

TODAY'S LESSON

“The Will of God Vs. the Devices of Satan”

(Genesis 3:1-6)

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10:00 AM CT March 1, 2026



HOW JESUS OVERCAME TEMPTATION

Part 5

THE WILL OF GOD

VS.

THE DEVICES OF SATAN

The Temptation of Pride

- God's will to fulfill our legitimate specific needs lawfully
- Satan's synthesis of sinful temptations always include pride as well as unlawful means to fulfill a legitimate need

The Temptation of Pride

- God's will to fulfill our legitimate specific needs lawfully
- God is love **1 John 4:16**
- God created us to have fellowship with Him **1 John 1:3-4**
- This is true spiritual life and fulfillment of His will and purpose for us **1 John 5:13**
- Innocent, holy in Christ
- True love, joy, and peace **Galatians 5:22**

The Will of God for Us

- God created our spirits to inhabit physical bodies (male and female Gen. 2:18-25)
- Physical needs fulfilled by physical blessings on earth:
- Food, clothing, survival, security, companionship, rest, purpose:
- Take care of the garden (2:15)
- Rule the earth (1:29)
- Populate the earth (1:29)

Primary Stages: "Beginner"

Doing Cognition
Past and future oriented, takes action for outcomes

Externally focused
Asks what must be shifted within in world to solve problems

Self-oriented
Sees self as a separate entity from the universe

Neediness cognition
High attachment to outcomes

Life → Starts here

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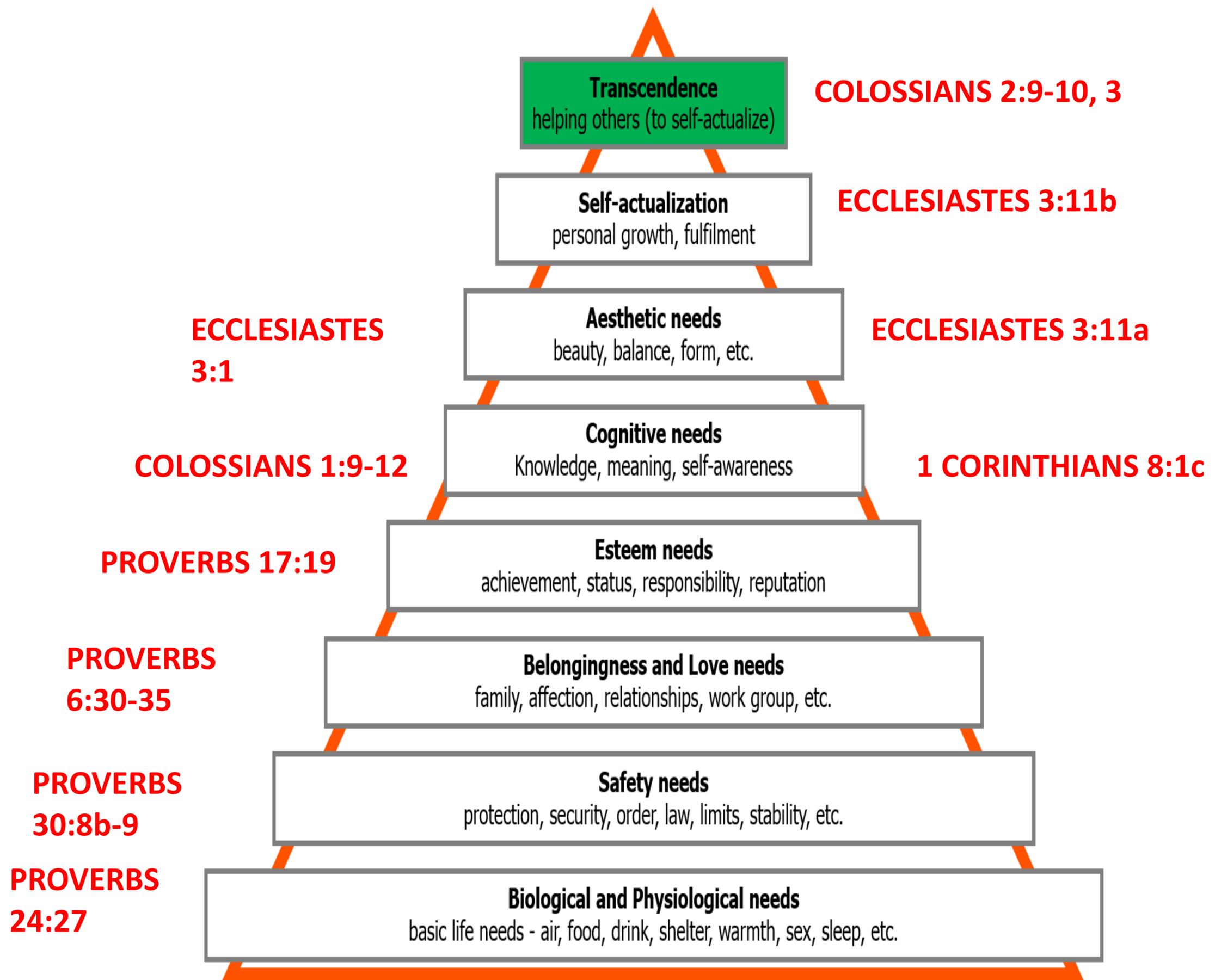
Attachment oriented
Bases life on how well one can attain and keep needed entities

Ego-driven
Self preservative instincts, thoughts, and emotions are at the root of all behaviors

Judgmental
Prone to judging, moralizing and shaming to protect needs

Moves towards invulnerability
thinks development is about becoming invulnerable or perfect

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Secondary Stages: "Advanced"

Being Cognition
Present focused, takes action for the sake of taking action

Internally focused
Asks what must be shifted within self to solve problems

No-self oriented
Sees universe as single entity, does not only work for perceived self.

