

**WHAT ARE YOU FULL OF?
PROVERBS 27:7; MATTHEW 5:6**

INTRODUCTION

Most of us know what the first part of this verse is talking about:

1. If you have ever been to a Church Homecoming or any Church meeting with *"dinner on the ground."*
2. If you have ever been to a family reunion!
3. If you have ever been to an all you can eat restaurant and tried to make sure you got your money's worth!

The point is this: There comes a point physically speaking when it doesn't matter how delicious the item you are being offered is! A point where you are so full you couldn't hold another bite of anything no matter how delectable that item may be without getting ill!

On the flip side of that, have you ever truly been hungry? Most of us have never truly been hungry. (Exp—I can only think of one instance in my life!)

True hunger will cause you to fill your belly with all sorts of things you would not dare to eat if you were in your right mind!

Have you ever seen the infomercials for *"Feed the Children"* on TV trying to get people to feed those that are hungry? Most of us wouldn't fathom eating some of the things that those people have eaten!

Jesus told the parable about The Prodigal Son:

Luke 15:14-16—"And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him."

Look at 2 Kings 6:25-29 – Can you imagine being so hungry?
Let me ask, What are you hungry for?

I WANT TO LOOK AT TWO DIVINE PERSPECTIVES OF BEING FULL SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING!

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I. A SOUL THAT IS FULL OF THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD LACKS A PROPER HUNGER FOR GOD!

A. We Can Get So Full Of Self-Preservation That We Cannot Stomach Trusting God!

We can get so use to living by sight we don't dare try to live by faith!

"In God we trust" may still be on our money, but oh how easy it is to love and trust our money!

Most of us can sing *"Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* as long as we don't have to live it!

1. The World's Way Of Thinking Is—“ME FIRST!”
Well preacher I have to take care of me and mine first—God Understands! OR

Well preacher I have to take care of business—God Understands!

God Does Understand—He Understands That We Have Forgotten What Living By Faith Is!

2. Jesus' Way Of Thinking Is—GOD FIRST!
Matthew 6:33—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God. . ."

Mark 8:35—"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

The Bible still says— *Romans 1:17—"The just shall live by faith."*

Hebrews 11:6—"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him (God): for he that cometh to God must believe that he is , and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"

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B. We Can Get So Full Of Self-Pleasure That We Cannot Stomach Living A Life Pleasing To God!

Understand that the only life that pleases God, that is, the only one with whom God is impressed with today, is the life of His Son Jesus Christ.

When he looks at your life who does he see?—You or Christ?
(Gal 2:20)

1. **Many Folks Say:**
 - a. **Preacher I'll Come To Church When I Get Around To It!**
 - b. **Preacher I'll Live For God When I Get Around To It!**
 - c. **Preacher I'll Follow God When I Get Around To It!**

The only problem is that the world, the flesh, and the devil keep folks so busy with the **temporal things** of this life that they never get around to the more important **eternal things!**

1 John 2:15-17; 2 Peter 3:10-14

2. **Jesus Says:** *Mark 8:34-37—“34 ...Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”*

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However many continue to sacrifice the eternal upon the altar of momentary pleasure! **Hebrews 11:24-26**

C. We Can Get So Full Of Self-Will That We Cannot Stomach The Idea Of Being Satisfied With The Grace Of God!

(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

1. Many Folks Say: *“I Want To Be Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise!”* And they want it ALL right now!
2. God Says: *Proverbs 22:4—“By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.”*

The only problem is the Lord is speaking of eternal riches, eternal honor and eternal life.

We can't wait—we want it now!

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**II. A SOUL THAT IS FULL OF GOD LACKS AN IMPROPER HUNGER FOR THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD!
(MATTHEW 5:6)**

We ought to be so full of the things of God that Satan cannot tempt us even with his sweetest morsels (which in reality wind up bitter in the end!)

With regard to the Words of God, the Psalmist David said:
Psalm 19:10—“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”

Proverbs 3:1-4; 13-18

Psalm 65:4—“Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.”

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*Proverbs 19:23-- "The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it **shall abide satisfied**; he shall not be visited with evil."*

Isaiah 26:3-4--"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:"

Psalm 16:11—"Thou wilt show me the path of life: **in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**"

*Ephesians 3:19--"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**"*

Conclusion

What are you full of today?

1. *Are You So Full Of Self-Preservation That You Cannot Stomach Trusting God?*
2. *Are You So Full Of Self-Pleasure That You Cannot Stomach Living A Life Pleasing To God?*
3. *Are You So Full Of Self-Will That You Cannot Stomach The Idea Of Being Satisfied With The Grace Of God?*

Those are the wrong things to be full of! If you are full of any of the wrong things, I trust that God has made you realize your need to regurgitate those things—confess it and forsake it—and get a renewed hunger for the things of God!

Are you hungry? I'm not talking about physically, but spiritually! (Philippians 3:10) What are you hungry for? Why don't you acquire a taste for the things of God?

Psalm 107:8-9--"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."