

**HOW TO BE BLESSED BY GOD**

**PSALM I**

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BLESSED?

- “blessed” – means to be happy and fulfilled.
- *“Blessing is the God-given capacity to experience, enjoy, and extend the goodness and favor of God in your life—whatever form God’s goodness and favor takes.”* – Tony Evans
  - Ph. 4:11-13

## HOW TO BE BLESSED (V. I, 2)

### A. DO NOT...

Notice the progression...walks, stands, sits

#### 1. Walk—counsel—wicked (THINKING)

- a. Make decisions based upon advice from all the wrong places and people.

## HOW TO BE BLESSED (V.1, 2)

### 2. Stand—way—sinners (BEHAVING)

a. Identify yourself with a sinful way of life

### 3. Sit—seat—scoffers (BELONGING)

a. Openly join in mocking others because your loyalty lies with the world.

## HOW TO BE BLESSED (V.1, 2)

### A.DO....

#### 1. DELIGHT in the Lord's INSTRUCTION. (LOVE & DEVOTION)

- a. They have a desire for God's Word. Reading it is a beauty to them, not a duty.

## HOW TO BE BLESSED (V.1, 2)

### 2. MEDITATE on it CONSTANTLY.

- a. To repeat it to yourself, to chew on what it says and think about its implications for your life.
- b. The more you get into God's Word the more God's Word gets in you.

## TWO PICTURES, TWO DESTINIES (V.3-6)

### 1. The Blessed Person is like a tree. (v.3)

- a. “planted” – intentional behavior
- b. “streams of water” – an irrigation canal that offers a constant water supply.
- c. “yields fruit” – produces the fruit of the Spirit in your life.
- d. “leaf does not wither” – no matter what you go through.
- e. “prosers” – to be successful, to bring to a successful conclusion

## TWO PICTURES, TWO DESTINIES (V.3-6)

### 2. The Wicked are like Chaff (v.4, 5)

- a. “chaff” – worthless husk that is separated from grain through the process of winnowing.
- b. At the end of life, our choices show where we have made our stand, and the wicked will not have a leg to stand on. Judgment for their allegiance to this world will result in them perishing.

## CONCLUSION

1. God knows the way of the righteous because He has lived it personally in the person of Jesus.
2. The WAY of the righteous first and foremost is not a WHAT. It's a WHO.

## CONCLUSION

- a. Living a blessed life means living a life that is rooted in Jesus, the very Word of God made flesh.
- b. Jesus is the “way” of the righteous. Entering into a personal relationship with Christ is where all the blessings of God start.