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## ***The Cry of True Hunger***

“Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures.”

Proverbs 2:3 - 4 NKJV

The way into the knowledge of God is by crying out to Him. Crying out and lifting our voice to God is not just about the volume, not the loudness. God is listening for a cry from the depths of our souls for more of Him. And as we look to God alone and ask Him to answer our cry to be filled, that produces the cry of true hunger.

Building a relationship always takes time and effort; it requires both giving and receiving. We are worthy of His love because He created us. He has loved us from before the foundation of the world. But just as in any relationship, we have to show that we are trustworthy with the deepest things of God's heart. The way we do that is by demonstrating that we are hungry for the Word above all else.

Paul prayed in Ephesians 1 that God would grant us the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him. Wisdom is an important part of receiving and treasuring the Word, crying out, seeking, and searching for the hidden treasures.

Wisdom calls us to search out these riches like treasure hunters, and to give up everything else in the process.

“The kingdom of heaven is like something precious buried in a field, which a man found and hid again; then in his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that field. Again the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a dealer in search of fine and precious pearls,”

Matthew 13:44 - 45 AMPC

The kingdom of heaven and Jesus Himself are our treasure. These riches are hidden from our natural understanding. But the Holy Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God, and He reveals Him to us (1 Corinthians 2:10). So we must count the cost for this treasure and be willing to give up everything to have it - just like the man who found a precious thing and hid it and in his joy went and sold all he has to buy the field (Matthew 13:44) - we are to sell (give up) all to purchase the eternal realities of knowing God.