

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Day 1: A Deep Hunger for Righteousness

Devotional

In Matthew 5:6, Jesus tells us, 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.' This isn't about a casual interest but a desperate desire for righteousness. Just as our bodies need food and water to survive, our souls need righteousness to thrive. The Greek words used in this verse convey an intense craving, a matter of spiritual survival rather than mere preference.

Our culture offers many alternative sources of satisfaction: technology, social media, entertainment, possessions, and achievements. Yet, even those who attain these things often testify to their emptiness. True satisfaction comes from a deep hunger and thirst for righteousness, a longing to be right with God, live morally, and seek justice in our communities.

Reflect on your own life. What are you hungering and thirsting for? Are you seeking temporary satisfaction from worldly things, or are you longing for the eternal fulfillment that comes from God's righteousness?

Bible Verse

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.' - Matthew 5:6

Reflection Question

What are you currently hungering and thirsting for in your life? How can you shift your focus to hunger and thirst for God's righteousness?

Quote

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

Prayer

Lord, help me to develop a deep hunger and thirst for Your righteousness. Fill me with a longing to be right with You, to live morally, and to seek justice in my community. Amen.

Day 2: Day 2: Checking Our Spiritual Appetite

Devotional

Our personal confession should include a plea for a healthy spiritual appetite. 'Lord, keep my appetite healthy for You and Your kingdom.' It's important to regularly check our spiritual appetite. Are we filling ourselves with things that dull our hunger for God?

We live in a world with twice as many products as we had ten years ago. Does that make us twice as satisfied? I don't think so. We spend an average of two and a half hours a day on social media, which adds up to about seven years in our lifetime. What are we hungering and thirsting for in that media that Christ might not satisfy?

Take a moment to evaluate your spiritual appetite. Are you filling yourself with things that dull your hunger for God? How can you cultivate a healthy spiritual appetite?

Bible Verse

'Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' - Matthew 6:33

Reflection Question

What are some things in your life that might be dulling your hunger for God? How can you make changes to cultivate a healthy spiritual appetite?

Quote

My personal confession is one of the marks in my prayer life is, lord, keep my appetite healthy for you for your kingdom. And it's important to check our appetite.

Prayer

Lord, help me to check my spiritual appetite regularly. Show me the things that are dulling my hunger for You and help me to seek first Your kingdom and righteousness. Amen.

Day 3: Day 3: The Emptiness of Worldly Pursuits

Devotional

J.D. Rockefeller was once asked, 'How much do you need?' His answer was, 'A little more, a little more.' This sentiment reflects the emptiness of worldly pursuits. 'He who has money never has enough, never has enough.'

Mother Teresa noted that in India, people are dying of hunger, but in the West, particularly the United States, people are dying because their souls are empty. We often seek satisfaction in possessions, achievements, and fame, but these things never truly fill us.

True satisfaction comes from a deep hunger and thirst for righteousness. Jesus promises that those who hunger for righteousness will be filled—not once, but continuously through the Holy Spirit. Reflect on your own life. Are you seeking satisfaction in worldly pursuits, or are you longing for the eternal fulfillment that comes from God's righteousness?

Bible Verse

'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. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.' - Isaiah 55:1-2

Reflection Question

Are you seeking satisfaction in worldly pursuits? How can you shift your focus to hunger and thirst for God's righteousness?

Quote

J.D. Rockefeller was once asked, well, how much you need? His answer, a little more, a little more. It was the preacher who put it this way. He who has money never has enough, never has enough.

Prayer

Lord, help me to recognize the emptiness of worldly pursuits. Fill me with a deep hunger and thirst for Your righteousness, and help me to find true satisfaction in You. Amen.

Day 4: Day 4: The Call to Social Righteousness

Devotional

Righteousness is not just about our personal relationship with God; it's also about our community, our neighbor, and our world. We are called to hunger and thirst for righteousness to fill the land, to hunger and thirst so that our neighbor can flourish.

The prophet Amos addressed the need for social righteousness in a society that was financially prosperous but spiritually bankrupt. 'But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!'

Bible Verse

'But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!' - Amos 5:24

Reflection Question

How can you hunger and thirst for righteousness in a way that impacts your community and the world around you?

Quote

We are called to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to fill the land, to hunger and thirst so that my neighbor can flourish.

Prayer

Lord, help me to hunger and thirst for righteousness in a way that impacts my community and the world around me. Fill me with a desire to seek justice and to be zealous for Your righteousness. Amen.

Day 5: Day 5: Continuous Spiritual Nourishment**Devotional**

To be a follower of Christ is more than just a nice, safe religion for respectable people. It is about being zealous for God, hungry and thirsty for God, and for heaven and earth to be joined together. This is not a one-time thing. Just as our bodies need food and water every day, our souls need continuous spiritual nourishment.

Jesus said, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scriptures have said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' (John 7:37-38). We are called to feed our souls every day in order to become more like Christ.

Reflect on your own life. Are you feeding your soul daily with God's Word and spiritual disciplines? How can you ensure that you are continuously nourished spiritually?

Bible Verse

'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scriptures have said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' - John 7:37-38

Reflection Question

Are you feeding your soul daily with God's Word and spiritual disciplines? How can you ensure that you are continuously nourished spiritually?

Quote

This is not a one time thing. It's just like our body needs food. Our. We need to have water every day. So it is every day that we feed our soul in order that we become more like Christ.

Prayer

Lord, help me to feed my soul daily with Your Word and spiritual disciplines. Fill me with streams of living water and help me to become more like Christ. Amen.