For What Do You Hunger?

* Mt. 5:6 – Hunger and thirst for righteousness
* Brief summary of what God expects of us:
  + Fear God and keep His commandments – Eccl. 12:13
    - Active love and faith demonstrated by actions – Jam. 2:15-18.
    - Place God and others above self – “Good Samaritan”, Lk. 10:25-37.
  + If we simply keep this principle, everything falls into place.
    - We will obey God because we are striving to do His will – 1 Jn. 2:3.
    - We will not ask why certain things are prohibited because we place our desires in subjection to God’s will – Jam. 3:13-18.
      * Why attend church?
      * Can I get drunk in privacy of my own home?
* Obedience and Unselfishness (or Self-Control) – Gal. 5:16-26
  + 1 Jn. 2:15-16.
  + Many people have “addictions” to drugs, alcohol, gambling, tobacco, sex, shopping, hobbies, working, social media, hording, etc.
  + Some are sinful by definition; others aren’t yet can still create problems.
  + Food is necessary for our physical survival, but gluttony is sinful.
* What Gluttony is not
  + A normal social meal – Mt. 11:18-19; Gal. 2:12
  + Feast
    - Commanded in OT – Num. 29:12
    - Approved by Jesus – Lk. 14:13
* What Gluttony Is
  + Definitions
    - Zalal (Hebrew for Glutton) – Riotous eater; To be loose morally or worthless.
    - Phagos (Greek) – One who eats (meat).
    - Webster – One given habitually to greedy and voracious eating and drinking
  + Overconsumption of food – Prov. 25:16.
  + Yielding to intense craving – Num. 11:4-6, 32-33; Ps. 78:26-31
  + Putting food first – Gen. 25:29-34; Heb. 12:16-17
  + Excessive extravagance – Dan. 1:5, 9, 12-15
    - Chocolate sundae adorned with 18k gold & made with special chocolate @ $2,600/lb.
* Connotation
  + Deut. 21:18-21 – Stubborn, rebellious, disobedient, drunkard
  + Prov. 23:20-21 – Winebibber, drunkard
  + Prov. 23:2 – Deceptive…
  + Prov. 28:7 – Shame
  + Tit. 1:12 – Liars, evil beasts, lazy
* Need for self-control – 2 Pet.1:5-7; 2 Cor. 10:4-5; Gal. 5:22
* Mt. 5:6