

**Sunday, June 25, 2107**

### **Your Relationship With The Lord**

Are you still passionate about being a Christian, about being filled with the Holy Spirit, and about the Word of God? Spiritual growth and satisfaction only come to those who pursue it. Jesus said in Matthew 5:6 those who hunger will be filled and blessed. Are you spiritually hungry? Three attitudes that will cause us to be hungry, passionate and continue to grow in our relationship with God.

1. Maintain an attitude of desire.
  - a. Desire is the beginning of everything.
  - b. 1 Peter 2:2 Christian's need an overwhelming desire for the Word of God. (Psalm 119:10, Matthew 6:33)
  - c. When you desire something you will do all you can to pursue it.
  - d. Phil 3:8 Paul desired God more than anything else.
  - e. You have a choice to go to the next level with God and with your spiritual life. It depends on your desire. Desire God and the things of God more and more.
2. Maintain an attitude of gratitude.
  - a. Psalm 7:17 David was thankful. How many times a day do you thank God?
  - b. Sometimes our mind is filled with negative thoughts that causes us to not be thankful, to complain about what we do not have instead of what we do have. But we can control our thoughts. We must guard our thoughts and attitudes from only serving God for what we can get.
  - c. Martha and Mary: Mary had the right thoughts and attitude and desired what was right. Jesus did not correct Martha for serving, but corrected her for her attitude. If our relationship with the Lord is based on works, we will lose our joy because we become self-centered instead of God-centered.
  - d. Psalm 34:1 At all times. Be sure you give thanks every day for what you do have.
3. Maintain an attitude about reaching the lost.
  - a. 2 Peter 3:9 God does not want anyone to perish but for all to come to repentance. This is the heart of God. Nothing will change you more than leading others to the Lord.
  - b. Jesus has a soul winner's crown for everyone who wins souls. The crown is so beautiful words cannot describe it.
  - c. Leading people to the Lord – reaping a harvest is easy. 1 Cor. 3:6 All we need to do is sow the seed of God's Word into people's hearts, water the Word, and God will give the increase. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead you and use you.

Conclusion: We need to continue to be passionate about our relationship with the Lord and being a Christian. Maintaining these 3 attitudes will help us to remain passionate.

#### Discussion questions:

1. Are you still passionate about God or not? Why?
2. How do these three attitudes help you maintain a strong relationship with the Lord?
3. Which two people can you touch in the next twelve months? Pray for them in the Holy Spirit and pray God will open a door of their hearts to receive the Gospel.