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Application of Colossians Part 2

Changing My Appetite...For The Righteousness Of God



Colossians Chapter 3

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your^a life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to Death	Get Rid Of These Things	Clothe Myself
Sins of sexual attitude and behavior	Sins of Speech	Love in my heart
Sexual Immorality	Anger/Rage	Compassion
Impurity	Malice	Kindness
Lust	Slander	Humility
Evil Desires	Filthy Language	Gentleness
Greed	Lying	Patience
		Forgiveness

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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Matthew 5:6

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Vocabulary:

Hunger – *hun'gēr* (רָעַב, *rā'ābh*; *λιμός*, *limós* (subs.), *πεινάω*, *peināō* (vb.):

NOUN

- 1) A feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food, coupled with the desire to eat.
 - a) Lack of, emptiness, starvation, famine, malnutrition

VERB - (hunger after/for)

- 1) Have a strong desire or craving for
 - a) Desire, taste, craving, yearning

Taste or Appetite – An untamed appetite becomes an uncontrollable addiction

NOUN

- 1) The sensation of flavor perceived in the mouth and throat on contact with a substance.
- 2) A person's liking for particular flavors – palate, taste buds, appetite
- 3) The ability to discern what is of good quality or of a high aesthetic standard.

VERB

- 1) Perceive or experience the flavor of – distinguish, differentiate, discern, perceive

Craving – I will only crave what I consistently consume.

NOUN

- 1) A powerful desire for something

Thirst

NOUN/VERB

- 1) A feeling of needing or wanting to drink something.
 - a. Thirst is the craving for consumable fluids, resulting in the basic instinct to drink. It is an essential mechanism involved in fluid balance. It arises from a lack of fluids or an increase in the concentration of certain osmolytes (Their primary role is to maintain the integrity of cells by affecting the viscosity, melting point, and ionic strength of the aqueous solution.). If the water volume of the body falls below a certain threshold or the osmolyte concentration becomes too high, structures in the brain detect changes in blood constituents and signal thirst.



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Righteousness

“to acquit, vindicate, restore to a right relationship.”

Righteousness is the quality of being right in the eyes of God, including character (nature), conscience (attitude), conduct (action), and command (word). Righteousness is, therefore, based upon God’s standard because He is the ultimate Lawgiver (Isaiah 33:22). The righteous are those who maintain right relationships—with God and with the people around them. Vertical and Horizontal relationships.

Accountability - the fact or condition of being liable, responsible, obedient.

Shame - is an unpleasant self-conscious emotion typically associated with a negative evaluation of the self; withdrawal motivations; and feelings of distress, exposure, mistrust, powerlessness, and worthlessness.

Accountability and shame are not the same thing. I am valuable to God. I no longer focus on the flaws, but on the divine purpose of God for my life.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

My Purpose

To Glory, Honor, And Praise God In All I Do – Word, Thought, And Deeds!

Discussion Questions:

1. What from the lesson today touched your heart the most?
2. What stage of hunger am I in? Noun - Am I experiencing lack, emptiness, starvation, famine, malnutrition? Verb - Do I have a strong desire or craving for something that leads to destruction?
3. What type of appetite or taste have I created that needs to be removed or changed?
4. Am I craving after my own selfish desires, what has been done to me instead of for me, darkness?
5. How is what I am about to consume into my body going to affect me? Will it bring me closer to God or take me away from God? How do I feel after I have consumed it empty or filled?
6. Am I really seeking righteousness? Have I moved from darkness into His marvelous light?
7. Am I allowing shame to bind me or am I living in freedom in Christ Jesus? Have I hidden my life in God? Have I made my life accountable to God, to live out His purpose for my life?