

## Psalm 1 – Marks of a Godly Man

There are times when Facebook can be a valuable source for the things I want to share in the *NEWSLETTER*. I understand that Facebook is quite often the source of drivel and nonsense (and outright evil!), but often when you slog through all of it, a jewel is found. Last week, one such jewel was submitted, and I'd like to use it as a basis for the article today.

**Psalm 1** says this:

***“<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.*”**

***<sup>4</sup>Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*”**

***<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.”*”**

The writer of the Facebook post gleaned seven characteristics of a godly man (or woman)—a person living the way God intends for all of us to live. This is what he said, without comment:

1. His life is blessed – ***“Blessed is the one...”*** (verse 1)
2. He keeps himself from evil – ***He “does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers...”*** (verse 1)
3. He has love for God's truth – He ***is “the one whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.”*** (verse 2)
4. He lives a life of strength – He is ***“like a tree planted by streams of water...”*** (verse 4)
5. He has a fruit-filled life – His life ***“yields its fruit in season...”*** (verse 3)
6. God's favor is with him – He is the one ***“whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.”*** (Verse 3)
7. God watches over his way – ***“For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous...”*** (verse 6)

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God's word is filled with great truths. Strangely enough, sometimes it takes looking at Facebook to point them out to us!

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