

Title: "Examine Your Life"

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6

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**Psalm 1:1-6** *"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."*

II Corinthians 13:5 says "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" What do we want to present to Christ? We should be praying that we are becoming more like Christ. We should strive and want to be more like Christ.

**Verse 1:**

1. We don't have to be taught how to be bad. We don't have to be taught to be ungodly. The scriptures make it clear that we are born sinful. We are born ungodly. Christ came to rescue us from that wrath that we are born in. We are born separated from God because of sin. Christ is our barrier, our bridge between us and hell. In verse 1, we see that the ungodly isn't blessed. The man who was blessed was blessed because he didn't walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Walking determines where we are going. Even if we are walking in circles we are going somewhere. We have it in our minds that it doesn't matter who we walk with, but who we walk with determines which way we are going. We can choose to have worldly wisdom or spiritual wisdom from God. If we follow the way of the world, we are taken in a direction opposite from Christ. The church today has become so involved with the world that the worldly way of thinking has come into the church. It has an effect on how we live.
2. We move from walking (consulting) with the ungodly in verse 1 to standing (identifying) with the ungodly. There are cliques in the church that are established. Those groups that you stand with in church are usually who you identify with. If you drive down the street and pass a skateboarder group, we assume that they are all skateboarders. If we pass men in suits, we assume that they are all businessmen. We stereotype. We base our opinions on appearances. We identify with who we hang around with. We are viewed to be part of groups and organizations that we support and hang around with.
3. Next we move from standing (identifying) with the ungodly to sitting (resting) with the ungodly. We get comfortable with the position that we are in. Is there so much of the world in us that coming to church that we don't even get convicted over things anymore? We have to make a choice of which side we want to identify with. We can either walk with God or walk away from God. We can stand with God or against him. We can rest with God or with the world.

**Verse 2:**

Verse 2 says that the blessed man delights in the law of the Lord or the word of God. It says that he meditates on it day and night. Do you enjoy being in your Bible? Do you enjoy studying his word? I Peter 2: \_\_\_\_\_. Do you have an appetite for the Lord and his word? Examine yourselves. Do you want to spend time doing the things of God? This verse says it's not enough to just read God's word. It must shape us and mold us into something more. Romans 12:2 says *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

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### Verses 3-4:

What are you becoming? Verse 3 says we should become fruitful in the kingdom of God. God knows when our fruit is coming, but are we getting the nourishment we need to develop those fruits? The verse expounds and says that fruit comes forth in his season. We need to become durable. It says *"his leaf shall not wither"*. Evergreen trees don't lose their leaves. They keep them year round. Evergreen trees are more durable and have more protection from the elements during times of extreme cold and drought. We should be Christians that are durable. It shouldn't matter if it is cold, hot, windy, dry, wet, we shouldn't be move. Storms and seasons of drought shouldn't be able to shake us and pull us from God. If we are able to withstand the storms of life, we'll prosper when it comes to our work for the Lord.

### Verse 5-6:

We must look ahead. If we aren't able to withstand life and stay strong for the Lord during it, you will stand before the Lord and be held accountable for those times. We should fear the day that we come before the Lord. In order to prepare for the day to meet the Lord face to face, we should be preparing here DAILY. We shouldn't procrastinate our work for the Lord. We should work daily and strive to do a better job and do more for the Lord every single day.

Have you examined your life? Are you looking ahead? Do you really strive to have a closer walk with the Lord?

### Just A Closer Walk With Thee

1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
  - o Refrain:  
Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.