

## “Wanting Jesus”

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Matthew 5:6 “Blessed (happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled (satisfied).”

### SUMMARY:

The theme of the Sermon on the Mount is TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS! Religious leaders of the time had an artificial, external righteousness based upon the law. They were concerned with minute details of CONDUCT. But, neglected the most important – their character.

Instead of measuring RIGHTEOUSNESS by:  
How much one prayed...  
How much one gives...  
How much one fasts... etc.

Jesus gives the BEATITUDES as guidelines for character development.

RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER EQUALS  
RIGHTEOUS CONDUCT!

### NOTES:

Do you need to re-evaluate your spiritual appetite?  
Remember, Jesus doesn't expect us to be perfect but, He does tell us we will be satisfied or fulfilled, IF we crave RIGHTEOUS THINKING AND LIVING.

### DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** Do you thirst, hunger, desire, or crave righteousness in your life? If not, why not?

#### Discussion:

1. If you are pursuing RIGHTEOUS LIVING, what should be some internal evidence of that pursuit?
2. What outward evidence should be present?
3. What are some roadblocks Satan places in our lives to impede RIGHTEOUS LIVING?

### APPLICATION:

- What changes need to take place in your life to enhance RIGHTEOUS THINKING AND CONDUCT?
- Remember, as a husband, father, grandfather, many people are watching your life to see if you “hunger and thirst”; after righteousness; keep this uppermost in your mind as you start off each day.

### ON YOUR OWN...

Proverbs 10:3  
Proverbs 14:34  
Isaiah 55:1 - 2  
Matthew 6:33  
John 4: 10, 13 – 14  
John 6:35  
Revelation 21:6  
Revelation 22:17