

## The Connection between Hunger and Growth

*Mt 5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

*James 1:1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings. 2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

**REVIEW:** Truth Produces Spiritual Growth.

Fasted for Mom and discovered that Truth plus Faith produces Experiences that yield Spiritual Growth

**TRUTH + FAITH = EXPERIENCES**

**EXPERIENCE + EXPERIENCE + EXPERIENCE = SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

The primary reason most Christians don't have spiritual hunger or spiritual growth is because they seldom apply truth to daily living.

### 1. Fully Engage in His Truth

-Engage in Learning from Teaching

Every time me you hear me you must find 2-3 things to actually do!!

-Engage in Learning from Personal Study

**I EXPECT!!! I DECIDE! I'm GOING TO FAST FOR MY MOTHER**

## **2. Act on the Truth You Know**

The Next Level of Understanding Comes When You Obey

“When the pupil is ready then the teacher will appear”

*Isa 30: 20 Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. 21 Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.*

The Next Level of Faith Comes When You Obey

Faith comes by hearing Ro. 10.17

## **3. Fight Experiences Produce Growth**

*Jam 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*

Righteous falls seven times!

Prov. 24.16 NLT

*The godly may trip seven times but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.*

**Every Time You Fight You Win**

1Ti 1:18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight.

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

There are a couple things that make us hungry:

1. EXERCISE
2. EATING

IT'S THE TWO THINGS MOST CHRISTIANS DON'T DO IN THE SPIRIT!!

EXERCISE YOUR FAITH MUSCLES BY BELIEVING FOR MIRACLES

EAT THE TRUTH EVERY CHANCE YOU GET

**YOU CAN KILL SPIRITUAL HUNGER!!**

IF YOU GET FULL OFF OF JUNK, YOU LOSE HUNGER FOR WHAT'S HEALTHY!

### 1. HE WHO HUNGERS AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS

*Mt 6:31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

RIGHTEOUS WORDS

RIGHTEOUS DEEDS

## RIGHTEOUS THOUGHTS

### 2. HE WHO THIRSTS AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS

*Jn 7: 37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, `From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

#### THIRST DETERMINES YOUR ATTRACTION

#### WHAT'S IN VIEW WILL DETERMINE YOUR THIRST

Marketing plan:

See it, Like it, Want it, Buy it

#### ATTRACTION WILL DETERMINE SATISFACTION

**THE PROBLEM WITH THE WRONG THINGS, IS THAT THEY DON'T SATISFY!**

### 3. CONTENTMENT IS THE RESULT OF THE RIGHT HUNGER

#### WRONG HUNGER RESULTS IN FRUSTRATION

*Mt 5: 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied*

#### THE POWER OF CONTENTMENT

*Php 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means,*

*and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

## **CONTENTMENT PRODUCES GROWTH**

*1Ti 6:6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. 7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.*