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“B4”

**Blessed are those
Who Hunger and
Thirst After
Righteousness**

“Let Go of My Ego”

Vitamins are Beneficial

B Vitamins have been used for years for:

- **Energy**
- **Outlook**
- **Strength**

Jesus Gives us some B Vitamins for:

- **Energy**
- **Outlook**
- **Strength**

They are Called ...the Beatitudes

Blessed = Happy



Matthew 5:6 (KJV) *“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled”*

Blessed= Happy

- **Hunger**
- **Thirst**

***“True Happiness comes from Knowing ...
...that Only God can Truly Satisfy us”***



1st Step to Happiness is Humility

- **Humility is realizing that**
 - **you can't fix everything.**
 - **you don't have all the answers.**
 - **you need God in our life.**
- *"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

- **2nd Step to Happiness is Repentance**

- **Repentance is Weeping and Mourning...**
- **...over the Sin in My Life**
- *"Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!" Matthew 5:4 (GNB)*
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3rd Step to Happiness is Teachability

Teachability is Realizing that...

- **I Don't Know Everything**
- **I Am Always Learning**
- **God Decides the “How” and “When” of my Lessons**

Matthew 5:5 (KJV)

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.” **Matthew 11:29 (KJV)**



Righteousness

- 4th Step to Happiness is Righteousness
- Righteousness is Realizing that
 - My Way Isn't Always the Right Way
 - His Way is Always the Right Way
 - I Need to Seek to Know the Difference
- Righteousness cannot...
 - *be attained on "my own"*
 - *be reached by "following the rules"*
- **Matt 5:6 (AMP)** Blessed *and* fortunate *and* happy *and*
 - spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-
 - again child of God enjoys His favor and salvation) are
 - those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
 - (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be completely satisfied!

Types of Righteousness

- **Imparted Righteousness**
 - **Rom 3:26 (AMP)**. *He Himself is righteous and that He justifies and accepts as righteous him who has [true] faith in Jesus*
 - **Spiritually Declared Right thru Jesus**
 - **Imputed Righteousness**
 - **Rom. 4:3**, "*Abe believed God...counted right*"
 - **Judicially Declared Right**
- **Demonstrated Righteousness**
 - **Lived Thru Him**
- **Self Righteousness**
 - **Lived Beyond Him**
 - **Isa 64:6**, "*our righteousness is as filthy rags..*"

Hunger and Thirst

Hunger and Thirst is Two of the...

...Strongest Driving Forces Known to Man

- **Wars Fought**
- **Kingdoms Held Hostage**
- **Lives Bought/ Sold**

Great Example

Esau Gave Up His Heritage and...

...Changed His Life Forever

...Because of Hunger

Some Who Hungered And Thirsted For God:

- **Enoch** - Walked so close to God, He was not, for God took him (**Gen. 5:24**)
- **Jacob** - Wrestled all night with an angel (**Gen. 32:24**)
- **Moses** - I beseech thee, show me thy Glory (**Ex. 33:8**)
- **David** - A man after God's own heart (**I Sam. 13:14**)
- **Elijah** - Taken up in a fiery Chariot into heaven (**II Kings 2:11**)
- **Woman with the Issue of Blood** (**Mk. 5: 25-34**)
- **Blind Bartimaeus** - (**Mk. 10: 46-52**)
- **Paul** - His burning desire to Live for Christ (**Phil. 1:21**)
 - *I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ* (**Phil. 3:8**)

CRAVE

“C” -Crave for the Right Thing.

...hunger and thirst for righteousness

❑ People Crave for All the Wrong Things

- Power
- Money
- Attention

Matt 6:33 (KJV) “But seek ye first the kingdom of G
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*and his righteousness; and all these things shall be
added unto you.*

CRAVE

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“R” -Reprioritize your life.

❑ If We Really Crave for the Right Thing,
We Will Make It Our Top Priority

First= Priority

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“A” -Abide in God’s Will.

Abide =Remain.

When Something is Important, You Make Time For It

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First= Passion

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“E” -Expect God’s Promise.

“Blessed...hunger / thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.” = completely satisfied.

- filled to the brim -More than Enough

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Survival vs. Revival

Void Inside...

...Only God Can Fill

Well I'm Saved but still...

...Feel Void

Maybe it's Because of Your Appetite

Matthew 6:33 (AMP)

³³ But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

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REPRIORITIZE your life.

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VOID anything that will hinder.

EXPECT God's promise.

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FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE
HUNGRY & THIRSTY FOR
RIGHTNESS FOR THEY WILL BE
FILLED
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO
ARE MERCY FOR THEY WILL
OBTAIN MERCY
BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN
HEART FOR THEY WILL SEE
GOD
BLESSED ARE THE
PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY
WILL BE CALLED SONS OF
GOD
BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO ARE PERSECUTED
BECAUSE OF
RIGHTNESS FOR
THEY ARE THE MEEK
OF HEAVEN
BLESSED ARE
YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT
YOU PERSECUTE YOU AND
FALSIFY YOUR NAME
BECAUSE OF ME
REJOICE
AND BE GLAD
BECAUSE
GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN
HEAVEN FOR IN THE SAME
WAY THEY PERSECUTED
THE PROPHETS WHO WERE
BEFORE YOU