

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." 1 Peter 2:2-3 KJV

Until you taste something, there's no desire to taste it again. We each have preferences, but some foods are universally desired; chocolate, ice cream, pie, cake, steak, pizza, and hamburgers are a few. Some things just look or smell good, tempting our appetite. Faith brings the taste of "*love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, [and] temperance.*" Many have had carnal glimpses of some of these and constantly seek another taste; but until one tastes of God's table, there is no true satisfaction! There was a certain sorcerer who saw God's power and lusted after it. *"And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, 'Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost."* If we desire God's Gifts and power for sinful reasons we will never have them! Peter told Simon, *"Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."* We often think of doing right as the currency for God's power, but it is the same lustful logic as the sorcerer. We don't obey to get, we obey because we love God and want to please Him as our eternal Father. His favor and wisdom are "*more to be desired than rubies!*" Satan uses our flesh to lure us into the unsavory emptiness of lust. Sin tastes good the first time, but steadily morphs into chains of addiction and death! Each time is less savory than the last! Faith makes God's Word food for the soul; perfectly seasoned and prepared; increasing in savor and desirability each time we taste of it! *"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. How sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"* Many spices can be overdone; garlic, oregano, sage, pepper, and salt are a few. Sin leaves a bad taste, just as wrong seasoning ruins a dish. You don't salt a cake! If we do not balance our spiritual life, we may find faith unpalatable. Some, zealous of witnessing, spend little time in prayer or meditation. Some, zealous of study, neglect to teach. Some, zealous of condemnation, have little forgiveness for the repentant. Some, absorbed with their own woes, forget to pray for others. Some do not even read God's Word. Some have hearts full of bitterness! *"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."* To avoid bitterness of spirit determine to forgive an offence before forgiveness is sought! If you wish to destroy weeds, you must kill the roots. The right mixture of Truth in our minds and hearts provides "*good ground,*" so the seeds of sin find no nutrients upon which to thrive!

Some food I taste delighteth me,
It fosters pleasant memories,
If I will trust the God above,
I'll taste delights of endless love! ~CGP



Good diet is essential to good life. Many just eat the bits and pieces of Truth that feel good and are in a sense spiritual junk-food junkies. Oh they go to church and pray when called upon, but they leave it all at church, and are rush back to worldly pursuits! Like unhealthy diets, it will lead to illness and death!

"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest OBSERVE TO DO according to ALL THAT IS WRITTEN THEREIN: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8 KJV