

Happy Are The Hungry

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

Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS. . .

- **A Relationship:**

"The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself." Romans 1:17 (NCV)

- **A Lifestyle:**

Happiness is a continual desire for righteousness.

". . . all who practice righteousness are God's true children." 1 John 2:29 (Mes)

"Righteousness is the road to life and path to immortality." Proverbs 12:28

THE GOOD NEWS: GOD'S PLAN TO MAKE ME RIGHT WITH HIMSELF

- 1. I can't make myself righteous**

"There is not a righteous person on earth who always does what is right and never sins." Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NIV)

"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."
Romans 3:20 (NLT)

- 2. God sent Jesus to pay for my sins so I could be declared righteous**

"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." Romans 3:23-25 (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." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

- 3. I accept by faith what God did for me.**

"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 3:22 (NLT)

"It is through faith that a righteous person has life" Romans 3:17c

"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."

Romans 10:9-10

HOW DO I STAY SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY?

1. Remind myself how much God loves me.

"...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." Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT)

2. Stop filling up on junk food

"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!"

Isaiah 55:1-2

3. Make knowing 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)

Happiness is a continual desire for God.

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection." Philippians 3:10a

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

4. Get into God's Word every day.

"You must crave the pure spiritual milk so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation. Cry out for this nourishment like a baby cries for milk!" 1 Peter 2:2

5. Get accountable

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

What is the result? Jesus will fill You!!!!!!

"He satisfies the longing soul he fills the hungry soul with goodness." Psalm 107:9

"But they that seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing." Psalm 34:10

"I shall not want, my cup runneth, over." Psalm 23:1,5

"My people shall be satisfied with my goodness saith the Lord." Jeremiah 31:14

"If you drink this water you will, never thirst again." John 4:14

"I am the bread of life. Eat this bread, you will never hunger again." John 6:51