

Seek the Food that Fastens You to Eternal Life ~ John 6:27

They say that Twinkies will last forever. In fact there was a Sci-Fi movie that had survivors of a nuclear holocaust finding twinkies and eating them 2000 years after the collapse of society. While that may be mostly funny, this is not the kind of 'eternal food' we are supposed to pursue.

We are supposed to pursue food of eternal life, not eternally existing plastic food.

Definitely, we should pursue food that ties us to eternal life, not food that perishes.

I'm not saying to stop eating earthly food. Our bodies need that.

Food can be a metaphor for all of life, as food sustains life.

What are you pursuing? Earthly things primarily?

Should we not pursue God and Godly things, things that will then influence the provision and acquisition of earthly things.

God will provide for our needs as we seek Him.

A life with God has abundant overflow into our earthly life.

Would you want to eat twinkies for all eternity? As a kid I might have said yes, but I am wiser now, (And they have cheapened them significantly since then too. They added shelf life, while detracting nutrient life.)

Homemade spongecake and homemade cream? Sounds heavenly, doesn't it?!

Let's get our heavenly food, sealed in the Holy Spirit for eternal life.

Find Forever Food.

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Seek Spiritual Sustenance.

John 6:27 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Why would you strive for food that is perishable and not be passionate to seek the food of eternal life, which never spoils?^[a]

[The Aramaic is “Why would you not seek the food that fastens you to eternal life?”] Ties you, seals you, links you.

I, the Son of Man, am ready to give you what matters most, for God the Father has destined me for this purpose.^[b]

[Or “has set his seal (of approval) upon me,” or “the Father has sealed me as God with his seal of approval.” The Aramaic word for “seal” can also mean “destine” or “determine.”] The Father destined Jesus to be the bridge, the Way, the link from earth through salvation to heaven. It is a life-line. An umbilical of Biblical proportions.

John 6:27 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

²⁷ Do not ⁽¹⁾work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to ⁽²⁾eternal life, which ⁽³⁾the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, ⁽⁴⁾has set His seal.”

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Your body is a temple and needs to be maintained in honor of God, the creator of your body and the giver of life.

But the hierarchy is heavenly.

Don't abuse your body, don't despise your body.

Infuse your body with spiritual life from the Holy Spirit and from God.

Let us find forever food, food from the Father.

Eat enduring eternal food. "Eat-ernal"!!

Isaiah gives us wisdom on the temporal and the eternal.
It's an age-old problem.

A Isaiah 55:2 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

**² "Why do you ^[a]spend money for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
And delight yourself in abundance.**

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 55:2](#) Lit *weigh out silver* Why do you weigh out silver for what is not bread?

"Eat what is good" and "delight yourself in abundance."

How do we do that?

Choose Abundant Life with God.

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[A] Take the Bread of Life by Choice.

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We choose Jesus and the Father and the Holy Spirit over all else.
We have to receive it.

Like breathing—we breath in God, Life, Oxygen. We breath out waste, death, carbon monoxide.

Breath in God, Breath out.

God gives us breath and life, let us choose to breathe Him in, and breath out ourselves. Let us die to ourselves and breathe in life and God.

[B] Eat their “daily bread.”

[1] It is from heaven and nurtures our earthly lives.

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³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.”

John 6:50 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

[2] Jesus is the Bread of Life, not some stale twinkie.

John 6:51 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

John 6:54 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁵⁴ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:58 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

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John writes about eternal life, believing in Jesus! Confessing with the mouth. Eating and confessing, both fill your mouth.

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John 3:15-36 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

¹⁵ so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

John’s Last Testimony

²² After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized— ²⁴ for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵ Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew about purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him.” ²⁷ John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’ ²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices

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greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. ³⁰ **He must increase, but I must decrease.**

³¹ "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. ³³ He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴ For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶ He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Grace or Wrath? Life or Death?

Eternal Water goes with the Bread of Life.

It is a source of life when we connect to it.

Confessing Jesus connects us to the well-spring of living water.

My Granny used to dip her toast in her coffee. She called it "soakie". This is waaaay better, Granny.

John 4:14 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

We need to choose eternal life by choosing the Savior.

We need to die daily to ourselves and let Him live in and through us.

John 6:40 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 6:47 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

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John 6:54 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁵⁴ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 10:28 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

John 17:2-26 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

² even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. ³ This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶ "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; ⁸ for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. ⁹ I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; ¹⁰ and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. ¹² While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

The Disciples in the World

¹³ But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is

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truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Their Future Glory

²² The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; ²⁶ and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Seek Spiritual Eternal Life for our Earth Life.

[3] Jesus, from the Father, gives what matters most,

"²⁷ which ⁽³⁾the Son of Man will give to you" John 6:27

Daniel 7:13 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

The Son of Man Presented

*¹³ "I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a ^(A)Son of Man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.*

Matthew 24:30 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

³⁰ And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

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Matthew 26:64 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

*⁶⁴ Jesus *said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."*

So this Savior, Son of Man, from heaven, connects us.

And we need to partake!

Taste and see! Taste and be changed.

John 6:53 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves."

John 6:62 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁶² What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

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[4] It is sealed in the Holy Spirit.

This Spiritual work is sealed in the Holy Spirit.

²⁷ "for on Him the Father, God, ⁽⁴⁾has set His seal." John 6:27

John 3:33 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

³³ He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.

Don't worship your body or anybody else's. Worship God, using your body as an instrument of worship life.

Choose Him, Drink Him IN. Eat His Daily Bread.

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Get the best nutrients, ever!

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