Non-neediness
Cognition
Low attachment to outcomes



"Big E" Enlightenment: Intuitive recognition of no-self

Detachment Oriented
Focused on loss of attachment to needs instead of gain

Driven by ego-loss
Focused on loosening grip of self preservative instincts, thoughts, and emotions

Non-judgmental
Not prone to judging, moralizing or shaming

Moves toward Vulnerability
Sees vulnerability as worth expanding

"Little e" enlightenment: recognizing the importance of letting go and working for something bigger than self



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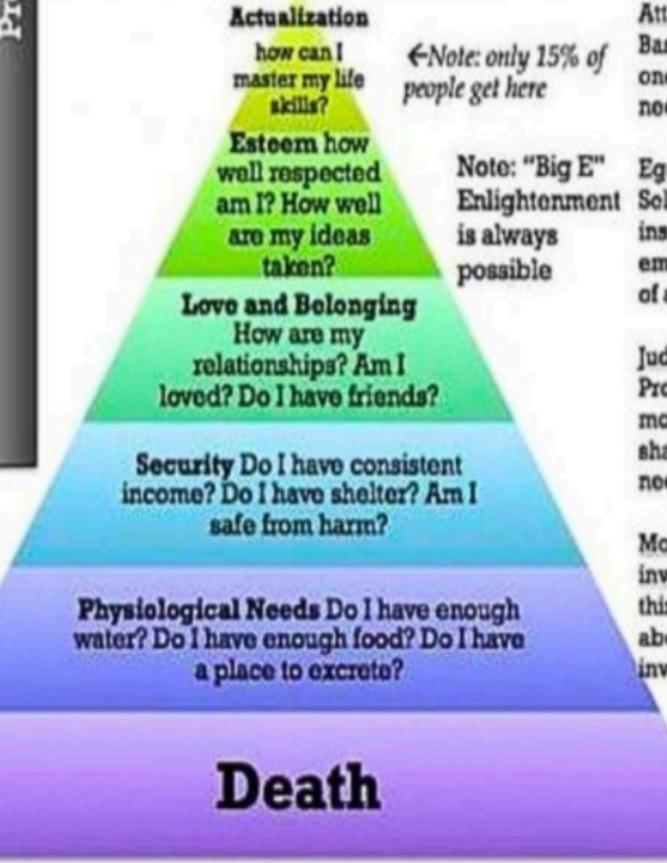
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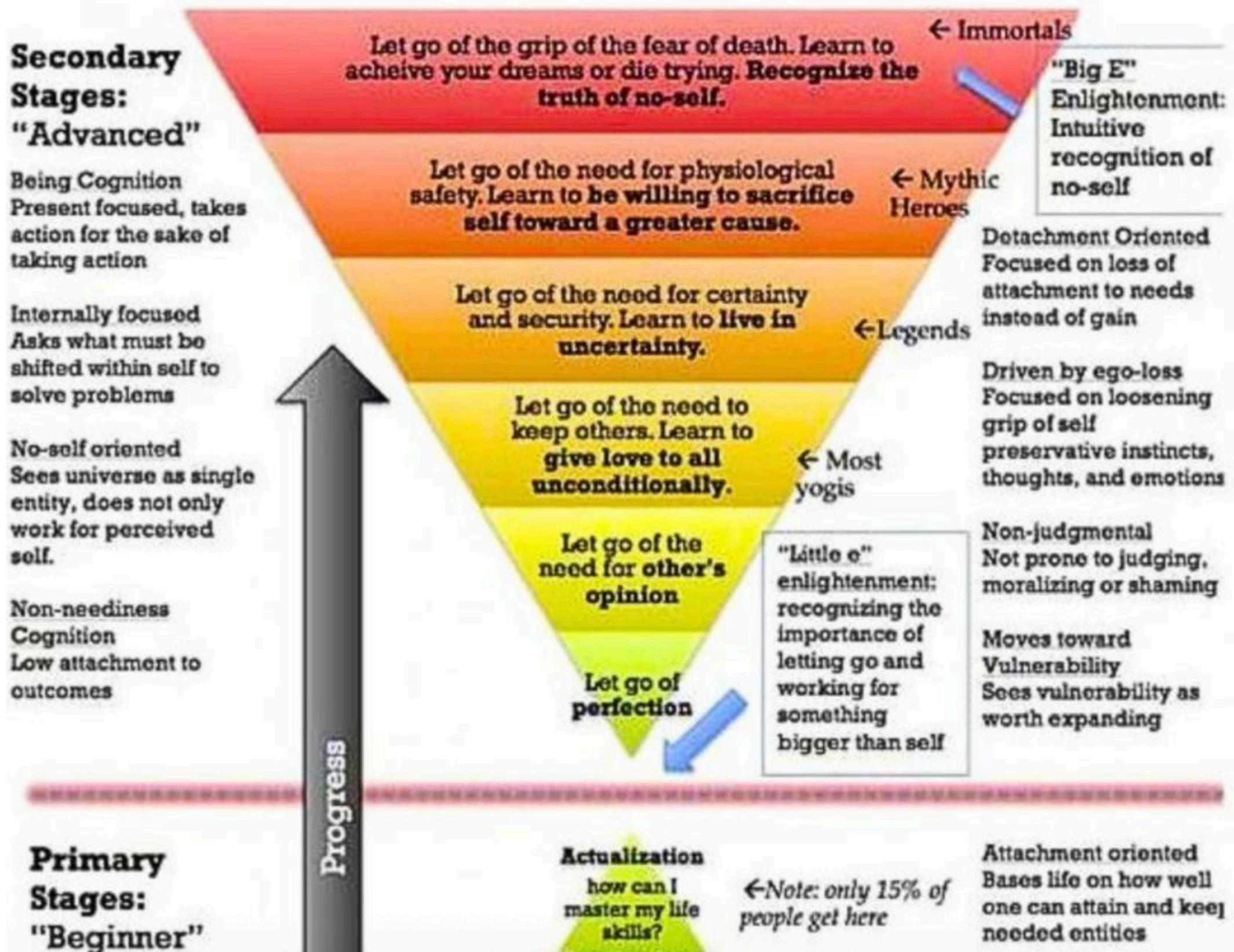
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The Deceptive Devices of Satan

