

Spiritual Appetite

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Matthew 5:6 *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”*

I remember a distinctive early Monday morning a little while ago; I was getting ready to get in my car and head to work that I felt an ordinary yet unique feeling. Familiar in the sense of hunger/appetite - unique in the sense of Spiritual. The combination was both surprising yet welcoming, as it is a feeling that is coveted by most who seek a bond with our Heavenly Father.

Desire is an inward longing for something we do not have but feel we need, or in many cases, want. Hunger and thirst are appetites God gave humans to make us aware of a bodily necessity. Longing for God's Word and His attributes are the spiritual appetite God gives Christians to make us aware of spiritual needs. Do pagans pray to their idols and ask them for love, joy, internal peace, kindness, gentleness, goodness, meekness, or self-control? They ask for other things—material things, material blessings.

God has given us faith to make us aware of spiritual needs. We are aware of our physical needs by nature, but we would never be aware of these spiritual needs unless God, by His Spirit, makes us conscious of it. It is a loving gift from Him! It is His expectation for us to consider these needs and inquire of Him for them. Our very awareness of the need is proof that God is working in us and with us.

Also very important to note: in **1Th 5:19**, the Word of God says, "*Do not quench the Spirit.*" To **quench the Spirit** means to stifle His work in our midst, to limit and hinder Him. Sin quenches the Spirit; traditions quench Him, along with disunity quenches Him.

As we walk in the daily walk of faith, it should be our desire to hunger after Him more and more. And what God really wants us to seek after, to long for, is Him, and what He is. May we continuously hunger and thirst for righteousness.

At His service,
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