

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

What if you had the opportunity to honor God as well as become physically and spiritually stronger simply by giving up things that are not good for you? You now have the opportunity! The Bible is filled with many stories about fasting and reveals many reasons to fast. In the next three weeks, you are welcome to participate in a corporate fast that will honor God, as we asked for His blessings on this church for the New Year. Welcome to the Rock Fast 2005!

- Week I prepare the body
- Week II- cleanse and detoxify
- Week III regenerate and rebuild

## Week I – Pre-fast

The purpose of Week I is to prepare the body for a fast. We do this by eating as cleanly as we can. This helps prepare the body both mentally and physically for the challenge of the fast. Typically, the pre-fast diet is used for the same number of days as the actual fast. The basic rule of the pre-fast diet is to stay away from the following:

tobacco

fried foods

sugar

meats

carbonated beverages

processed foods (foods in packages)

coffee

wheat and corn products

 non-whole grains (white bread or rice) alcohol

dairy, including eggs

fast foods

The diet should consist of the following (if available, use certified organic):

- fruits and vegetables (washed and peeled)
- LOTS of distilled or filtered water (your body weight in ounces) No tap water!
- salmon and organic chicken breasts
- whole grains, preferably sprouted
- green tea is an acceptable replacement for coffee or sodas (you can use Kal brand Stevia in powdered form as a sweetener)

Remember, pre-fasting is not fasting. Solid food is taken and there is no mental or physical separation from food. By adhering to the pre-fast diet, we are conditioning our bodies and minds for the fast to come. Even for those not physically capable of fasting, the pre-fast diet will provide some of the healthy benefits of fasting.

You may experience cleansing reactions such as lightheadedness or fatigue. Do not be alarmed; these are normal reactions to a restriction of the foods you are used to eating.

# Week II – Fast<sup>1</sup>

Your mental attitude and outlook are very important. If you are not mentally prepared to fast, then don't do it! Here are some guidelines to help you with undertaking a juice fast:

- Continue drinking water
- Get plenty of fiber<sup>2</sup> and rest
- Limit your physical activities
- Be aware of the effects of your fasting lightheadedness, changes in energy and sleep habits, constipation, coated tongue, bad breath, body odor, acne, cold-like symptoms, nausea and darker urine.
- On the day before you begin, eat only fruits and vegetables
- Do not use prepared (bottled, canned or processed) juices!
- Sip juices slowly
- Drink absolutely no alcohol, coffee or sodas (organic green tea is acceptable)

### Preparation of fruits and vegetables

- Use certified organic produce if available
- Carefully wash fruits/vegetables that cannot be peeled with a good vegetable rinse
- Citrus leave on the pith (the white part underneath the peel)
- Leave skins on all other fruits and vegetables (removing the green tops of carrots)
- Slice produce to fit in juicer
- Drink <u>immediately</u> after processing (DO NOT STORE!)

#### **Best choices**

- cruciferous vegetables at least once a day (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, brussels sprouts)
- sprouts (except alfalfa)

- celery
- beets
- dark leafy greens
- carrots
- apples

- berries
- dandelion root/greens
- lemons and limes
- asparagus
- Stevia for sweetening

