

Spiritual Secret # 1

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

Spiritual Secret # 2

“Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4

Spiritual Secret # 3

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

Matthew 5:5

Spiritual Secret # 4

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Matthew 5:6

We must feed on the right thing to be happy.

We are what we eat!



Not being hungry is a sign of poor health.

A cartoon illustration of a man with blonde hair, wearing a blue shirt and yellow pants, lying in a wooden bed. He has a red thermometer in his mouth. The background is a simple white background with a grey floor.

“And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse than before. It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life. They prove the truth of the proverb: ‘A dog returns to its vomit.’ And another says, ‘A washed pig returns to the mud.’”

II Peter 2:20-22 (NLT)

I. What do hunger and thirst mean?

Hunger - Starvation
Thirst - Dehydration

God blesses you who are hungry now,
for you will be satisfied.
God blesses you who weep now,
for in due time you will laugh.

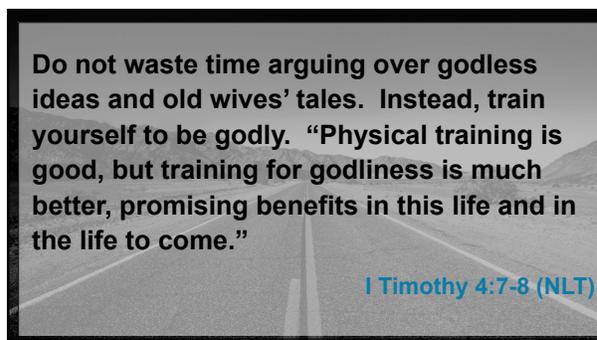
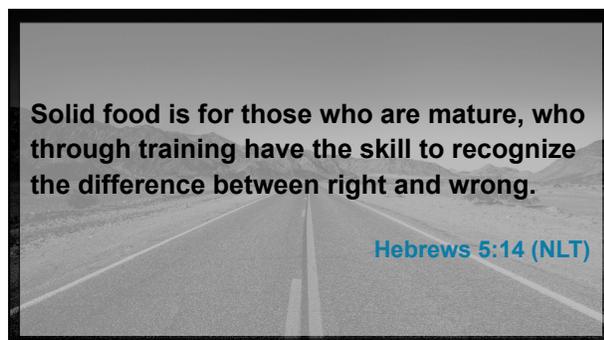
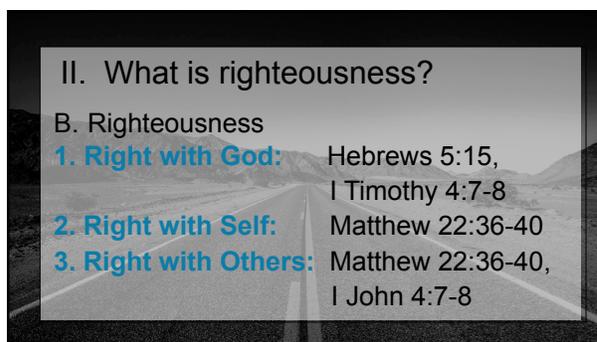
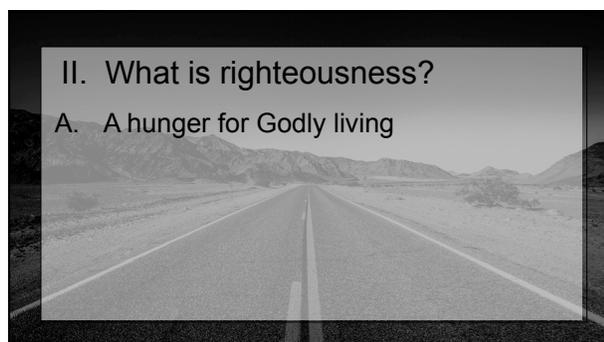
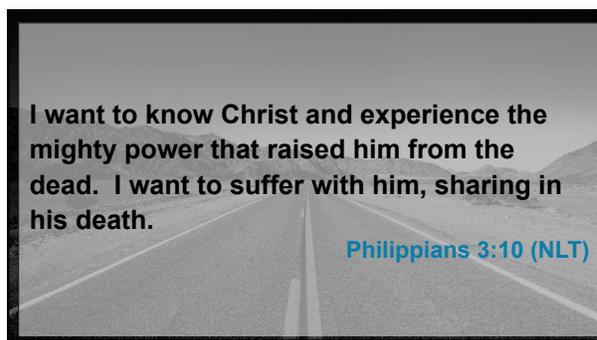
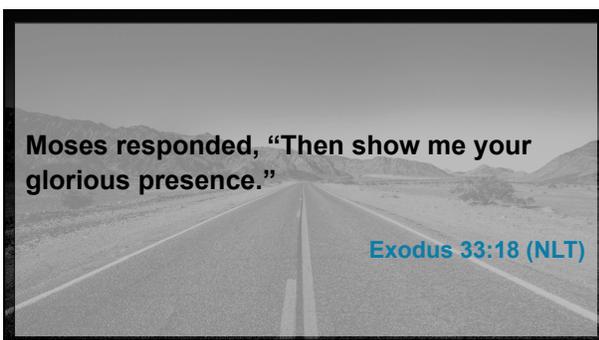
Luke 6:21 (NLT)

SO...
go after righteousness like that of:

David – Psalm 42:1-2 (NLT)
Moses – Exodus 33:18 (NLT)
Paul – Philippians 3:10 (NLT)

As the deer longs for streams of water,
so I long for you, O God.
I thirst for God, the living God.
When can I go and stand before him?

Psalm 42:1-2 (NLT)



Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

III. How is righteousness made available?

A. A hunger for Godly living

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!"

John 7:37

IV. How do I hunger and thirst for righteousness?

False foundations pacify our cravings with sugary swallows of pleasure.



But, there comes a time when pleasure, power or praise don't satisfy.

What is righteousness?

- A clean conscience
- A clean slate
- A fresh start
- To be right again

So how do I hunger and thirst for righteousness?

1. See the need for God's life in our...
2. Be free from the power of sin...
3. Desire to know Christ & obey His word...
4. Be fed-up with the husks of life...

"Hunger and thirst"

- Generative case = "a slice of"
- Matthew 5:6 = accusative case

I will only be satisfied with all of it.

V. What is the promise?

- **"For they shall be satisfied..."**
- **Many of us are too easily satisfied.**

QUESTION

What is it that makes children immobilize themselves by clutching toys so tightly?

ANSWER

They learn it from their parents.

If you are clutching anything but God's righteousness, you will never be satisfied.

True wealth has nothing to do with your bank account.



What are you hungering for?
What are you thirsting for?

When the prodigal son was hungry he went to feed on husks...but when he was starving, he returned to his father.



**If is a wonder
God doesn't
give up.**

**But, He hasn't...
at least for a
while longer.**

Spiritual Secret # 4

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Matthew 5:6