



God's Pathway to Wholeness: Be Hungry

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled." Matt. 5:6

- Righteousness – To be put right with

Principles of Hunger and Thirst

"As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs for you." Ps. 42:1

- Being hungry and thirsty for God is a good thing.
- If I fill up on worldly things, I won't be hungry for righteousness.
- Righteousness is not simply being free from sin but free from the desire to sin.
- Few Christians deny the desire for the fullness of God, many deny the avenue to that fullness.
- The blessing of righteousness is attractive. It's the righteousness itself that we resist.

Some signs that we lack spiritual hunger or thirst.

- Time in prayer and the Bible feels like a duty.
- Increasing hunger for things contrary to God's Word.
- Lack of sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's voice and leading.
- Growing struggle to engage in a life of worship.
- A critical or judgmental heart with a lack of peace.
- An irritable spirit and lack of joy.

Four ways to increase your hunger for righteousness.

1. Admit my own righteousness will leave me empty.

"There is no one righteous, not even one." Rom. 3:10

2. Seek God first.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness..." Matt. 6:33

3. The key is what we think about.

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." Phil. 4:8-9

4. Get rid of anything that is contrary to God's Word.

"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles..." Heb. 12:1

Thoughts for Our Time in Prayer

1. Do I have cravings for the things of this world? Be honest and confess those to God.
2. Identify anything I am filling up on and choose to cut them off.
3. Ask God to help you keep your mind on excellent things and seek Him first.
4. Choose to live a life of praise and thanksgiving.