

# The Path to Blessing

## Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3

**Psalm 1:1-3 KJV** 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. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 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.

## Introduction

This passage of scripture gives the formula for opening the windows of God's blessings.

### I. The criteria

**Psalm 1:1 KJV** 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.

- A. Rejecting secular paradigms, philosophies and political correctness

**Proverbs 14:12 KJV** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

- B. Rejecting sinful practices

- 1. Not condoning
- 2. Not participating

- C. Rejecting critical attitudes

**Philippians 2:14 KJV** Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

### II. The committment

**Psalm 1:2 KJV** But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

- A. Delighting in God's law

**Psalm 40:8 KJV** I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

**Romans 7:22 KJV** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

- B. Meditating in God's law

**Joshua 1:8 KJV** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**1 Timothy 4:15 KJV** Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them;

that thy profiting may appear to all.

- C. Practicing God's law

**Philippians 4:9 NIV** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

### III. The culmination

**Psalm 1:3 KJV** 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.

- A. An established, settled life

- B. A productive life

**Psalm 19:7-9 KJV** The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

- C. A successful life

**Deuteronomy 28:1-6 KJV** And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. <sup>3</sup> Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. <sup>4</sup> Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. <sup>5</sup> Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. <sup>6</sup> Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

### Conclusion

Blessing comes from having right actions and attitudes.