

**WHY YOU NEED TO STAY HUNGRY**  
**Matthew 5:6**  
**The Keys to a Blessed Life – Part 4**  
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**Matthew 5:6 (NIV)** “*God blesses those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

**RIGHTEOUSNESS IS. . .**

- **A Relationship: Righteousness means \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Romans 1:17 (NCV)** “*The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself.”*
- **A Lifestyle: Righteousness means \_\_\_\_\_**  
**1 John 2:29 (Mes)** “. . . all who practice righteousness are God’s true children.”

**It’s a position and it’s a practice.**

**So why should we care?--It’s the only way to live. It’s the only way to heaven.**

**Proverbs 12:28** “*Righteousness is the road to life and path to immortality.”*

**THE GOOD NEWS:**

**--GOD’S PLAN TO MAKE US RIGHT WITH HIMSELF—**

1. **REALIZE...I can’t make myself righteous.** (“*For all have sinned*”)  
**Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NIV)** “*There is not a righteous person on earth who always does what is right and never sins.*”  
**Romans 3:20 (NLT)** “*No one can ever be made right in God’s sight by doing what his law commands, because the more we know God’s law, the clearer it becomes that we can’t keep it.*”
2. **REALIZE...God sent Jesus to pay for my sins** (“*God sent His only begotten Son*”)  
**Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)** “*For all have sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God’s anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us.*”  
**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)** “*God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*”
3. **REALIZE...I accept by faith what God did for me** (“*Believe in your heart*”)  
**Romans 3:22 (NLT)** “*We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.*”  
**Romans 10:9-10** “*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for you believe with your heart, resulting in righteousness, and you confess with your mouth, resulting in salvation.*”

**Dear God, I know I can’t be righteous on my own. Today I humbly ask you to save me. Because of what Jesus Christ did for me, I don’t understand it all, but as much as I know how I want to put my trust in your Son. Jesus Christ, I want to get to know you, I simply put my trust in your grace and in your forgiveness, Jesus Christ. I want you to be the Lord of my life. Amen.**

# HOW DO I STAY SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY?

## The 5 keys to having a spiritual appetite

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ myself how much God loves me

**Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT)** “...pray that you have the power to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God’s love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. **THEN** you will be filled with the fullness of life AND the power that comes from God.”

**You need to do this every day**

### 2. Stop filling up on \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 55:1-2** “The Lord says, “All you who are thirsty, come to me and drink! And to those of you who don’t have money to buy food, come and eat for free! Why do you spend your money on something that isn’t real food and doesn’t really satisfy you? Come to me and you’ll eat what is good; your soul will enjoy the stuff that really satisfies!”

**Whatever you’re hungry for is determining the destiny of your life.**

### 3. Make \_\_\_\_\_ God my number one goal

“The thing you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.” Matthew 6:33 (NCV)

**You seek God**

### 4. Get \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word every day

**1 Peter 2:2 (NLT)** “You must crave the pure spiritual milk [of the Word] so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation. Cry out for this nourishment like a baby cries for milk!”

**2 Timothy 3:16** “All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness...”

**Eating once a week won’t keep you healthy, you need to feed on the truth every day.**

### 5. Appetite is influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 2:20 (Mes/NLT)** “Join the company of good men and women, who will keep you on the path of the righteous.”

**Join a small group** (Sunday School Class, Bible Study Group, etc..)