

# *Craving God's Word*

## **1 Peter 2:1-3**

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### Introduction

- Healthy people eat
- Lack of appetite is a sign of other problems in the body
- Famine—not only physical but spiritual famine in the world
- Lack of spiritual hunger in America, even among Christians
- Faith comes by hearing the Word of God

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### **A. Signs of a Healthy Appetite—1 Peter 2:2**

1. We are to be like “newborn babes”, craving God’s Word.
2. Commanded to “desire”—intense, recurring, insatiable desire
3. The “Pure” milk of the Word—Hebrews 5:12-14
  - a. “pure”—unadulterated, uncontaminated 2 Cor. 4:2
  - b. “of the word”—logical, reasonable, or the Scriptures

### **B. Suppressants of a Healthy Appetite—1 Peter 2:1**

1. Anger or Malice—James 1:19-21
2. Dishonesty
  - a. “Deceit”( inward) and “Hypocrisy”(outward)
  - b. James 1:22
  - c. Hunger for God’s Word is born out of “need”
  - d. Failure to apply what we know leads to lack of hunger.
3. Eyes on another table—envy Matthew 13:22
4. Critical Talk about others , “*evil speaking*”

### **C. Restoring a Healthy Appetite—1 Peter 2:1**

1. The Process explained—Ephesians 4:20-24
2. First Step: Put off or “Lay aside”—Colossians 3:8-10
3. Final Step: Put On—Colossians 3:12
4. Key Step: Renewing the Mind and transformation by the Spirit  
2 Corinthians 3:18

### **D. Caution: Lack of appetite may indicate a lack of faith—1 Peter 2:3**