

Blessed is the man...

Psalm 1:1

I am all about the Father's blessing. I believe in his favor and the anointing of His Holy Spirit. I do, however, know that the favor of God will not remain on the person who does not develop certain God-habits in his or her life. We are a people who need the Lord and need to know His blessing and favor on our lives. Favor or blessing may come initially by a move of the Lord where He takes you out of the world and brings you into the Kingdom and you begin to reign with Him. But as we grow we are going to find that the favor of God will increase or actually even decrease because of your response to Him. This very first Psalm gives us two ways to walk in the Father's blessing and see it increase.

The first of those is the choice of the company that you keep. Please read all of Ps 1:1. I know we must interface with the world in order to win them, but I see many who walk more with the ungodly than they do with believers. Here is a truth that Paul gives us, "Do not be misled, bad company corrupts good character" (I Corinthians 15:33). Look at your life. Do you go to a church meeting on a regular basis or do you let other things get in the way? Do you attend a small group where you can talk about your life and your walk with God and learn? Do you have an accountability partner? Is your best friend a growing believer? If you answered no to two of these questions it would be good for you to make some adjustments to your life ASAP.

Now read verse two. Reading and thinking about the Word of God is going to be your life-line in the Lord forever. The Word is life and it is eternal. You can not live without it.

Here are some insights from Psalm 119. "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your Word" (vs9). "I have hidden your word in my heart so that I might not sin against you" (vs11). "Open my eyes that I may see the wonderful things of your law" (vs18). "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (vs105). We are not just to read His Word but we are to think about it, "I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways" (vs15).

The river of the Holy Spirit, the fruitfulness of your life and the blessing of the Lord depend on you loving and living the Word of the Lord (read verse 3 of Psalm 1). Fruit in your life is not to be occasionally, but a constant flow in every changing season. Many say that they need a word from the Lord. They seek the prophetic (which is a good thing), but do not have a perpetual habit of reading their bibles. Your happiness is a matter of your spiritual condition. I must condition my soul to think on His eternal truth. My basement is dark but I turn on the light and it is bright. Turn on the lamp of your life and see! My thoughts may overwhelm me unless I have clear direction. Thankfully, the Word of God judges the thought and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). Be blessed today; do not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Instead, develop sound friendships and read and think about what God has said. When the Spirit says that the Word is eternal, He means that it will provide a blessing for all generations and the favor of the Lord will rest on you as you remain in it (John 15:7-8).