

Starving To Be Filled

Step One: Poor in Spirit- A recognition and acknowledgment of one's spiritual bankruptcy apart from God (and Jesus). See, blessed are those who realize that without the grace of God in their life they are completely bankrupt and incapable of having any affect on their eternal destiny.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3

Step Two: Mourning- The obsession of being connected with God for my total happiness. "Mourning" avidly looking for any independent area in my life, away from God, that is trying to find another means of happiness to satisfy my needs.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
Matthew 5:4

Step Three: Meek- Meekness is power under control, we are harnessed to the will and character of Christ in the same way as a horse might be bridled to be led .

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
Matthew 5:5

Step Four: Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness

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

Three Facts Concerning Righteousness

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We know that being overweight causes many health problems. It increases the risk of fatal diseases like **diabetes, heart disease, and cancer**. But what is at the root of the obesity problem in America?

There are **two basic causes for becoming overweight or obese: too much food and too little exercise**. It sounds like an issue based on an individual person's willpower. However, when you realize that today **65% of Americans are overweight**, you may begin to understand that this is a real problem that all Americans need to be aware of. ("Why is America Overweight?", by Renee Kennedy, ©2000-2003 Napuda Technologies)

Hunger and Thirst

You cannot be filled with that which you do not hunger for. Not wanting any more is not the same as being filled. I can bring in that nasty mole from England and spread it on a cracker and the smell of it would make you feel like you had enough. If we go without eating or drinking for a couple of hours we think we are hungry and thirsty. We say that we are hungry or thirsty when in fact there are very few of us in the United States who have the slightest idea of what real hunger or thirst is all about.

Our everyday cravings, longing, passion, strong desire that grips us and causes us to focus only on that one thing is the idea of hungering and thirsting. The more you hunger and thirst for what the world says will satisfy you (money; things; sensual pleasure; power; etc.), the emptier and less satisfied you will become.

- **Meekness is taking on the character of Christ, being influenced by the character of Christ, Righteousness is acting out in the Character of Christ, influencing with the character of Christ.**
- **Meekness does not get the same harassment as Righteousness does. Meekness is seen as weak, but righteous is seen as aggressive.**
- **The passion of righteousness is not the same as passionately being right.**
- The Homiletic Commentary states “Hunger and thirst are healthy appetites, which bring joy and satisfaction when they are met, but they are torments, tortures, if they are not satisfied.”

How do you know when you are hungering and thirsting for righteousness? The first premise is that if the Holy Spirit (emphasize "Holy") dwells in you will have a hunger and thirst for righteousness. If you lack this hunger and thirst then you must stop and ask yourself whether you are truly born again for Paul writes that if any man or woman is in Christ, the old things (including the old appetites) pass away and behold new things (including new appetites) have come. I am not speaking of a perfect appetite for righteousness. The question is do you have *any appetite whatsoever* for God's righteousness? If not, you see the point, because if the Holy Spirit is in you, He causes you to have this appetite for Jesus.

*“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for Thee, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?”
Psalm 42:1-2*

The following illustration gives one a sense of how vital a believer's **hungering** and **thirsting** for righteousness is to their spiritual life...

A devoted follower of **Socrates** asked him the best way to acquire knowledge. Socrates responded by leading him to a river and plunging him beneath the surface. The man struggled to free himself, but Socrates kept his head submerged. Finally, after much effort, the man was able to break loose and emerge from the water. Socrates then asked, “When you thought you were drowning, what one thing did you want most of all?” Still gasping for breath, the man exclaimed, “I wanted air!” The philosopher wisely commented, “When you want knowledge as much as you wanted air, then you will get it!” The same is true with our desire for righteousness. (Our Daily Bread)

Note that both hunger and thirst are in the present tense which calls for these pursuits to be our lifestyle.

- **Hunger** (3983) (**peinao** from **peín** = hunger) means to be in a state of hunger without any implications of particular contributing circumstances. The figurative use as in this beatitude signifies to have strong desire to attain some goal with the implication of an existing lack.

Hunger and thirst are bodily cravings that must be satisfied if life, both physical and spiritual, is to be sustained! Do you believe this? Therefore, this statement by Jesus is

a key to partaking of the fullness of the righteous lifestyle (that surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, Mt 5:20) that Jesus outlines in His remainder of the sermon.

- **Thirst** (1372) (**dipsao** from **dipsos** = thirst) describes literal or figurative (as in this verse) thirst and pictures one who desires ardently for a drink.

