

**“He has filled the hungry soul with good things, but the rich He has sent away empty” (Luke 1:53).**



**J**ESUS FOUND AND LOVED THE LOST SHEEP, the hungry ones, the sinners who knew they needed help and were thankful for it, not the self-righteous ones who “had no need of a physician” (Matthew 9:12). There is not much hope for those who are satisfied with their lives the way they are.

The hardest person in the world to win to the Lord is the moral man who thinks he is good enough and thinks he doesn't need God. Sometimes the guiltiest people are the most utterly deceived and actually think they are innocent and righteous. They're “glad they're not like the sinner,” when actually they're worse because of their self-righteous pride that goes against God's spirit of love (Luke 18:11).

But there are others who have hungry hearts and really want to hear the truth, and when you give it to them they receive it, believe it, accept it, and follow Jesus. Because they are willing to confess that they need answers, the Lord has an opportunity to give them answers. For those who are seeking, hungry, unhappy, and yearning for the spiritual, He has this promise: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6).