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- V. 1 – ~~How blessed~~ happy (SC: cross out “blessed” and write “happy”) **is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked**
 - SC: Counsel of the Wicked is advice.
 - Flip in your Bibles to 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 and write the verse reference in the margins of Psalm 1. 2 Cor. 6:14-18 says, “Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God;...”
 - SC: There you go. Right there. ... “just as God said, “I WILL DWELL IN THEM...”
 - The keyword, is “in them”.
 - “... AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. ¹⁷“Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,” says the Lord. “AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you. ¹⁸“And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Lord Almighty.”
 - SC: So “happy” has nothing to do with it, it’s simple. Just don’t waste your time. Time is of the essence.
 - Turn to Ephesians 5:16, where it says, “Make the most of your time, for the days are evil.”),
 - SC: Now continue in Psalm 1
 - “**Nor stand in the path way of sinners** (SC: 1 Corinthians 15:33, Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”), **Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!**
 - SC: What’s a scoffer? Let’s make that an assignment. Look it up. Have it written down for next week.
- SC: So, don’t live out your life by the advice and counsel of the wicked. Don’t make *decisions* based on what they say.
- V. 2 – ~~But his delight is in the law of the LORD~~ God’s principles,
And in His law God’s principles he meditates day and night.
- V. 3 – And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water (SC: #1, dependent on water. #2, roots are deep and solid.),
Which yields (SC: Or “produces”) **its fruit** (SC: Or “result”) **in its season**, (SC: “yields fruit” means it produces results in its season. It doesn’t mean it produces the results year round or all the time.)
And its leaf does not wither (SC: The leaf is the outward sign of strength. If the leaf is withered and weak, there’s no strength. If it’s bold and vibrant, full of strength. Its leaf does not wither, or become weak.);

And in whatever he does, ~~he~~ will prospers. (SC: Or, *all* the he does prospers)

- SC: So, take verses 1, 2, and 3, put them on a 3x5 index card. Then memorize them, and apply them hourly, not just daily, to your life. If you do this, you will be a happy person.
 - I remember seeing, “I die daily,” I thought, “Gosh, you only gotta die once a day. What’s that like?” I was a kid, a teenager, when I read that. I thought, “How in the world can I get to where I only gotta die daily once a day?” So take these 3 verse and apply them to your own lifestyle, decision making, thinking in the same way.
 - Verse 1 is, “Don’t do *this*.” Verse 2 is, “Do *this*.” Verse 3 is, “Here are the *results* of doing this from verse 2.”
- V. 4 – The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
 - SC: The key here is to figure out, “who are the wicked?” Because your personal, mental definition of “wicked,” I bet, is a lot narrower than *this* definition of wicked. So you need to look up the word “wicked” in a biblical context. Where else in the Bible you see “wicked”? Where else do you see “scoffer”? Don’t just look at it in a secular worldly dictionary for these. Go to scripture first. Scripture defines scripture. Because wicked people look and sound just as ordinary or common as you or me. The subtle difference are hidden within their *mind*. And in their actions.
- V. 5 – Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
 - SC: So “wicked” and “sinners.” Why are two different words there? Figure it out. Find out. So add “wicked” and “sinners” to your vocabulary list:
 - Scoffers
 - Wicked
 - Sinners
- SC: And they’re all listed in verse 1; wicked, sinners, scoffers.
- V. 6 – For the LORD knows the way of the righteous (SC: Or, *approves* of the way of the righteous.), But the way of the wicked will perish.
- SC: So what is “the way”? Remember, the ways of God vs the acts of God that we learned when we went through the book of Exodus? Use that to help you figure out the definition for “the way.” So add that as a fourth vocabulary word for this week:
 - Scoffers
 - Wicked
 - Sinners
 - The way