

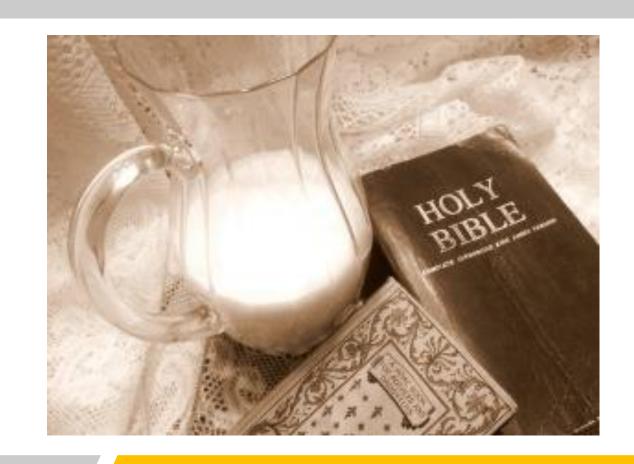
"Taste" denotes to "experience intimately; know by personal experience."

Psalm 34:8, Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalm 119:103, How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I Peter 2:1-3

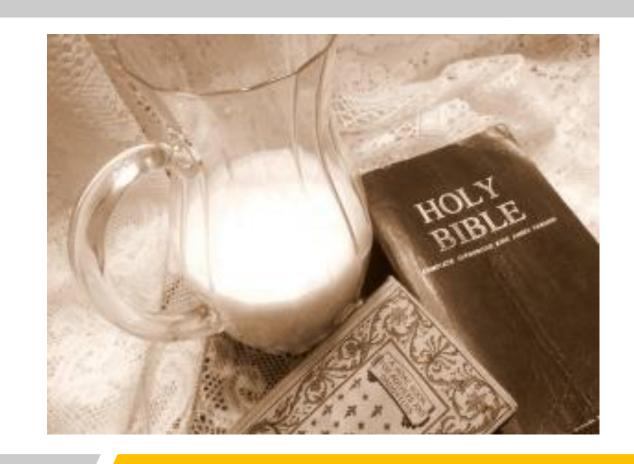
Scripture Lesson



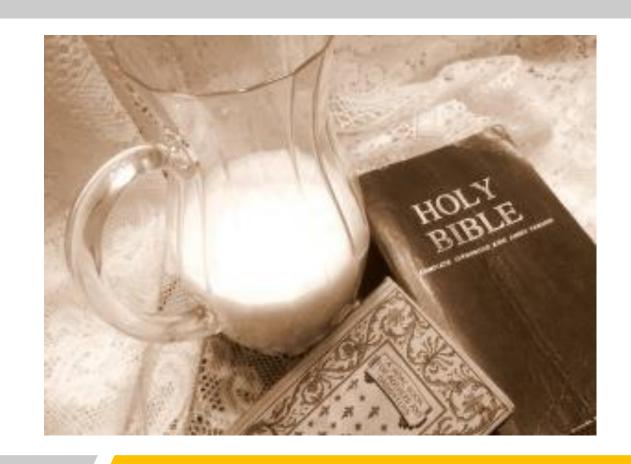
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Oh, Taste and See!

Lesson Five



1. What We Must Lay Aside to Taste and Drink the Milk. (v.1)



I Peter 2:1, Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking . . .

"Malice" is a vicious intention, a desire to hurt someone. Being mean-spirited toward others.

Ephesians 4:31-32, Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

- ✓ Deceit, "to cheat," "to give a false appearance or impression," "to lead astray," "to impose a false idea,"
- ✓ Hypocrisy refers to a play-actor in the ancient theater—someone who performed behind a mask.
- ✓ Envy speaks of that burning sense of jealousy against someone else.

James 3:14-16, . . . If you have bitter, envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and selfseeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

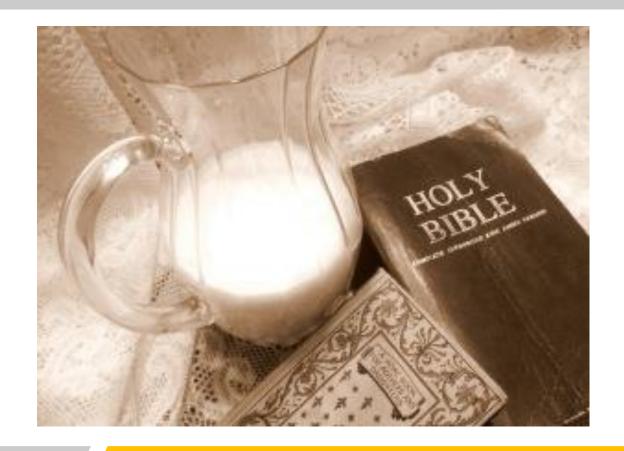
"All evil speaking" or "all slander" All the gossip, backbiting, the bad-mouthing of others.

James 1:19-21, So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore, lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls.

The way we treat one another has a direct impact on our relationship with God.

I John 4:20, If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

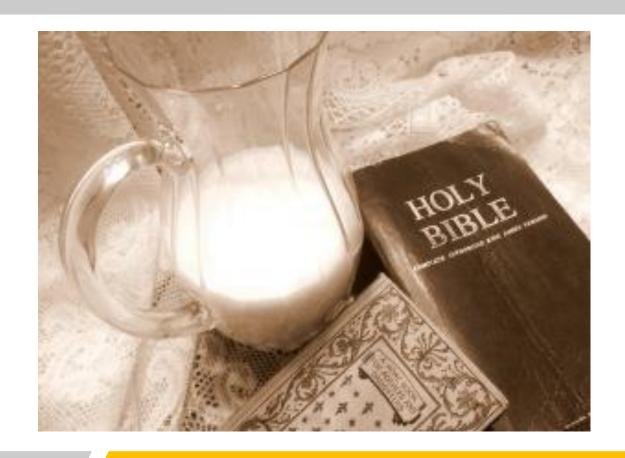
2. How Earnestly We Must Desire to Taste and Drink the Milk. (v. 2)



I Peter 2:2, Desire (crave) "pure spiritual milk."

"Crave," means deep desire that leads to vigorous action, to yearn for something to the point that it becomes a consuming desire.

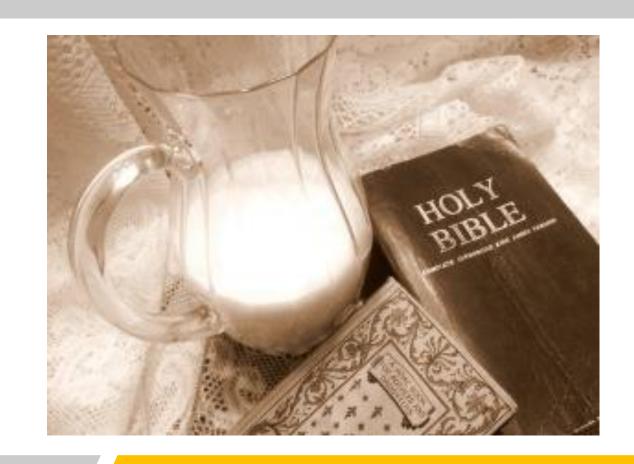
3. Why Tasting and Drinking Must Become Our Nourishment. (Vs.2-3)



I Peter 2:2, That you may grow thereby . . .

II Timothy 3:16-17, All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Taste and See! (V.3)



I Peter 2:3, If indeed, (Now that) you have tasted that the Lord is good (gracious).

Psalm 34:8, Taste and see that the LORD is good!

Your bitterness will kill your appetite for His sweetness, or His sweetness will dispel your bitterness.

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The Lord is Gracious!