



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Mt 5:6

Walt kicked off FCCI’s 2016 International Conference *Thirst for Righteousness* by starting with definitions for thirst and righteousness as used in Matthew 5:6. Define in your own words what it means to hunger & thirst for righteousness.

The verse Walt refers to is found in the Beatitudes [the Sermon on the Mount]. The Beatitudes are foundational to Jesus entire public ministry and teachings. Do you consider hunger & thirsting for righteousness to be a key to Jesus message? Explain to your group.

Walt states: “Belief doesn’t tell much about a person; but conduct does.” How important is that principle to maintaining a strong testimony to those who have you under the microscope, day to day? [Consider James 2:18-19 featured at the bottom of this page.]

Share your thoughts on Walt’s counsel to his friend on the phone, closing out this session...

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But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. James 2:18-19

For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he. Proverbs 23:7a NKJV



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“Rank does not confer privilege or power. It imposes responsibility.” Peter Drucker

“Kindness has turned more people to Christ.” Walt Wiley

Consider reviewing 1 Samuel 18:5-15 & 30 as preparation for this session.

Walt points to multiple times in 1 Samuel when David “behaved himself wisely.” He goes on to say that “The character of the leader is tested, sharpened, and revealed based on their behavior before the people they lead.” How do you think David’s behavior revealed his heart for the Lord?

Walt: “There is something about being in charge that leads people to believe ‘I can behave any way I want. It’s my prerogative. It’s owed to me. Look at who I am and what I have done.’ Have you ever been in a position where you sensed this kind of entitlement tempting you? If not, have you witnessed it in another leader? [discuss with your group]

Walt: “Why did God put David in charge? 2 Samuel 5:12 “...for the sake of the nation of Israel.” Do you share a common belief with King David that the Lord Himself put you in leadership? [share your thoughts with your group]

What patterns did David exhibit that encouraged God he could be trusted to lead Israel? [Consider reading Psalm 78 before next meeting for a deeper meditation on this question.]

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"I don't trust words, I even question actions; but I never doubt patterns." Unattributed quote

"We tend to judge others by their behavior. We tend to judge ourselves by our intentions." Walt Wiley

There are great temptations for leaders to think that there are special rules for them; but God never intended it to be that way. "God is not partial to princes"—Job 34:19 | Have you ever struggled with a sense of privilege?

Walt warns "Don't confuse good behavior with Salvation." Based on the close of his talk, why do you think he said this? [discuss]

Walt-isms: "Well, every now and then" is a pattern, not a [isolated] behavior." When you reflect on Walt's words, is there anything that comes to mind that you might think of as an isolated behavior [a mistake]; but it is actually recurring and you really should call it sin & turn away from it? [You can treat this as a question to answer directly to the Lord, or share with your group]

To Walt's credit, even at a Christ-centered conference, he considers that there may be someone in the audience who does not have confidence of their eternal destiny. Be sure of your own and your neighbor's.

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Every father should remember that one day his son will follow his example instead of his advice. – Charles F Kettering.

...in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.
I Timothy 4:12b NASB

A sterling reputation is better than striking it rich; a gracious spirit is better than money in the bank.
Proverbs 22:1 MSG



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