

Discussion Guide

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PRIMARY PASSAGE

Psalms 1:1-6 (NIV): *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on His law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.*

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Wisdom is demonstrated or displayed through righteous living. It is the wise who seek to do what is right by staying away from corrupting influence and submitting themselves to the transforming power of God's word. The wisdom that is demonstrated through righteous living provides the following benefits: guidance in the present life (vs. 1-3) and assurance for the life to come (vs. 4-6).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What exactly about sinful or wicked people should a wise person diligently avoid? List as many as you are able.
2. Identify some of the positive spiritual practices that will enable a wise and righteous person to flourish in life. Why is it difficult to cultivate these habits?
3. How do you describe the main points of contrast between the blessed person and the wicked person?
4. Does it make any difference if a person chooses to live his or her life in the light of God's coming judgment? Why or why not?
5. In your own words, summarize the wisdom in righteous living. How does this reflect in the way you live or intend to live your life?

Oh, Most High God, please grant to us Your eternal wisdom, and that it may be clearly seen to be at work in our lives. Let Your wisdom in us bring about an unwavering commitment to righteous living in this life and a strong confidence to face the life to come. Amen!