- **Kent Hughes** writes:

"The fourth Beatitude is a call to pursue conformity to God's will stated in the most extreme of terms. The intensity of the expression is difficult for us to feel because if we are thirsty today, all we need to do is turn on the tap for cold, refreshing water; or if we are hungry, we just open the refrigerator. However, to the ancient Palestinian the expression was terribly alive because he was never far from the possibility of dehydration or starvation. It is not a comfortable picture. Jesus is far from recommending a genteel desire for spiritual nourishment, but rather a starvation for righteousness, a desperate hungering to be conformed to God's will." (Hughes, R. K. Sermon on the Mount: The Message of the Kingdom. Crossway Books)

Jesus' words call for a desperation in one's heart and soul that will not be satisfied with a simple knowledge of God or a minimal improvement in moral conduct. Jesus' call of righteousness is a radical call.

Righteousness

Righteousness means being in complete accord with what is just, honorable, and Godly. **Righteousness are those things that are upright, virtuous, noble, morally right, and ethical.** You could say that righteousness is a life style that is in complete conformity to the will of God. It is a lifestyle that Jesus not only finds pleasing, but one that he approves of.

"The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath."
Proverbs 11:23

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- 2. You can only receive righteousness in proportion to your hunger and thirsting**

There are Three Objects That Contain Righteousness

1. God is Righteous

- Psalm 145:17
The LORD is **righteous** in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.
- Psalm 7:11
God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day.
- Psalm 9:8
He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.
- Psalm 119:137
Righteous are you, O LORD, and your laws are right.

- **John 17:25**
"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.
2. Righteousness is God's Word
- **Psalm 119:138**
The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy.
 - **Psalm 119:160**
All your words are true; all your **righteous** laws are eternal.
 - **Deuteronomy 6:25**
And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."
 - **Psalm 19:9**
"...The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous."
 - **Psalm 119:142**
Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true.

3. We Are The Object of Righteousness On This Earth

"Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free."
Proverbs 11:21

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- 3. Without God's righteousness you are not submitted to God**

- **The Danger of Self-Righteousness- Kay Arthur:**

Self-righteousness is always man's interpretation or addition to the clear-cut teaching of God's Word. It's a process of tacking on extra laws, requirements, and expectations, and then saying that if you are really going to be righteous, you must keep all these rules. It is judging others by your standards rather than God's. How deceptive this is, Beloved! What a terrible trap it becomes! Those who chase after these external requirements become blinded to the true, heart-transforming righteousness based on faith alone...Self-righteousness is living by your version of what you think is required by God and then imposing that standard on others, judging their righteousness by whether or not they march to the same drumbeat as you. (Arthur, K: Lord, Only You Can Change Me: A Devotional Study on Growing in Character from the Beatitudes covering Mt 5:1-16, Lord, I'm Torn Between Two Masters: A Devotional Study on Genuine Faith from the Sermon on the Mount)

"Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness."
Romans 10:3

A Review of How We Got Here

Isaiah's Sad Picture

"So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the

streets, honesty cannot enter.”
Isaiah 59:14



Heroes is a TV serial saga about people all over the world discovering that they have superpowers and trying to deal with how this change affects their lives.

This would be a perfect time for a hero to show up. This would be a perfect time for a Super Hero to show up. I believe that the curiosities and redeveloping of the Super Hero idea is nothing than humanity wanting to be free. Like the city where Batman has to intervene, our “Gotham” looks like Isaiah 59:14 and there was no one to help...

God's Response

“He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.”
Isaiah 59:16

“But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.”
Hebrews 1:8

Super Hero Mission Statement

“In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it— one from the house of David— one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.”
Isaiah 16:5

“...but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.”
Isaiah 11:4

Super Hero Outfit

“Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.”
Isaiah 11:5

“He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.”
Isaiah 59:17

Super Hero Hangout

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.”
Psalm 89:14

“Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.”
Psalm 97:2

“Judgment will again be founded on righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.”
Psalm 94:15

Super Hero Event

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
2 Corinthians 5:21

We were invited into HERO status with Christ. We are called to be a part of the “righteousness of God!” It is an elite team, not a self-serving, arrogant team. But one that glorifies the Father in heaven and obeys the mission that He has set out for us to achieve.

The child of God should not only have an earnest desire to live the righteous life personally, which is a life of meekness outwardly activated and not one just maintained or policed by self-control. But, a righteous person takes a step further and becomes an influence on those around himself. He is no longer great at responding to all that goes on around him in the character of Christ but now he is turning outward and becoming a threat to the standards, behaviors and beliefs of the world around him.

Life As We Know It

Jean-Paul Sartre

Jean-Paul Sartre —(June 21, 1905 – April 15, 1980), was a French existentialist, (**Existentialism is a philosophical movement that is generally considered a study that pursues meaning in existence and seeks value for the existing individual.**), held to the idea that a personal and subjective moral core lies or ought to lie at the foundation of individuals' moral acts.



