

Longing for the Word (1 Peter 2:1-3)

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Review

*The response of salvation **towards God**:*

1. Fix our _____ completely on Christ's returns (v13)
2. Live _____ lives (v15)
3. Live in reverence and _____ of God (v17)

*The response of salvation **towards others**:* "Fervently _____ one another" (v22)

Because of the _____, believers are called to love one another in the same way Christ has loved them.

The natural birth is tainted by _____ and decay, while spiritual birth results in a life of holiness and righteousness.

The Command: Long for the Word

long for (*epipotheō*)

pure (*adolos*)

of the word (*logikon*)

This word came to refer to the _____ life of a person — the spiritual aspect unique to humanity.

If you don't _____ the Word, you won't read it, study it, meditate on it, obey it, teach it, or share it.

How to Cultivate a Desire for the Word

1. Remember your _____ source.

The Word of God is the _____ that gives life

2. Eliminate your _____.

putting aside (*apotithēmi*)

Malice reflects inner _____ — often manifesting as a hostile or hateful attitude that disrupts and damages relationships.

Deceit (*dolos*) refers to a deceptive _____ that promises nourishment but brings destruction.

Hypocrisy refers to _____ to be someone or something you're not.

Envy is deep-rooted resentment that arises when we _____ what someone else has and feel bitterness over our lack.

When we envy others' gifts or roles, we lose sight of what matters most to God:

_____.

Slander (*katalalia*) is a comprehensive term that involves _____ speech—defamation, backbiting, any language intended to tear others down.

MacArthur: "General wickedness will lead to deceit. Deceit will produce hypocrisy. Hypocrisy will cultivate envy. And envy will lead to slandering of people that you resent."

3. _____ your need.

The Word of God doesn't merely inform us—it nourishes us, _____ us, and draws us close to our Father.

4. Pursue your _____.

The progression: from _____ knowledge of God, to strength in doctrine and discernment, to profound relationship with God.

5. Survey your _____.

Let your past experience of His _____ fuel your present hunger for His Word.

The Cure for Spiritual Anorexia: _____