



** The following paraphrase and arrangement of Psalm 1 is based on the NIV translation for instructional purposes.*

1. The _____ (righteous, content, joyful, fruitful) **Man** –

² **delights** (desire/pleasure) in the law (instruction) of the LORD. He meditates (reads, reflects) the law (wisdom of the Lord) day and night. ³ That person is **like** a tree planted (rooted and abiding) by the streams of (living) water, yielding fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever he does prospers For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

— John 15:5

— John 7:38

— Psalm 119:9-11

— Psalm 115:14

2. The _____ **Man** –

^{1b}... _____ in **step** (cadence) with the **wicked** (morally bankrupt) or _____ in the **way** (identifies) of **sinners** (habitually ignore the great commandments) and _____ in the **company** (my people) of **mockers** (contemptuous, woke). ⁴ He will be like **chaff** (empty husks) blown away by the wind. ⁵ Therefore, the wicked will not **stand** in the time of judgment, nor will sinners sit in the **assembly** of the righteous. ^{6b} ... the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Cultural Corruption: Attitudes, beliefs, and practices so pervasive as to make much of the population tolerant of corruption in public and private life and indifferent to anti-corruption reform through lack of confidence in the possibility of positive change.

3. Application

Galatians 5:16-17 So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the **flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh**. They are in **conflict with each other** so that you are not to do whatever you want.

— _____ fellowship with the Holy Spirit

— Receive and apply His gift of _____.

Acts 1:8a “... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you ...”

Reflect and Discuss

1. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you today? How are you going to respond?
 2. In what ways am I delighting and meditating on God's book of instructions and wisdom?
 3. How often am I intentionally reading and praying?
 4. What has God spoken to me that I have not acted upon?
 5. Have I become culturally comfortable? Do I walk in step, stand in line with, or sit in the company of those who consistently reject God's commands?
 6. What changes (repentance) do I need to make?
 7. How often am I accessing the Power I receive from the Holy Spirit? Why?
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