that God saw in us when He sent His Son to die on the cross. He boldly asks, **“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”** (8:35). What greater cause could we have to feel healthy self-esteem than the fact that Christ loves us? He loves us with a love no trial or persecution can threaten! Finally, Paul says we can realize our mission in life—we can understand “what we’re born to



do” and that is to serve God as conquerors in Him. He concludes, **“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”** (8:37).

God is so amazing! Hundreds of years before Abraham Maslow put together his theory, God already knew the needs we as humans and as children must have met and in what order for us to develop properly. What is even more impressive than that, God MEETS those needs for us on a regular basis! How awesome is that?! I am not trying to suggest that God proph-