

## The Way of the Godly and the Way of the Ungodly



MEMORY VERSE: “For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.” Psalm 1:6

**Psalm 1 was written by David and is considered the introduction to the book of Psalms. This Psalm shows us God’s eternal outlook on how humans should live and respond to Him.**

### DAY 1 PSALM 1:1-2—Delight in the Law

1. Summarize David’s main point in verses 1-2.
2. From verse 1, how do you see the progression of evil?
3. How do you see this in the world today?
4. The law of the Lord is His Word, the Bible. What do you think “*delighting*” and “*meditating*” on the Bible looks like?

### DAY 2 PSALM 1:3—Bear Fruit

5. Why do you think David used the descriptor of a tree planted by streams of water when we delight in God’s word?
6. How does reading and studying God’s Word give us the same results as the tree?

7. What is the fruit you will grow from reading and studying God's Word? Also see Galatians 5:22-23.
8. What does "*they prosper in all they do*" mean? How does this apply to hard and tough circumstances? Also see Romans 8:28.

### DAY 3 PSALM 1:4—Way of the Ungodly

9. What are the wicked/ungodly like? vs. 4
10. Chaff is the stuff around a grain of wheat that needs to be removed before you can collect it to make bread. When this psalm was written, people would throw grain into the air and, because chaff is so light, the wind would blow the chaff away and the wheat grain would fall in a pile. What does this tell you about what happens to wicked/ungodly people?
11. From verses 3-4, what can you learn about the differences between the godly and ungodly?
12. Sometimes it can seem like the ungodly look like trees planted by streams of water but in the end they waste away like chaff. Can you think of an example where you have seen this?

### DAY 4 PSALM 1:5-6—Path of the Ungodly and Godly

13. What does verse 5 tell you about sinners?

14. What is 'the judgement?' (2 Corinthians 5:10)

15. We just read that we will all face judgement and David makes it clear that the wicked have no place with the godly. How does Scripture make us godly? (2 Timothy 3:15-16)

## DAY 5 PSALM 1 — Wrap Up

16. What path are you on: do you feel that your path is being watched over by the Lord or one that leads to destruction?

17. How does this Psalm change your thinking on God's Word?

### TAKE AWAY

Choose 1 verse... put it everywhere... read it, memorize it, meditate on it.  
What does that verse mean to you now? Notice the impact this practice had on your life and maybe memorize another?

### BLESSING

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12

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1 Oh, the joys of those who do not  
follow the advice of the wicked,  
or stand around with sinners,  
or join in with mockers.

2 But they delight in the law of the Lord,  
meditating on it day and night.

3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank,  
bearing fruit each season.  
Their leaves never wither,  
and they prosper in all they do.

4 But not the wicked!  
They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

5 They will be condemned at the time of judgment.  
Sinners will have no place among the godly.

6 For the Lord watches over the path of the godly,  
but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

