

MATTHEW 5:6 SATISFIED!

You will find lasting satisfaction in Jesus, when you pursue Him passionately and continually!

"If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

— John Piper (A Hunger for God)

GOD DESIRES FOR YOU TO BE ...

- Blessed – speaks of our condition
- Satisfied – speaks of our contentment

GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOU IS FULFILLED WHEN YOUR GREATEST DESIRE IS FOR HIM!

- The object of our desires
 - His righteousness

His righteousness is the only ambition that, when fulfilled, brings enduring happiness.

- The description of our desires
 - Hunger
 - Thirst

6 Marks of spiritual hunger and thirst:

1. Am I dissatisfied with self?
2. Am I dependent on external things for satisfaction?
3. Do I crave the Word of God?
4. Do I long for the refreshing presence of God's Spirit?
5. Do I willingly receive God's correction as much as I desire His comfort?
6. Do I recognize that all things in this world that delight the human heart are gifts from God and a reflection of His character?

"You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever." (Psalm 16:11, NASB95)

"But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment." (1 Timothy 6:6, NASB95)

"Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4, NASB95)

GOD DESCRIBES HOW YOU CAN FIND YOUR GREATEST SATISFACTION IN HIM.

How do you create hunger and thirst?

1. Start with confession and seeking forgiveness.
2. Watch your diet.
3. Discipline yourself for devotion.
4. Eliminate all competition.

Suggestions:

1. Identify one thing that occupies your time, energy, and attention, that you will set aside for one week to focus on your relationship with Christ.
2. Scripture memory for this week: Psalm 73:25-26

Psalm 73:25-26 (NASB95)

25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.

26 My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.