

Blessed
Hunger & Thirst
Matthew 5:6
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Matthew 5 ⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (NIV)*

Matthew 5 ⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (ESV)*

I. What is Righteousness?

1. Being right with God

Romans 3 ²² *We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. (NLT)*

2. Living the way God wants us to

Proverbs 21 ²¹ *Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor. (NIV)*

II. How can I be made right with God?

1. I can't.

Romans 3 ²³ *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. (NLT)*

2. He can.

2 Corinthians 5 ²¹ *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (NLT)*

3. I need to let Him.

Romans 10 ¹³ *For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (NLT)*

III. How do I stay hungry & thirsty for God?

1. Talk to him on a daily basis.

Ephesians 6 ¹⁸ *Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (NLT)*

2. Read His word every day.

1 Peter 2 ² *You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment (NLT)*

Action Step: Begin having a daily quiet time with God every day!

3. Fast to increase my hunger for God.

Matthew 4 ⁴ *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (ESV)*

4. Hang around other hungry people.

Hebrews 10 ²⁵ *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (NLT)*

Action Step: Join a Life Group!

5. Make God my first priority.

2 Peter 3 ¹⁸ *You must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! (NLT)*

Philippians 3 ¹⁰ *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, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! (NLT)*

IV. Closing Remarks

1. *Everyone knows what it feels like to be physically hungry or thirsty.*
2. *Jesus wants us to hunger & thirst for righteousness by living a life that glorifies God!*
3. *Invite someone to the Christmas Service.*