

“HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND PEACEFUL AS A BELIEVER”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1:1-6 “Blessed” (key word)

Intro: There are many yardsticks by which men measure success and the resulting “peace.”

I. We Must Be Separated from The World—V. 1

1. He doesn't Believe like the wicked – (Ill. He doesn't listen to their counsel and invitations to evil) His hearing is turned a little higher!
2. He doesn't Behave like the wicked – 2 Cor. 5:17 – (Ill. The old man has been put forever away!)
3. He doesn't Belong with the wicked – 2 Cor. 6:17 (Ill. He feels out of place when surrounded by the devil's crowd.

II. We Must Be Saturated with The Word—V. 2

- A. **The Word Has Captured His Full Affection** – **Delight** = Pleasure!
- The Word of God isn't a Book of fables, myths and legends.
 - To the child of God, it is the very Word of Truth.
 - It is God-breathed and infallible, inerrant, and absolutely perfect.
 - He loves it and he lives it, finding in its pages all he needs to grow and prosper for Jesus.

B. **The Word Has Captured His Full Attention** – Not only does the successful believer love the Book, but he lives out the Book daily.

- Does the Bible fill your thoughts?
- Do you find yourself consumed with its content and mesmerized in the meditation of it?
- The Bible is never better than when it is read and then lived out!

III. We Must Be Situated by The Water—V. 3

The promises of this verse are conditional.

When we live separated lives and feed our souls on God's Word, then we can expect these things to happen for us.

A. **Our Position** – By the River!

B. **Our Prominence** – A tree.

C. **Our Permanence** – Planted

D. **Our Productivity** – "Brings forth fruit"

John 7:38 (KJV)

³⁸He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

E. **Our Predictability** – "In his season"

F. **Our Perpetuity** – "leaf shall not fade"

G. **Our Prosperity** – "Whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper"

His personal life, his family life, his business life, his church life, his spiritual life will all be blessed of the Lord.

Conclusion: Do you possess the characteristics of the successful believer? Do you have "peace?"

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