

## **I Need To Keep Growing (Beatitude #4)**

Text: **Matthew 5:6**

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### **Introduction**

A. “The Beatitudes” so far....

- 1) Beatitude #1: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:3). Paraphrase: “Lord, I Need Help!”
- 2) Beatitude #2: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” (Matt. 5:4). Paraphrase: “I Need To Be Sensitive”
- 3) Beatitude #3: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:5). Paraphrase: “I Need To Be Gentle (Strong But Easy To Live With)”

B. Beatitude #4: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Matt. 5:6). Paraphrase: “I Need To Keep Growing” **Matt. 5:6**

### **I. I Need To Keep** **Matt. 5:6**

A) New word: “escutcheon” –

B) Commitment to growth essential to spiritual life **Eph. 4:11-15**  
**2 Pet. 3:18**  
**Prov. 18:15, TM**  
**2 Tim. 4:9**  
**2 Tim. 4:21**  
**2 Tim. 4:13**

C) Familiarize yourself with “growth lists” found in scripture **Rom. 12:9-21**  
**1 Cor. 13**  
**2 Pet. 1:5-11**  
**Phil. 3:10**  
**Matt. 5:6**  
**Acts 4, 7**

- “The moment we stop growing is the moment we start dying...”

### **II. Hungry & Thirsty For His** **Matt. 5:6**

**Luke 15:11-31**  
**Psalm 42:1-2**  
**Psalm 134:1**  
**Rom. 3:21-22**  
**Rom. 5:17**  
**Rom. 1:17**

### **III. Things That Our Spiritual Appetites**

A) “Religious/Works” Righteousness

**Luke 18:9-14**  
**Titus 3:5**  
**Eph. 2:8-9**

B) “Relative” Righteousness

**Luke 18:9-14**  
**Matt. 5:48**  
**Phil. 3:9**

C) “Un-Righteousness”

### **IV. Satisfaction!**

**Matt. 5:6**  
**Matt. 7:7-8**

### **Conclusion**

A. Continued growth is the best preventive to backsliding & spiritual lukewarmness and complacency....

B. Key to personal revival: “Daily bread/manna from heaven”

**Exodus 16**

C. Closing invitation/altar call:

- 1) Do you need to invite Christ in to fill the void in your life?
- 2) Have you “spoiled” your appetite for Jesus Christ and His righteousness?
- 3) Do you need to renew your commitment to spiritual growth today?