



THE (BE)ATTITUDES

“The (BE)Attitude of
Desperation

[Matthew 5:6](#)

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Our Attitude: Total desperation for the right thing

“Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy, because God will fully satisfy them.” [Matthew 5:6 New Century](#)

“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.” [Message](#)

“Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for goodness, for they will be fully satisfied!” [Phillips](#)

“Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!” [GNT](#)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God’s approval. They will be satisfied.” [GWT](#)

“God blesses those people who want to obey him more than to eat or drink.”

“They will be given what they want!” [CEV](#)

1) What does it mean to be totally desperate?

Hungry and Thirsty

A. It is continuous

B. It is consuming [Psalm 63:1](#)

2) Our desperation: His righteousness

A. What is the purpose?

B. What kind of righteousness are we talking about?

C. How much righteousness are we talking about?

[Psalm 42:1 NCV](#)

“This righteousness is both positional – having a right relationship with God by grace through faith and practical – living out that right relationship in our just acts of love toward God and others. When we have this desire, we can’t get enough of His Word, devouring it, digesting it, & putting it into practice. We can’t drink deeply enough from the fount of truth, letting it flow into us, through us, and out of us as we refresh the lives of others.”

Chuck Swindoll

“It’s not that he wants to be a little bit better, still less that he thinks of righteousness as an optional luxury to add to his other graces; rather, he hungers and thirsts for it. He cannot get along without it – righteousness; it is as important to him as food and drink.”

D.A. Carson

3) Our Assurance & Hope: They will be satisfied

- A. We will be totally satisfied
- B. We will be satisfied but always wanting and needing more
- C. We will be eternally satisfied

“O the bliss of the man who longs for total righteousness as a starving man longs for food, and a man perishing of thirst longs for water, for that man will be truly satisfied.” Barclay’s Translation

4) Our Application: Marks of spiritual hunger

- A. We will be dissatisfied with ourselves
- B. We will not need things of the world or flesh to satisfy us
- C. We will deeply desire & seek God’s Word
- D. We will desire the things of God.
- E. We will desire the Lord without conditions.

Psalm 119:20 & Isaiah 26:9

Response Questions:

1. How's your spiritual appetite this morning? Describe it.
2. How desperate are you right now to know His righteousness? How is that happening in your life right now?
3. What does it mean to be satisfied in the Lord and yet not still satisfied?
4. How satisfied are you in your walk with the Lord today? What needs to change so you will be satisfied?
5. How do you know you're hungry and thirsty for the things of God?