

One Step Further

Week after week we hear sermons. But many times we do not take it *one step further* and really process and pray God's Word through. During this Psalm series there is an opportunity to take God's Word one step further in your life. We hope you will take this journey and encourage others to do the same.

Psalm 1 Sermon Summary:

Psalm 1 presents to us "The Most Blessed Life" we can know. But if we are to experience the Greatest Happiness on this Earth & even more in the life to come, then we must TURN from our Sin & the Wicked Pathway & EMBRACE God & His Son Jesus Christ & the RIGHTEOUS PATHWAY that He has laid out for our Greatest Good! This summarizes the heart of Psalm 1.

Reflect

Prayerfully consider and process the following questions related to Psalm 1:

1. Do you count yourself "blessed" of the Lord and truly happy and prosperous in God (1:1-3)? If not, what is the standing in the way?
2. What have been the most recent enticements from those on the (Pathway of the Wicked – 1:4-5) that have been tempting you to take a detour from the (Pathway of the Righteous)?
3. If you recognize that you have veered as a Christian from the righteous path but want God to forgive and help you to return to His path, take some time in prayer now and allow God to speak to you.

Meditate

Meditation goes beyond mere reading but it is being filled with God's Word with such delight that it simply overflows naturally. It spills into our everyday life and activities. We find ourselves even in neutral moments drifting to God and His Word. When we find ourselves in temptation, God's Word comes to the forefront and causes us to say, "No!" to the wicked pathway, but instead we say, "Yes!" to God. Based on all of this, has meditation on God's Word become real part of your everyday life? If not, what is the next step toward this end that the Lord would have you take?

Consider memorizing Psalm 1:1-2 in your favorite version of the Bible or the entire chapter if you are so inclined. Pray the Lord will help you start to be filled with God's Word and a deeper love for Him and His ways. Furthermore, consider reading Psalm 19 for further aspects of why God's Word is so worthy of our meditation.

Apply

What actions would God have you take based upon Psalm 1 this week?

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