

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, sitting up in a wooden bed. He has a red thermometer in his mouth. The background is a simple white background.

“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.

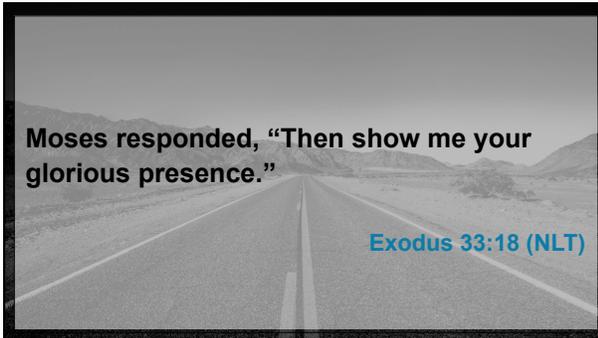
[Luke 6:21 \(NLT\)](#)

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?

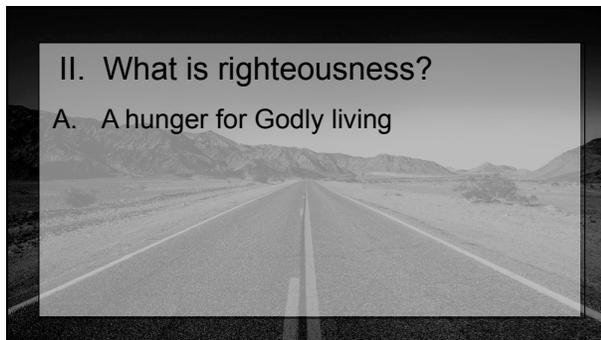
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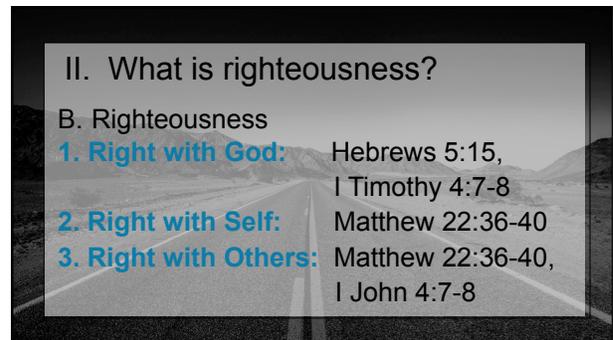
Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."
Exodus 33:18 (NLT)



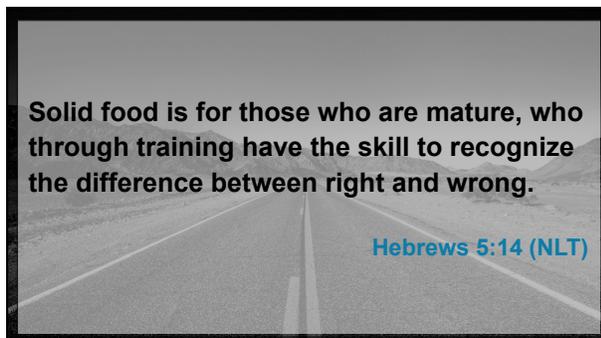
I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death.
Philippians 3:10 (NLT)



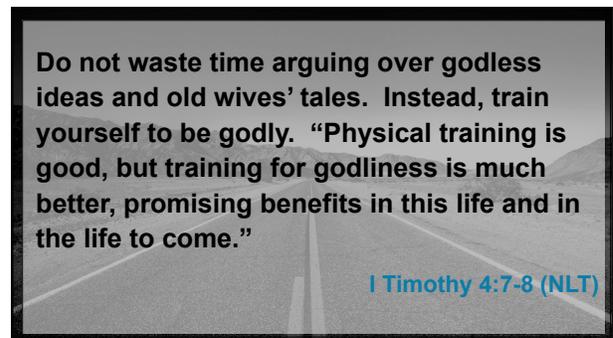
II. What is righteousness?
A. A hunger for Godly living



II. What is righteousness?
B. Righteousness
1. Right with God: Hebrews 5:15, I Timothy 4:7-8
2. Right with Self: Matthew 22:36-40
3. Right with Others: Matthew 22:36-40, I John 4:7-8



Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.
Hebrews 5:14 (NLT)



Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."
I Timothy 4:7-8 (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