Doubt Genesis 3:1-5 **Dogmatism** Acts 8:1-3; 9

Deceit Genesis 3:4; John 8:44; Revelation 12:9

Dissatisfaction Colossians 3:5 **Indolence** Rev.
3:14-22

Distraction 2 Timothy 2:22; James 4:4

Division John 8:44; Galatians 5:20; Jm 3:14-16

Deference Galatians 1:10; 2:11-13

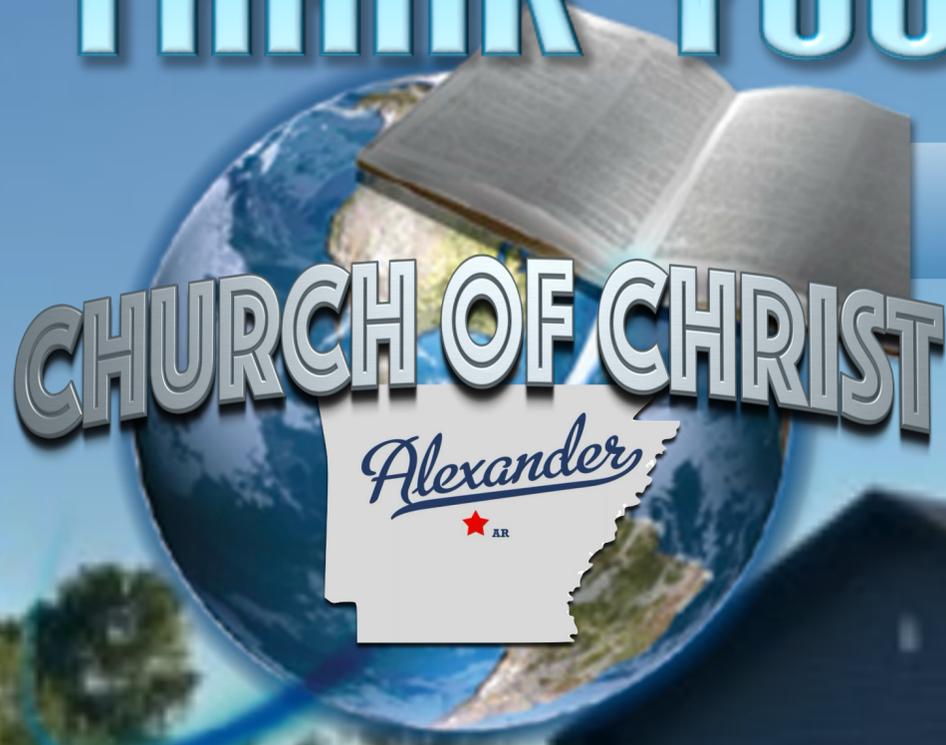
Delay Jm 4:13-17 **good intentions don't justify**

Desperation 1 Samuel 13:8-10

Trusting The Will of God

- God's will is good **Romans 12:1-2**
- Contentment → give thanks **1 Thess. 4:16-18**
- David served God's purpose in his generation **Acts 13:36**
- Mercy + Truth → Favor from God & men
Proverbs 3:3-4
- Bear good fruit: reproach, praise, sacrifices
Micah 6:7-8; Hebrews 13:13-16
- Trust & wait on the LORD, do good **Psalm 37:1-11**

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