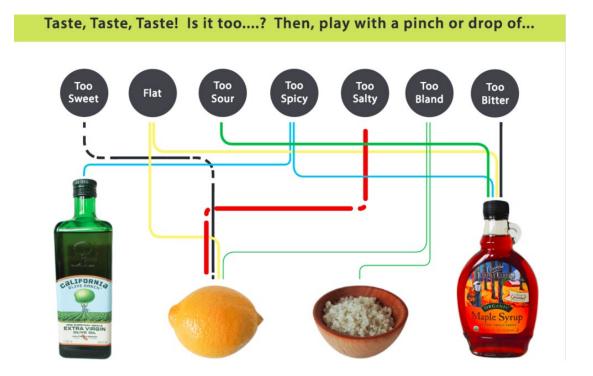
FASS™ is an acronym for fat, acid, salt and sweet. Learning to custom flavor your food is the mark of a good cook and a LIFE-SAVER for people struggling to eat. Here's a quick picture of how FASS™ works:



FASS™ Fixes for Troubled Taste Buds

If your taste buds are saying _____, use this FASS™ fix:

Things have a metallic taste. Add a little sweetener, like grade B maple syrup or agave nectar, and a squeeze of lemon. You could also try adding fat, such as a nut cream or butter.

Things taste too sweet. Start by adding 6 drops of lemon or lime juice. Keep adding it in small increments until the sweet taste becomes muted.

Things taste too salty. Add ¼ teaspoon of lemon juice. It erases the taste of salt.

Things taste too bitter. Add a little sweetener, like maple syrup or agave nectar.

Everything tastes like cardboard. Add more sea salt until the flavor of the dish moves toward the front of the mouth. A spritz of fresh lemon juice also helps.

If you're having trouble swallowing or dealing with mouth sores, add fat, such as a nut cream, to your food. Eat blended or pureed foods, such as blended soups, smoothies, and granitas. Stay away from ginger, curry, red pepper flakes, and other strong spices.

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