



SECURING PERSONAL POWER





¹⁸And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT)



**And I ask him that with both feet planted
firmly on love, you'll be able to take in
with all followers of Jesus the
extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.
Reach out and experience the breadth!
Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise
to the heights! Live full lives, full in the
fullness of God.**

✚ Ephesians 3:17b-19 (The Message)

¹⁷ And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)



Power to Grasp





“Love is at the root of everything. All learning, all parenting, all relationships. Love or the lack of it.”

Fred Rogers



**When You Grasp the Dynamic
Power of the Love of God, It
Makes You:**

- 1. Happy**
- 2. Whole**
- 3. Open**
- 4. A Giver**





Power to Absorb





D.L. Moody



Henry
Moorhouse



1873 - Henry Moorhouse preached every night of the week at Moody Church on John 3:16

Moody confided to a friend, “I never knew up to that time that God loved us so much. This heart of mine began to thaw out; I could not keep back the tears. I just drank it in. So did the crowded congregation. I tell you there is one thing that draws above everything else in the world and that is love.

“I have never forgotten those nights,” Moody said later. “I have preached a different Gospel since, and I have had more power with God and man since then.”



MALABSORPTION SYNDROME

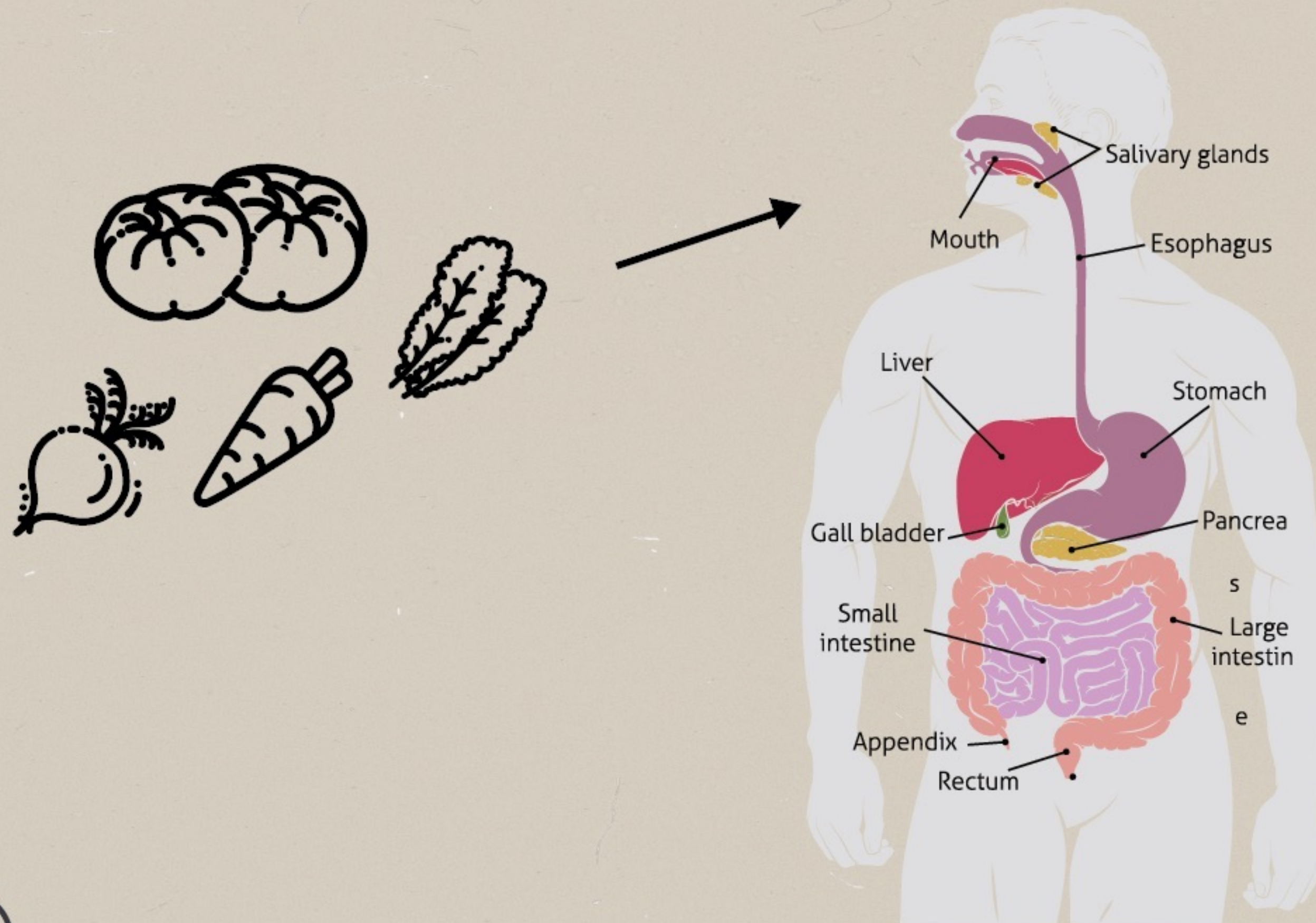
A condition that prevents absorption of nutrients through the small intestine



RESULTING IN:

Nutrients are never processed through the digestive system, leading to:

- + muscle atrophy
- + anemia
- + extreme fatigue
- + abdominal pain
- + gallstones
- + kidney stones
- + osteoporosis



SPIRITUAL MALABSORPTION SYNDROME



A condition that prevents the absorption of God's love and God's Word into our hearts

RESULTS:


*Believing the lie that
God doesn't:*

- Love Us
- Like Us
- Favor Us
- Call Us



³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸


For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

 **Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)**




Power to Embrace





⁴⁶ Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that! ⁴⁷ And if you speak only to your friends, have you done anything out of the ordinary? Even the pagans do that! ⁴⁸ You must be perfect—just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

 **Matthew 5:46-48 (GNT)**



If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. “In a word, what I’m saying is, Grow up. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”



Matthew 5:46-48 (The Message)

“God’s love is wider than the sea, than the world... His love is not narrow or limited. He loved the rich young ruler and the woman caught in adultery. He loved Nicodemus and Zaccheus. He loved Judas who betrayed Him. He loved Caiaphas and Annas, the scheming priests. He loved Herod who murdered John and mocked him. He loved poor, weak Pilate, who was torn between justice and ambition. He loved Nero, Hitler, and Stalin, and he loves us too. His love is wide enough to embrace everyone.”

 **J. B. Phillins**