

Developing a Hunger for the Word

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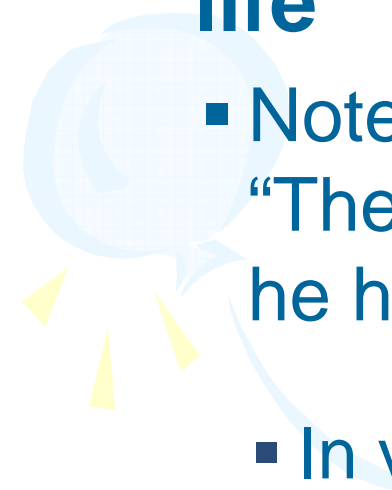
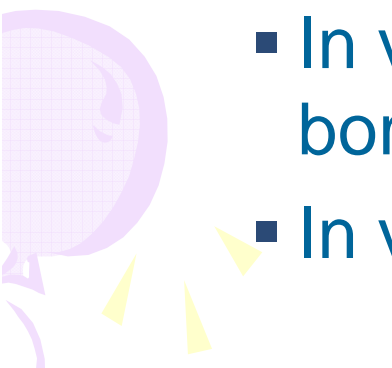
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How do we develop desire for the word?

- **Realize - word has given us spiritual life**


- Note he says, “therefore.” (2 Pet. 2:1)
“Therefore” is a bridge that connects to what he has said before.
 - In verse 22 - truth that purified their souls.
 - In verse 23 - truth that brought them to be born again.
 - In verse 25 - the word endures forever
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How do we develop desire for the word?



• Lay aside sin

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- *“Laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking”*
 - **Malice** - the general word for wickedness
 - **Deceit** - deception, dishonesty, falsehood, seduction, treachery
 - **Hypocrisy** - something that’s not real, not genuine, phony, fake
 - **Envy** – to resent somebody else’s situation because it’s not your situation, which leads to grudges, bitterness, hatred, conflict
 - **Evil speaking** - speaking unkindly, speaking disparagingly, gossiping



How do we desire this desire for the word?


- **Realize the need to grow**

- “You may grow thereby”
- Maturity enables us to see the positive side of trials and tribulation
- Maturity allows us to see through false doctrine
- Maturity helps us lift our eyes from this present world and see the glory in the next.



How do we develop this desire for the word?

- **Realize the blessings received**

- “If indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is gracious*”
 - You have seen his grace and mercy in your salvation
 - Go deeper in the word and experience even more!
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