

Romans 1:18-32

Love	Joy	Peace	Longsuffering	Kindness	Goodness	Faithfulness	Gentleness	Temperance
Intimacy	Happiness	Contentment	Justice	Control	Respect	Truth	Achievement	Pleasure
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Adultery Uncleanness Idolatry Fornication Licentiousness Sorcery Hatred Jealousies Selfish Contentions Anger Ambitions Dissensions

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Everybody's Hungry for Something - At birth, each of us possesses God-given hungers which we spend our lives trying to gratify. In our delay to discover some legitimate pathway to satisfaction, we'll often succumb to temptation and sin.

The Hunger for Intimacy – From the moment of creation, to be fully known yet fully loved – fully exposed yet fully accepted – was a universal yearning. It's as natural for you to hunger for real personal connections as it is to hunger for oxygen.

The Hunger for Happiness – When we say we're pursuing happiness, we are actually saying we are looking for things that will produce happiness. Joy is God-given through the fruit of the Spirit, not manufactured through the works of the flesh.

The Hunger for Contentment – Contentment is more about us than about our circumstances. When motivated purely by discontent, what people end up with is rarely what they hoped to find. The key to the peace process is emptying ourselves of anything the enemy of peace can use to trouble us.

The Hunger for Justice – At creation, God did not create the world so everything would be equal, but rather so everything embraced equity. God's idea of justice is a self-cleansing justice. So longsuffering essentially makes space for God's justice to do its reconciliation work through us.

The Hunger for Control – We will never satisfy our hunger for control if we set out to control the people in our lives. Anger declares its value in given circumstances by convincing us it will either help us stay in control or gain control of difficult issues. Kindness does not control; it impacts.

The Hunger for Respect – *Ethics, etiquette, and respect. Remove them, and you will remove civility from the human race. It is goodness that brings about the greatest respect. Respect should be a guarded value of a moral society.*

The Hunger for Truth – Truth resides not in an axiom about truth, but in the person of Jesus Christ. There is always a portion of truth in every heresy. That is what makes it attractive. Faithfulness is the fruit that will most preserve truth.

The Hunger for Achievement – Ambition fueled by envy is inherently selfish; therefore, envy allows ambition to have unfettered access to any means imaginable to achieve one's goals. Gentleness is not an imperative for Christians to underachieve; it's a counterintuitive means to achievement that is richly satisfying.

The Hunger for Pleasure – There is not one sentence in the Bible that is opposed to pleasure; however, that is not to say all pleasure is biblical. At it's root, temperance means self-mastery; it means not being subject to whim or driven of our own desires.

*See Appendix (p. 145) for scriptures concerning each hunger.