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Cultivating Your Hunger For God



Beloved, if you must continue to grow and burn for the Lord, you must learn to cultivate your hunger. Yes, learn. You need to understand that starting a fire is not enough you must know how to cultivate that fire so that it continues to burn. It is just like in gardening, *after planting* it is important to know how a particular crop is nurtured, without knowing this, the plant might wither and die.

Proverbs 26:20

Without wood, a fire goes out

I think believers fail to understand that it is not enough to 'catch fire', once you catch fire you have to not just maintain the fire but also ensure that it grows. Here are 3 simple tips I believe would help keep your fire going and growing:

By being around people that are cooking.

Everyone knows how the aroma of food stimulates hunger. Get around people who are cooking and you will find your hunger growing. By people who are cooking I

mean people who are on fire for the Lord. Spend time with the people who are hungry for the Lord and see how your fire grows. (Prov 27:17).

Be inspired by your father. When you think about your spiritual father don't only think in the sense of honour and what you can do for him but also learn to look at him and draw inspiration from him. Let your father challenge your hunger for God. Be inspired, be challenged and follow in his steps. (Matt 10:25)

Use pain. Pain is not a bad thing, for in our pain a desperation that leads to a deeper place in God is formed. Starvation made the lost son (some prefer prodigal son) hungry for his father again. Growth is not equal to pain but all pain can lead to growth (Jer. 2:14-18)

There are of course many more wood you can put in the fire to keep it going, it is my prayer that these will stimulate you to begin exploring more ways to cultivate your passion for the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, put some more wood in the fire and keep burning for the King of kings. The one thing better than a passion is a burning passion. Grace to your heart, Amen!

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