Bible Difference Between a Need and a Want

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INTRODUCTION

- It is true that we need the Lord. We need his mercy. We need his grace. We need his love and we need his salvation.
- But do we know the difference between what we need and those things that we just want?

1 What Bartimaeus Needed, Wanted and Received

Mark 10:46–52

- A succinct passage clarifying the distinction is the biblical case of the blind man Bartimaeus.
- From this passage, three questions surface as important in the difference between a need and a want.
- I'd like to suggest to you from verse 47 that what Bartimaeus needed was mercy.
- What did Bartimaeus want, verse 51, was his eyesight. He wanted to be able to see. What did he receive? I believe he received both.
- We don't need all the things we think we need.

2 Other People Don't Always Understand Our Needs

Luke 18:35–43; Deuteronomy 29:29

- Others may not be able to comprehend or even know our needs. Other people don't always understand our needs.
- Those who were on the way rebuked him and told him, Be quiet.
- It doesn't take much effort for someone just to ignore us or think our need is not as important as their own needs.
- They were followers of Jesus. They were Jesus' disciples.

3 The Need for You to Be a Teacher

Isaiah 6:5–8

- Have you ever comprehended the need for you to be a teacher?
- Someone who has minimum spiritual vision for their life may be able to see with the eyes of faith more clearly because of you.
- In Isaiah 6 8, he doesn't say, Oh, you've got confidence in me, but I don't think I can go. He says, 6 8, here am I send me.
- One of the greatest needs of this generation is teachers to teach the next generation.

4 Jesus Is the Recognizer of Our Need

Luke 18:40–43

- Here in this context, Jesus is the recognizer of Bartimaeus's need.
- Jesus gave the blind man not just what he wanted, but also what he needed.
- No matter what our spiritual needs are, mercy, grace, forgiveness, peace in our life, or salvation for our sins, Jesus always recognizes our spiritual need.

5 Spiritual Needs Can Only Be Fulfilled by Jesus

Matthew 16:24–26; Joshua 24:15

- Spiritual needs can only be fulfilled by Jesus, and these people understood that.
- If your life consists of non-stop shopping, albeit for the discount bargains or the designer name or the latest collectible, that stuff won't be with you in heaven.
- What will you profit, O young person, if you gain the whole world and lose your soul?
- Deny your personal materialistic wants and carry the spiritual cross of compassion and salvation that you need. Know the difference between a need and a want.

6 God Wants Us to Need Him

Hebrews 11:6; Acts 2:37; Romans 10

- He wants us to need him.
- I can't rely on my own strength. I can't pull my life up through my own bootstraps.
- I know I need a savior. I know I need the Lord.
- You need to have your own faith that you believe Christ is the Son of the living God.

MY NOTES