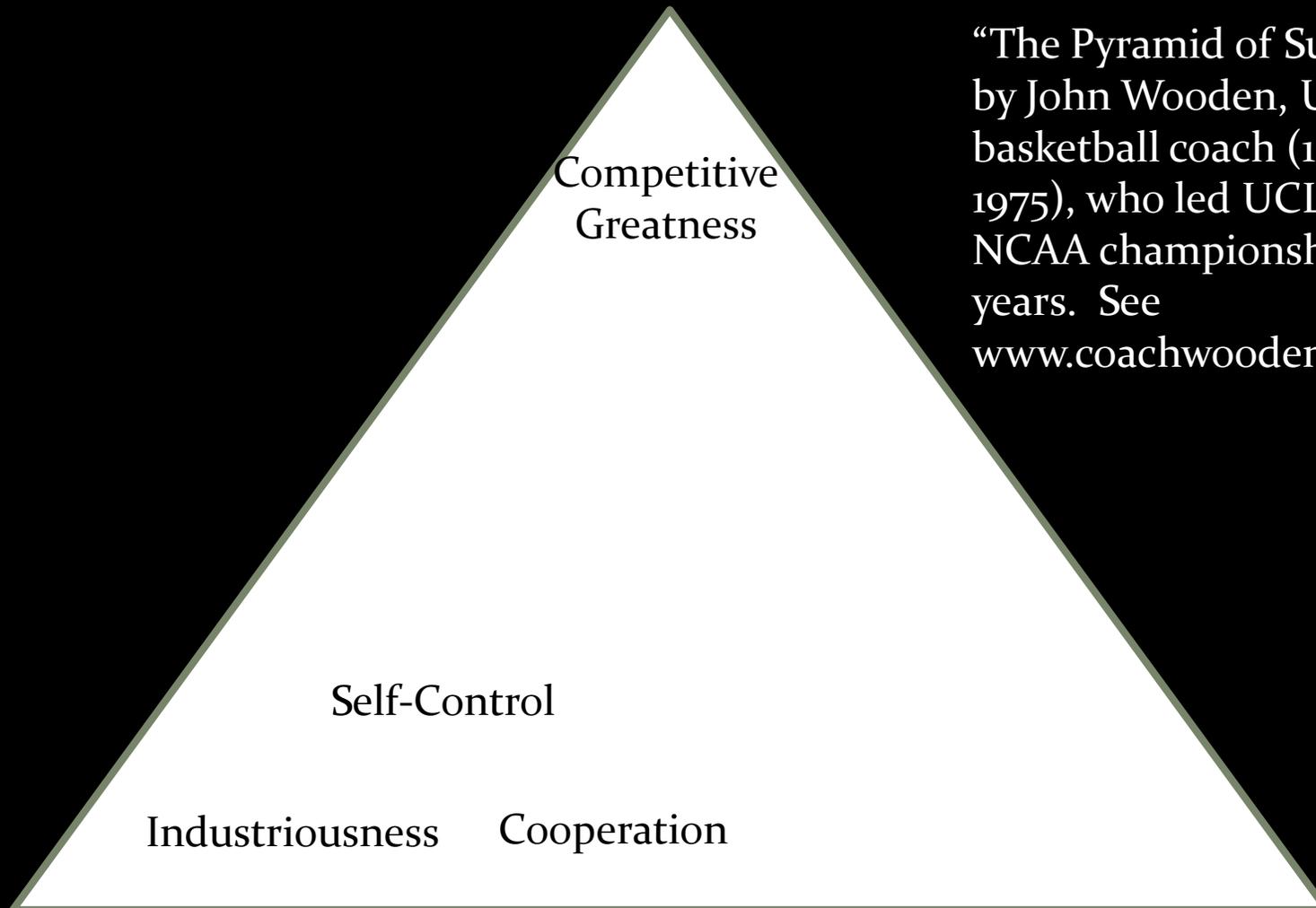


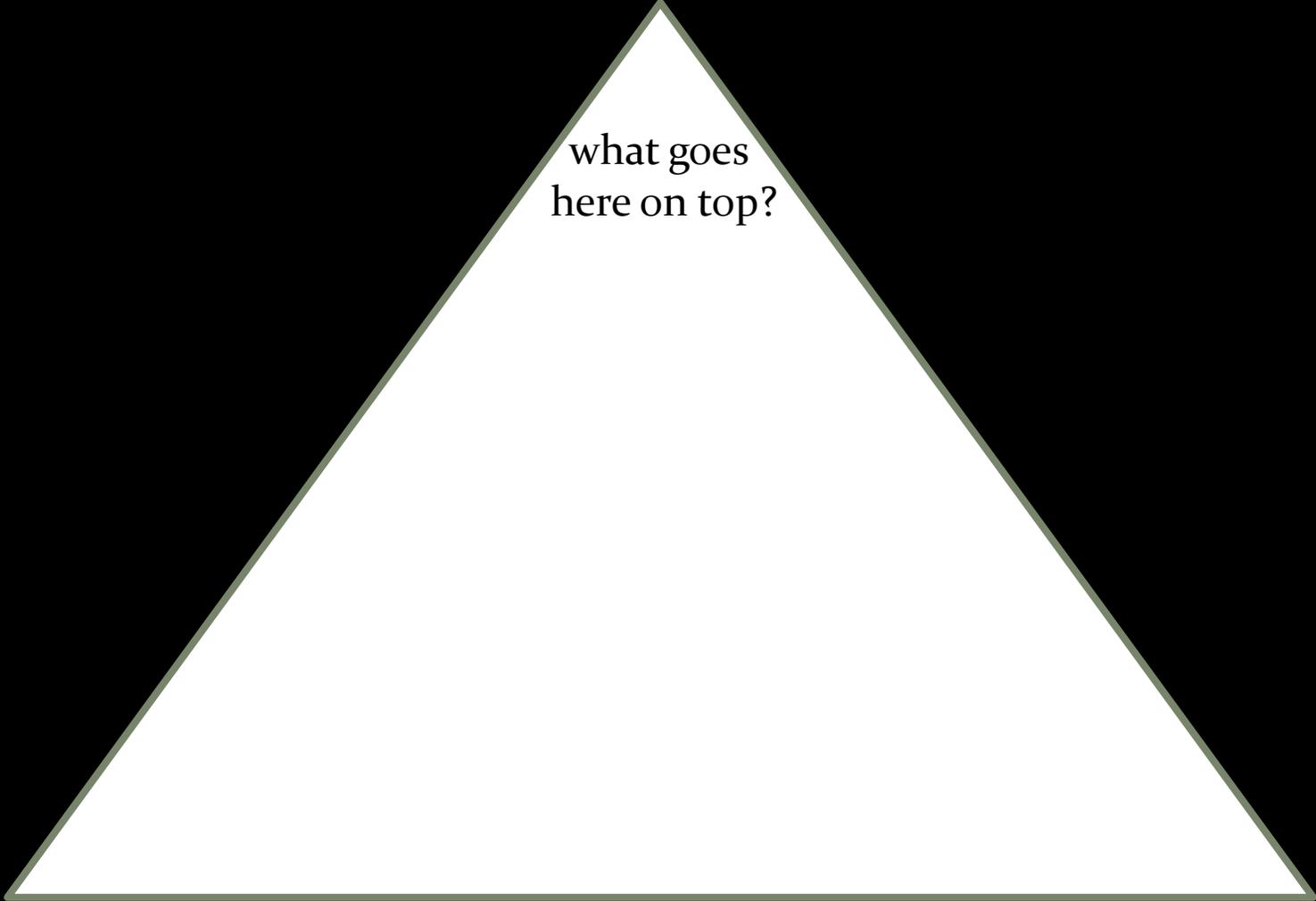
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The Development of Basketball Players



“The Pyramid of Success”
by John Wooden, UCLA
basketball coach (1959-
1975), who led UCLA to 10
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www.coachwooden.com.

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Reasons

- Personal
- Biblical
 - Every Gospel ends with a 'Great Commission' passage
 - So everything Jesus did with the disciples was training for evangelism, global and local

Great Commission in the Gospels

- Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
(Matthew 28:19 – 20)
- But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ (Mark 16:7)

Great Commission in the Gospels

- Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
(Luke 24:46 – 47)
- As the Father has sent me, I also send you.
(John 20:21)

