

Three Vital Points To Experience God's Blessing

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[Psa 1:1-3 NASB95] 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree [firmly] planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

- God wants you to experience His blessing every day. It is His Will that you are blessed. Your family is blessed.
- It is interesting to me that the Psalmist starts out by talking about the blessing. It was the first thing God did to Adam. Again, with Noah. Jesus begins the sermon on the mount by talking about the life of the "blessed." Paul said that one of main reasons for the crucifixion was that the blessing of Abraham would come to us.
- Learning how to walk in the blessing is a very important issue in God's Word.
- If it was automatic, why does the Bible give us some much instruction about how to experience it? Potential vs Experiential.

What does Psalm 1 show about experiencing God's blessing?

Psalm 1 gives us three vital points to experience God's blessing.

I. To experience God's blessing, you start with stopping.

- a. V. 1 – Gives us a list of what we stop doing.
- b. Notice the progression. Walk. Stand. Sit. The sequence "walk—stand—sit" envisions a progression from relatively casual association with the wicked to complete identification with them. NET Bible notes.
- c. Who you associate with, you will eventually become.
- d. [2Co 6:14-18 NASB95] 14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL 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.
- e. We minister to everyone. We love everyone.
- f. We don't receive from everyone. Not everyone gets to influence me.
- g. Ask the Holy Spirit if there are some negative influences that need to go.

II. To experience God's blessing, you saturate in God's Word.

- a. V. 2 – God's blessing comes when we delight in the Word of God.
- b. [Jos 1:8 NASB95] 8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.
- c. [Jhn 15:7 NASB95] 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- d. How to saturate in God's Word?
 - i. Read. Listen to preaching. Confess.

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- ii. Live in obedience to the Word of God. Give it final authority.
- iii. Make it the source of your faith.

III. To experience God's blessing, you succeed in every season.

- a. V. 3 – Describes what God's blessing looks like in our lives.
 - b. Planted by streams of water = drought proof.
 - c. Yields fruit. Always effective.
 - d. Not withering. Even in old age. We age, but we age supernaturally.
 - e. Always going forward.
 - f. [Psa 92:12-14 NASB95] 12 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green,
 - g. Dare to believe things are going to turn around. Dare to believe that you are going to experience God's blessing.
- **You will experience God's blessing as you stop allowing wrong influences in your life, saturate in God's Word, and believe that you will succeed in every season.**