

Matthew 5:6 NKJV Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Numbers 25:1-13 NKJV Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. 2 They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel. 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the LORD, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel." 5 So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor." 6 And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 7 Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. 9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand. 10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. 12 Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; 13 and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.' "

Matthew 5:29-30 NKJV If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Psalms 107:9 "For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness."

Psalms 63:5 "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips."

Kill Your Cravings

1. Compromise Kills Hunger for God.

- **1 Corinthians 5:6-7**: "Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are."

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2. To Kill Our Cravings We Must Surrender to God's Stop Signs.

- **Psalms 32:9** warns us: "Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you."
- **Matthew 5:6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."
- **Revelation 2:14** "Balaam taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality."

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3. Realize that Sin Always Seduces Before It Slays.

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- **James 1:14-15** "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."
- **Matthew 5:28** NKJV But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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4. Take Violent Action.

- **Numbers 25:6** NKJV And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
- **Matthew 11:12** NKJV And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
- **Numbers 25:7-8** "He took a javelin in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through... So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel."
- **Numbers 25:11** NKJV "Phinehas has turned back My wrath... because he was zealous with My zeal."

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5. Hunger for God Makes Killing Cravings Worth It.

- **Numbers 25:11-13** NKJV "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. 12 Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; 13 and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.' "

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