

Psalm 1 Do you want to be a happy man?

The happy man

¹ Do you want to be a happy man? Then don't start following the downward path of sin:

Don't make sinful men your closest friends. They will tell you over and over again that the sinful things they do are okay. In time, you will accept their behavior as being okay for them.

If you do, be warned. In time, you will end up doing those things yourself, and then you will militantly take your stand with those sinners condoning the sins as being okay for them and for you.

If you do, be warned. In time, you will end up belittling all of those who tell you that you are sinning against a holy God. You won't argue about it either. You will simply criticize all of those who believe the Bible and want to live in a good and godly manner.

² Instead, delight yourself in reading and studying the Bible in order to learn how to live good and godly. Meditate day and night upon what you learn so that the truths of the Bible become a heart attitude. ³ If you will do this, and continue doing it for life, you will become as strong and productive as a tree that has been planted by an unfailing source of water. In the same way the tree never fails to produce a bumper crop of fruit and its leaves never wither, so you will be secure and prosper in all that you do. This will produce a truly happy man.

The extremely unhappy man

⁴ Those who are wicked and committed to a sinful lifestyle are not as lucky as the happy man and will never be truly happy. This is true because wicked men have no security. The slightest wind of difficulty will blow them away like chaff from the wheat. ⁵ Life for them will be hard, and when they die they will not be part of the crowd of God's children being accepted into heaven. Instead, the unrepentant sinner will stand before Christ¹ in the judgment of the damned. When they are judged and pronounced worthy of eternal hellfire they will not have a leg to stand on. ⁶ These things will happen because the LORD Jesus is fully aware of the life and faith of His children, and He is also fully aware of the sin and rejection of Christ by the wicked. He will make sure that each receives his due reward or punishment.

¹ In John 14:6, Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ" has been used."