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THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS



# ***Developing an Appetite for Righteousness***

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# Righteous, Just, Justify, etc. ...

- Hebrew *tsedeq* (or *s'deq*)
- Greek *dikaios*

All these words speak of something  
that *conforms to a standard*.

## **Leviticus 19:36-37**

**“Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. 37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.”**



**A. The righteousness that God gives you.**

**B. The righteousness that God calls you to.**



**“Hunger is natural. Appetite  
can be cultivated.”**

## Hebrews 12:1

**“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us ...”**



# **Strategies for developing an appetite for righteousness ...**

- 1. Acknowledge your need.**
- 2. Take a fast from legitimate, but lesser desires.**
- 3. Get your focus off yourself by serving others.**

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- 4. Allow the circumstances of life to draw your heart to Jesus.**

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