Sartre's life's conclusion or final theme was embodied in his principal philosophical work *L'Être et le Néant* (**Being and Nothingness**) (1943). It was defined as the conflict between oppressive, spiritually-destructive conformity (*mauvaise foi*, literally, "bad faith") and an "authentic" state of "being" became the dominant theme of his work.

Moral Relativists

Moral relativists hold to the belief that there is no universal standard, behaviors or beliefs to hang all of our ethical truth on. Moral relativism contends that no preferred standard of reference exists by which to judge opposing moral positions. Because of this thinking today, a righteous person is often viewed through the lenses of this philosophy as being possessed by the idea of “**moral judgment**”. And this is why Matthew 7:1 is the most quoted scripture today:

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.”
Matthew 7:1

- **Jerry Spence** is a colorful writer and a defense attorney who’s handled the cases of Karen Silkwood. He often appears on television to render his opinion on all kinds of legal matters. He’s also a writer and people reads what he writes. If you talk about “church” to Jerry he becomes a scathing protester. Listen to this:

“The church is greatly skilled at instilling fear and guilt, the worst of psychotic poisons. The church has the remarkable ability to close little minds and stifle the natural ability of children to question. The church, like the parent of parents, is relentless in its attempt to own and control the child.

“The church never taught me much . . . I grew up believing that God was the big Voyeur in the Sky, that God was watching at all times, that He...had the ability to read my evil little mind—that, therefore, it followed that He must not approve of me—how could He, considering the evil thoughts that invaded my lecherous and conniving brain? And since God must surely disapprove of me, how then could I really be acceptable to anyone else, or to me?

“I do not measure up and that is because God has been watching me and knows the truth about me.” (“How to Argue and Win Every Time,” pgs. 248-249).

What would Jerry Spence’s reaction be if he sat down beside you in our church? What would he think about you? What would he think of our church? What would he think about the sermon this morning?

Robert Bellah, in one of 1986 best sellers, ***Habits of the Heart***, described the basic doctrine of twentieth century American culture like this:

It is an understanding of life generally hostile to older ideas of moral order. Its center is the autonomous individual, presumed able to choose the roles he will play and the commitments he will make, not on the basis of higher truths but according to the criterion of life-effectiveness as the individual judges it." (p. 47)

But we are not in a philosophical debate over the reality of our existence, but over the reality of our souls, we are in a spiritual war for our eternity and the consequences thereof. The Bible really has something to say about that, much deeper and more direct.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Ephesians 6:12

We are actually caught in two worlds trying to bring others out of one into the other. Here is the conflict as related in Proverbs:

“The righteous detest the dishonest; the wicked detest the upright.”
Proverbs 29:27

“I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”
Isaiah 61:10

How To Establish A Spiritual Thirst and Hunger

- 1. Avoid those things which will hinder your appetite**
- 2. Do all that will cause an increase in your spiritual appetite.**

Commanding The Appetite-

- Decision: Decisions are mental plans that will lead emotional feelings**

*“When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, **by his own evil desire**, he is dragged away and enticed.”*
James 1:13-14

“And he said to them, “I have eagerly **desired** to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”
Luke 22:15-16 (NIV)

“And he said unto them, With **desire** I have **desired** to eat this passover with you before I suffer...”
Luke 22:15 (KJV)

Desire- epithumia {ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah} 1939- desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust

Desired- epithumeo {ep-ee-thoo-meh'-o} 1937- to turn upon a thing; to have a desire for, long for, to desire; to lust after, covet

Jesus chose to lust for the last meal before he would face his death. In his words were something that we so easily overlook. The meal that day was a difficult, challenging decision, not an emotional or mindless gathering. The many things that he could have been dealing with:

- The meal could have evoked the sorrow of knowing the pain each one of those men would bear, so he didn't want to meet with them.**
- The meal could have evoked the sorrow of the suffering that he would suffer and he would be with men who would have cared for him more than for the will of God.**
- The meal could have evoked the sorrow of his last few minutes alone that he could have spent by himself instead of once again pouring into the lives of other men.**
- The meal could have evoked the sorrow of experiencing that one last, final**

betrayal of one of his closest friends, who would give him away with a kiss.

- The meal could have evoked the sorrow of knowing he would have no more time to explain the keys to the kingdom of heaven and the wonder of how well he invested in the twelve.

Appetites can cause us to fall into what God will give over to:

“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.”

Romans 1:24

Three Decisions To Make To Become Righteous

1. Stop Owning The Problem

- There is a difference in ignoring a problem and owning it

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 6:11

a) Count Yourself Dead To Sin

- **Count/Reckon**-logizomai {log-id'-zom-ahee} to reckon, count, compute, calculate, count over; to reckon inward, count up or weigh the reasons, to deliberate; by reckoning up all the reasons, to gather or infer
- Our flesh is reckoning all the reasons we should and we are trying to reckon all the reasons we shouldn't, but this is not the picture here. We automatically reckon that it is not ours to reckon.

b) Count Yourself Alive To God

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.”

