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Are You Hungry?

- **2 Timothy 1:6-7** NLT 6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.
- **James 4:8** NLT Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.
- **1 Corinthians 9:26-27** NLT 26 So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. 27 I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

 **1. Hunger Expects.**

- **Matthew 5:6** ESV Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- **Mark 5:24-29** NLT 24 Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. 25 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 26 She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. 28 For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." 29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.
- **Proverbs 23:18** NLT You will be rewarded for this; your hope will not be disappointed
- **Mark 11:23** ESV Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.
- **Mark 5:27** NLT She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe.

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 **2. Hunger Postures.**

- **Psalms 42:1-2** NLT As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. 2 I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?
- **Matthew 17:14** NLT 14 At the foot of the mountain, a large crowd was waiting for them. A man came and knelt before Jesus and said,
- **1 Timothy 2:8** NLT In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.
- **James 4:6** NIV But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

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 **3. Hunger Perseveres.**

- **Mark 5:24-27** NLT 24 Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. 25 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 26 She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe.
- **Luke 18:35-43** NLT 35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. 36 When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him that Jesus the Nazarene[a] was going by. 38 So he began shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 "Be quiet!" the people in front yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he said, "I want to see!" 42 And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." 43 Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.

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