

## The Importance of Godliness



MEMORY VERSE: "Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires."  
Psalms 37:4



### PSALM 37:1-8 Commit to the Lord

This lesson will focus on excerpts from Psalm 37, but please read the whole psalm and compare and contrast the difference between the godly and the wicked and how God interacts with them.

1. What advice does this psalm give concerning wicked people? Why? vv. 1-2
2. Read verses 3-5. What happens when we trust in the Lord, delight in the Lord, and commit to the Lord?
3. Verse 7 tells us to be still in the presence of the Lord and be patient for Him to act. Is this hard to do? Have you ever seen God work when you do this?
4. What do verses 7 and 8 tell us about anger? Why do you think anger only leads to harm?



### PSALM 37:23-31 God Delights in the Godly

5. What do verses 23 and 24 say that God does for the godly? What do you think it means for the Lord to "delight in every detail" of your life?
6. What do verses 27 and 28 say about doing good (not evil) and justice? Why do you think this is important to God?
7. What do godly people do? vv. 30-31 Why is it so important to make God's law your own? What does this look like?



PSALM 37:34, 37-40 God Is With the Godly

8. Read verse 34. How does your hope in God impact your life everyday? Why is “traveling steadily” along God’s path important?
9. What does verse 37 say awaits those who love peace? Why do you think that is? What changes do you need to make in your life to be called someone who loves peace?
10. How do verses 39-40 encourage you? Have you ever experienced this in your life?

**BELIEVE THE TRUTH**

God calls us to live a godly life. In this Psalm, we see all the blessings and benefits of living the way God wants us to live. God is near to those who draw near to Him, and the wicked will not win in the end. Therefore we don’t need to worry or be angry. Instead if we love peace and put our hope in the Lord, our way will prosper! May you choose to rely on God and live a godly life!

**PRAY THE TRUTH**

Dear God, thank you for all the wisdom in this Psalm! I pray that you would help me to be honest, do good and love peace. Help me to make Your law my own and to walk steadily along Your path. I trust Your direction and protection. May I commit my life to You, living for You each day, trusting You in every part of my life. Amen

**WALK IN TRUTH**



This psalm is filled with a lot of wisdom about living a godly life. What stuck out to you most and how can you do this in your life this week?

## Psalm 37 (NLT)

A psalm of David.

- 1 Don't worry about the wicked  
or envy those who do wrong.
- 2 For like grass, they soon fade away.  
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.
- 3 Trust in the Lord and do good.  
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you your heart's desires.
- 5 Commit everything you do to the Lord.  
Trust him, and he will help you.
- 6 He will make your innocence radiate like  
the dawn,  
and the justice of your cause will shine like  
the noonday sun.
- 7 Be still in the presence of the Lord,  
and wait patiently for him to act.  
Don't worry about evil people who prosper  
or fret about their wicked schemes.
- 8 Stop being angry!  
Turn from your rage!  
Do not lose your temper—  
it only leads to harm.
- 23 The Lord directs the steps of the godly.  
He delights in every detail of their lives.
- 24 Though they stumble, they will never fall,  
for the Lord holds them by the hand.
- 25 Once I was young, and now I am old.  
Yet I have never seen the godly  
abandoned  
or their children begging for bread.
- 26 The godly always give generous loans to  
others,  
and their children are a blessing.
- 27 Turn from evil and do good,  
and you will live in the land forever.
- 28 For the Lord loves justice,  
and he will never abandon the godly.  
He will keep them safe forever,  
but the children of the wicked will die.

- 29 The godly will possess the land  
and will live there forever.
- 30 The godly offer good counsel;  
they teach right from wrong.
- 31 They have made God's law their own,  
so they will never slip from his path.
- 34 Put your hope in the Lord.  
Travel steadily along his path.  
He will honor you by giving you the land.  
You will see the wicked destroyed.
- 37 Look at those who are honest and  
good,  
for a wonderful future awaits those  
who love peace.
- 38 But the rebellious will be destroyed;  
they have no future.
- 39 The Lord rescues the godly;  
he is their fortress in times of trouble.
- 40 The Lord helps them,  
rescuing them from the wicked.  
He saves them,  
and they find shelter in him.

**Godly:** After a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit helps them recognize God's right way from the wrong; to voluntarily surrender one's own will to do what is right in God's sight; with the Holy Spirit's help, to resist sin even under pressure and temptation.

**Ungodly/Wicked:** those who do not know God through Jesus Christ and actively oppose God in disobedience; separated from God; to mock God.

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