Suggested Juicing Recipes<sup>3</sup>

Breakfast Drink 1	Breakfast Drink 2	Breakfast Drink 3
½ small lemon/lime peeled	4 carrots	2 apples
1 cup of berries	1 handful of parsley	1/4 inch sliced ginger root
3 oranges peeled	2 apples	½ small lemon/lime
1 scoop of super green foods (optional) <sup>4</sup>	1 scoop of super green foods (optional) <sup>4</sup>	1 scoop of super green foods (optional) <sup>4</sup>
add water to 8 oz	add water to 8 oz	add water to 8 oz
Snack Drink 1	Snack Drink 2	Snack Drink 3
2 celery stalks	3 inch slice pineapple	2 celery stalks
2 apples	¼ inch ginger root	1 apple
2 carrots	1 handful of parsley	2 carrots
		1 beet
Lunch Drink 1	Lunch Drink 2	Lunch Drink 3
1 handful of parsley	1 handful of dandelion greens or 1	1/4 to 1/2 head of cabbage
1 tomato	dandelion root	1 handful of collard greens
1 cucumber	2 celery stalks	2 carrots
2 celery stalks	4 carrots	1 apple
½ to 1 clove of garlic (optional)		
Dinner Drink 1	Dinner Drink 2	Dinner Drink 3
4 medium tomatoes	2 carrots	4 carrots
2 celery stalks	1 beet	1 handful of collard, spinach or beet
½ cucumber	½ cucumber	greens
1 handful of sprouts	2 celery stalks	1 garlic clove
½ to 1 clove of garlic (optional)		1 handful of parsley

**Suggested Soup Recipes** 

Soup 1	Soup 2	Soup 3
2 cloves of garlic	4 carrots	4 carrots
½ cucumber	2 celery stalks	2 celery stalks
2 celery stalks	1 handful of parsley	1 handful of parsley
1 handful of spinach	1 clove of garlic	1 clove of garlic
Soup 4	Soup 5	
1/4 to 1/2 head of cabbage	1 cucumber	
2 celery stalks	2 tomatoes	
2 carrots	1 handful of parsley	
1 handful of parsley	1 clove of garlic	

It is very important to have at least one drink with cabbage, broccoli and beets each day to increase and support liver function during the fast. It is also very important not to overheat soups during preparation. Instead, slowly warm and never boil.

#### **Supplements (optional)**

- No synthetic vitamins
- No inorganic minerals
- Organic whole food vitamin/mineral mix (such as Seasilver<sup>5</sup> or Garden of Life)
- Super green foods

# Week III - Post-fast

During this week, drink up to 4 ounces of water at least 30 minutes before each meal, but not during the meal. Wait about 2 hours after the meal to start drinking water again. Also, do not overeat; always stop short of feeling full. Continue to drink at least two fruit juices each day.

**Day 1** – Eat only apples, pears, watermelon, grapes or fresh berries as often as every two to three hours.

**Day 2** – For breakfast, eat the same type of fruits as on Day 1. For lunch and dinner, have a bowl of fresh vegetable soup (not canned or packaged). Eat slowly.

**Day 3** – Add a salad or a baked potato (yams are yummy!) to the fruits and vegetable soup and a slice of Ezekiel bread (find at Henry's Marketplace, Trader Joe's, or Whole Foods Market).

Day 4 – introduce a small amount (1 to 2 ounces) of free-range chicken, turkey or fish. (No red meats!)

You've cleansed your body! The temple belongs to Jesus, so keep it clean!

#### **Suggested reading:**

Toxic Relief by Don Colbert, M.D. (available at the Rockpile)

The Maker's Diet by Dr. Jordan Rubin

What the Bible Says About Healthy Living by Dr. Rex Russell

#### **Special Considerations:**

If you have any of the following conditions, please consult the books above or your physician before fasting:

- Diabetes
- Parasites
- Autoimmune
- Hypoglycemia
- Sensitive GI tract

- Pregnancy
- Candidiasis
- Heart condition
- Under the age of 14
- Food allergies

- High blood pressure
- Any other condition that requires medication or doctor's care

If for any reason you cannot participate in the fast, you can participate in the pre-fast diet for all three weeks and still enjoy some of the benefits of fasting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This flyer is intended for educational and informational purposes only. Please see a qualified healthcare professional if you have questions about this fast.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To lessen the effects of any cleansing reactions, you can add 1 tablespoon of flax meal to breakfast, lunch and dinner. (Purchase from Henry's Marketplace or Whole Foods Market.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>You can find more juicing recipes in the book below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> And mix of super green foods (organic only) find at Henry's Marketplace or Whole Foods Market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Seasilver or Garden of Life can be purchased from Franklin Kinsey at fckinsey@excite.com