

So much has to do with life orientation. He says nothing about discipline or obedience.



Turns away from wicked influences

### The evil way

Is focused on God's Word

### The good way

Is blessed with health and provision

### The great results

They crumble in the trials

Is solid and permanent

### The final grade

They are condemned in the judgment

### Bottom Line

Do you delight in the Law of the Lord?  
Do you meditate in it day and night?

# The Way of the Righteous

He could, but he chooses not to.

How **blessed** is the man who **does not**

**BLESSED**

- 1) **walk** in the counsel of the wicked, nor
- 2) **stand** in the path of sinners, nor
- 3) **sit** in the seat of scoffers!

**Standing**

If you go this way

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**But**

see Joshua 1:8

- 1) his delight is in the **law** of the LORD, and
- 2) in His law he meditates day and night. And

**DELIGHT**

2

he will be **like a tree**

**STREAMS**

see Jeremiah 17:5-8



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*firmly planted by streams of water, which*  
a) yields its fruit in its season, and  
b) its leaf does not wither; and  
c) in whatever he does, he prospers.

**The wicked are not so,**

But they are **like chaff**

which the wind drives away.

you get these results



**JUDGMENT**

Therefore

- a) the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
- b) Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For

- the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- But the way of the wicked will perish.

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You can choose your choices, but not the results of those choices.

This is the first "hymn" in the hymnal of the Jews, the Psalter. But it's subject is not praise and worship. It's not even a prayer. It's almost an amplified proverb. And the subject? The importance of living a righteous life rooted in a focus on God's Word.

<b>Counsel of the wicked</b>	The attitudes you adopt	Thinking	Sold	<b>The lie enters</b>
<b>Path of sinners</b>	The actions you practice	Behavior	Sanctioned	<b>The lie is lived out</b>
<b>Seat of scoffers</b>	The ideas you reject	Judgment	Sealed	<b>The lie is redefined as truth</b>

The wicked - "They have taken their degree in vice , and as true Doctors of Damnation they are installed and are looked up to by others as Masters of Belial. But the blessed man, the man to whom all the blessings of God belong, can hold no communion with such characters as these. He keeps himself pure from these lepers; he puts away evil things from him as garments spotted by the flesh; he comes out from among the wicked and goes without the camp, bearing the reproach of Christ. O for grace to be thus separate from sinners." (Spurgeon, Treasury of David)

The devil's discipleship program

### Two Roads

Singular

### Tree and water

A certain plant

A certain place

Planted  
Productive  
Persevering  
Prosperous

### Two Results

Here he switches to plural. Many won't enter by the narrow gate. (Matt.7:13-14)

### Chaff and wind

If they choose to stand in the path of sinners, They won't be able to stand in the place of God's judgment.

	<b>The Righteous</b>	<b>The Wicked</b>
Attention	Listens to God	Listens to Satan
Orientation	God's word	Satan's people
Action	Meditate	Walk, stand, sit
Depth	Profound	Superficial
God's opinion	Blessed	Cursed
Metaphor	Like a tree	Like chaff
Location	Garden	Desert
Constitution	Solid	Flightly
Life	Living	Lifeless
Worth	Valuable	Worthless
Size	Big	Little
Longevity	Permanent	Momentary
Result	Accepted	Condemned
Situation	Planted deep	Blown away
Time	Many years	One season
	There	Gone
	Rooted	Rootless
	Watered	Dry
	Fruitful	Fruitless