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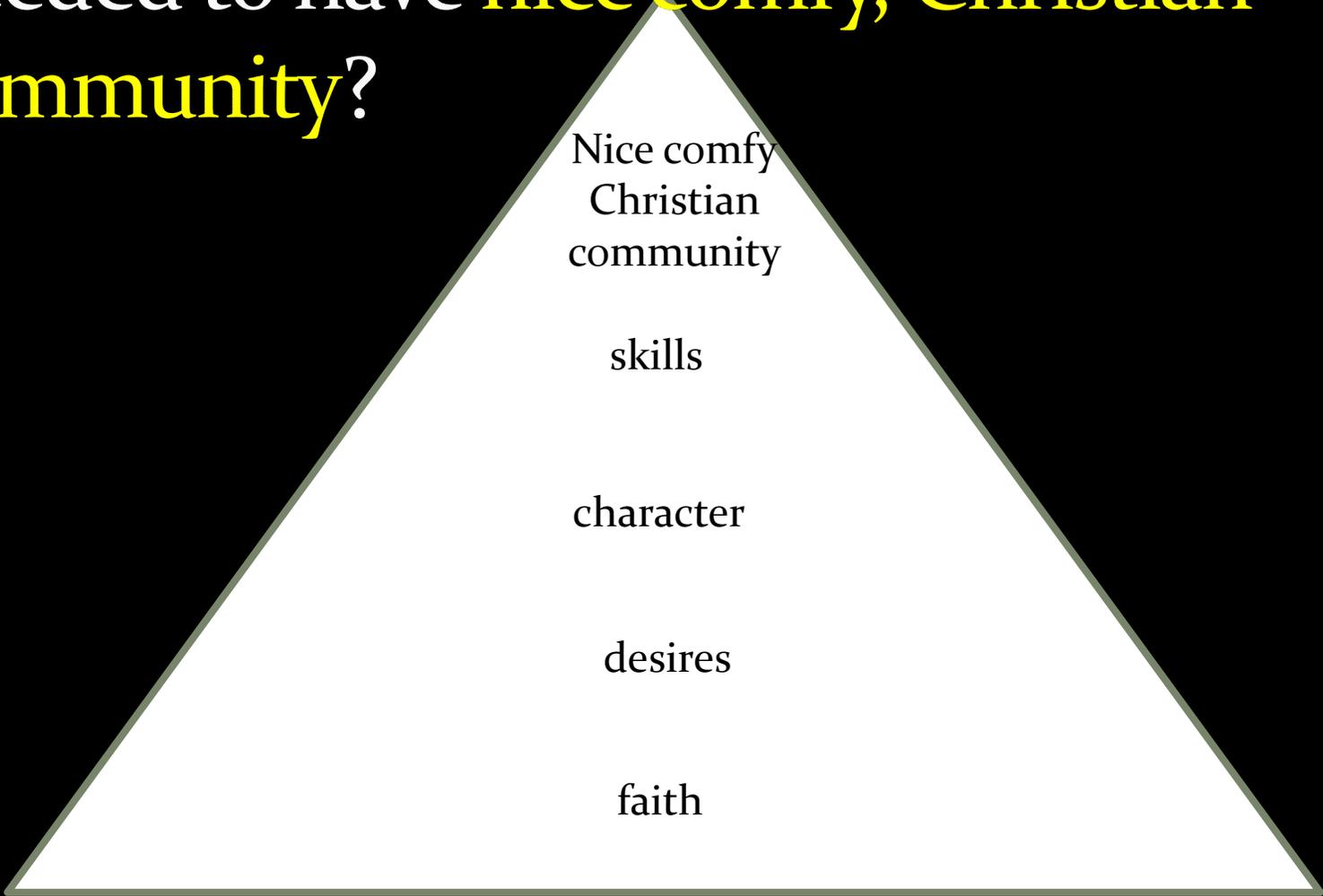
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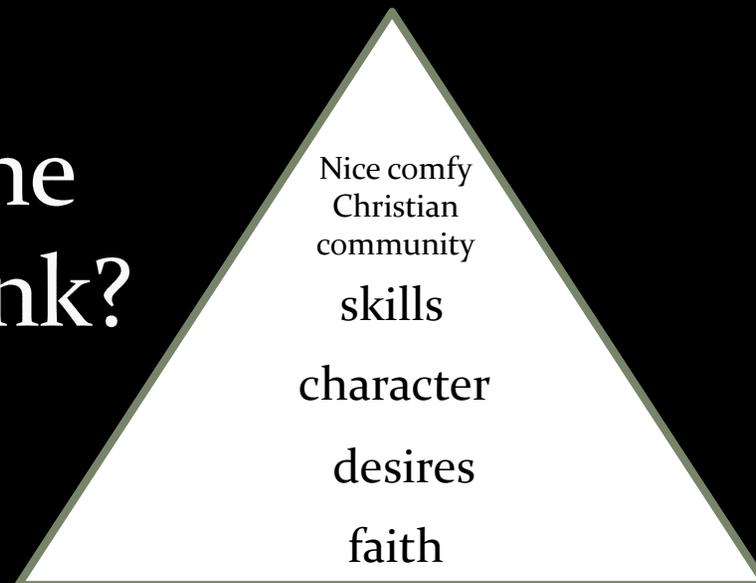
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Notice how much the
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Faith

- What is my understanding of Jesus?
- Why is Jesus unique?
- What have I experienced of him, by his Spirit?
- How do I handle loneliness and fear? Is my faith too dependent on other people?
- How authentic and confident do I feel when sharing Jesus with others who don't know him?

Character

- Who do I find easy to enjoy? Difficult? What does this tell me about myself?
- When I read key sections of Scripture (e.g. Matthew 5 – 7; 1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11; Galatians 5:16 – 26; etc.), what do I sense I need to most focus on now? What do others suggest?
- Do I try to control what other people know about me? Why? What level of transparency, accountability do I have in Christian community?
- Do I make space for non-Christians in my life?

Skills

- Do I know how to address questions that other people find important?
- Do I know how to find the help I need?
- How do I help others ask spiritual questions?
- What do I need to learn about other people?