

Questions Concerning Spiritual Growth

Part 2



Do you
hunger and
thirst for God
more than
ever before?



Necessities of Life

- We all desire the necessities
 - Most see these as food, clothing, and shelter
 - Our abundance often blinds us to the real necessities – Eccl. 3:12-13; Lk. 12:15
- Our most basic hunger and thirst are for God!
 - God implied this – Isa. 44:3-5; Joel 3:18
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**Can you relate? – Isa.
55:1-2**

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Are you
more aware
of God's
presence?



Christians Strive to
Grow Closer to God

- This process continues in the face of trials and weaknesses
- Paul knew this process well!
 - He learned to depend on God through a “thorn in the flesh” – 2 Cor. 12:7-10
 - He exhorted all to depend on God to overcome – 1 Cor. 10:12-13

Christians Desire to live in God's Presence

- Mature children of God, like David, are glad to live in God's presence – Psalm 139
 - They take great comfort in God knowing every aspect of their lives – 139:1-6
 - They are glad that God's eye is upon them and His guiding hand is with him everywhere they go – 139:7-12, 23-24
 - A mature child of God will never be satisfied with an occasional visit with God.

A Challenging Question

“If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, **if Christ were not there?**”