Romans 6:12

“This is how, and the only way, you can no longer be control and ruled by sin through the appetites of your body.”

Romans 6:12 (NBV)

- **Rich young ruler?** (Luke 18:18-27) He came to Jesus asking what he could do to inherit eternal life. He wanted eternal life. But he did not want it as his main appetite. Jesus' instructions revealed that the rich young ruler's life was wrapped up in things. He hungered and thirsted for more and more things! He was at heart, an idolater that did not know Christ and eternal life. He wanted the eternal life, but he did not want to respond to the righteous life that accompanies it. And so he had neither.

2. Stop Offering The Problem

“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.”

Romans 6:13

- a) Stop placing yourself in a position to be played as an evil song.
- b) Start placing yourself in a position to be played in the hands of God.
- c) Start placing yourself in a position of being alive instead of dead.
- d) Start placing yourself in a position of offering parts of you as an instrument of righteousness.

3. Stop Obeying The Problem

"For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace."

Romans 6:14

What A Righteous Man Does

"I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws."

Psalm 119:106

- (Response To Salvation, Baptism, Personal devoted life, Public commitment to the body of Christ, Passionate Life Before man)

What A Righteous Man Is Not:

- A Righteous Man is Not Perfect
- Proverbs 24:16
for though a **righteous** man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.
- **A Righteous Man is Not Uninfluenced**
- Proverbs 25:26
Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a **righteous** man who gives way to the wicked.
- A Righteous Man is Not A "Special" Person
- Matthew 21:32
Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.
- **Paul continually hungered and thirsted for God's righteous life to flow through him more and more in his letter to the Philippians...**

"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I

want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead...”

Philippians 3:7-11a

“...Pressing on Toward the Goal

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:11b-14

This great apostle continually recognized his need for more of Christ-likeness in his life. Each step in growth satisfied yes, but also created a greater hunger and thirst for more. And so it should be in our lives.

The Blessing of Righteousness

- Proverbs 14:34
Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
- Proverbs 10:6
Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.
- 1 Samuel 26:23
The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. The LORD delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed.
- 2 Samuel 22:21; Psalm 18:20, 24
"The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.
- 2 Samuel 22:25
The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.
- 1 Kings 3:6
Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.
- Psalm 112:4
Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.
- Psalm 34:15
The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;
- Psalm 34:17
The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.
- Psalm 34:19
A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;
- Psalm 72:7

- In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.
- Psalm 92:12
The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
- Psalm 146:8
the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.
- Proverbs 3:33
The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.
- Proverbs 10:3
The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- Proverbs 10:16
The wages of the righteous bring them life, but the income of the wicked brings them punishment.
- Proverbs 10:24
What the wicked dreads will overtake him; what the righteous desire will be granted.
- Proverbs 21:21
He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.
- Psalm 14:5
There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.
- Psalm 37:6
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
- Isaiah 58:8
Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Have their name written in the book of life

- Psalm 69:28
May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.
- Psalm 98:2
The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Effective With Their Tongue

- Proverbs 10:21
The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.
- Proverbs 10:11
The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.
- Proverbs 10:20
The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.
- Proverbs 10:31
The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be

cut out.

- Proverbs 10:32
The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.
- Proverbs 11:9
With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.
- Proverbs 12:13
An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk, but a righteous man escapes trouble.
- Proverbs 15:28
The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.

For God to receive their praise (You Will Verbalize What You Believe to Be True: Character, Expectations and Value) (Recognize God's Righteousness and Your Acknowledgment of God's doings Is An Act of A Righteous Person.)

- Psalm 119:7
I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.
- Psalm 33:1
Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- Psalm 7:17
I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.
- Psalm 35:28
My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long.
- Psalm 40:9
I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD.
- Psalm 40:10
I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.
- Psalm 64:10
Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him; let all the upright in heart praise him!
- Psalm 68:3
But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.
- Psalm 71:15
My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.
- Psalm 71:16
I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone.
- Psalm 71:24
My tongue will tell of your righteous acts all day long, for those who wanted to harm me have been put to shame and confusion.
- Psalm 97:12
Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

- Psalm 118:15
Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"
- Psalm 140:13
Surely the righteous will praise your name and the upright will live before you.
- Psalm 119:62
At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.
- Psalm 119:164
Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.
- Psalm 119:40
How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.
- Psalm 119:172
May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

Directed In Life:

- Psalm 85:13
Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.
- Proverbs 13:6
Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- Psalm 5:12
For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.
- Proverbs 10:29
The way of the LORD is a refuge for the righteous, but it is the ruin of those who do evil.
- Psalm 1:6
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
- Proverbs 11:5
The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.