

Spiritual Cravings

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? **Psalm 42:1-2**

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. **Psalm 107:8-9**

1. What does it mean to _____ after righteousness?

Living life from God's perspective

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, **Hebrews 9:27**

you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. **1 Corinthians 6:20**

“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”

— Blaise Pascal

We are surrounded by people who desperately _____

living water and the bread of life.

They just don't know how to ask for it.

“I have learned to hold all things loosely, so God will not have to pry them out of my hands.” — Corrie ten Boom

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. **Psalm 63:1-2**

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. **Psalm 63:3**

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. **Psalm 63:5**

2. How do we _____ and thirst after righteousness?

A plan to change our direction in order to seek His righteousness.

*Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **2 Corinthians 6:14-15***

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33***

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. **Psalms 37:4***

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6***

*Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. **Proverbs 3:7-8***

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. **Galatians 6:7-8***

*Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. **1 Corinthians 6:18***

*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20***

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? **Psalms 42:1-2***

*Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. **Psalms 34:8***

3. Fulfillment in life is Jesus' _____.

Jesus promise when we seek righteousness.

“Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **John 4:14**

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.” **John 6:35**

“Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for goodness, for they will be fully satisfied!”
Matthew 5:6 J. B. Phillips

1. Being poor in spirit

We acknowledge that we are spiritually _____
and in need of God's forgiveness.

2. We mourn over our sin

We realize sin is no laughing matter and it _____
the heart of God. We repent in sorrow.

3. We submit our ego to the total control of Jesus Christ

He refines us to reach our full potential for His kingdom and not our glory.

4. We seek after a righteous life

He accomplishes the promise of _____ fulfillment in our lives.

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Psalm 37:4

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. **John 6:66-67**

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” **John 6:68-69**

***Jesus is the only one that can bring
eternal satisfaction and fulfillment in life.***

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.” **Isaiah 55:1**

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Isaiah 55:2

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

*Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. **Isaiah 55:2-3***

*“He has set eternity in the _____ of men” **Ecclesiastes 3:11***

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