

FOLLOWING THE PATH OF WISDOM IN 2021

For the week of January 3, 2020

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Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

MESSAGE POINTS:

1. Guard your Heart and Your Mind Unashamedly (vs 1)
2. Feed your Soul and Spirit Unceasingly (vs 2)
3. Grow in Resourcefulness and Usefulness Undeniably (vs 3)
4. Deepen your Faith and Convictions Unwaveringly (vs 4)
5. Live with an Eternal Perspective Unapologetically (vs 5-6)

GOAL:

To grow in wisdom and passion for the mission in 2021.

GET GOING:

- Are you a New Years Resolution sort of person? Why or why not?
- What are you most looking forward to in 2021? Why?
- Look at verse 1. What is the significance of walk, stand and sit?
- Look at verse 2. What does it mean to delight in God's Word? Is that something that you do consistently?
- What is the difference between biblical convictions and personal preference? Why is this an important distinction given this time period?

- How practically can you live with an eternal perspective?
- Look at verse 5-6. What are the benefits of the path of wisdom? How does one get on the path of wisdom?
- 5 Signs to follow on the path of wisdom:
 1. Feed yourself spiritually
 2. Engage in genuine community
 3. Serve sacrificially
 4. Share your faith boldly
 5. Give back generously
- Which of these do you need to grow in during 2021?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Proverbs 3:5-8.
- According to this passage, what is the key to wisdom?
- In what ways do you find yourself leaning on your own understanding?
- Look at verse 6. What does it mean to acknowledge God? Who in your life exemplifies this?
- Look at verse 7. What does fearing the Lord have to do with the ability to fight sin?
- Have you experienced the type of healing and refreshment that this passage speaks about? How would it impact your life to have this type of peace?

GET GROUNDED:

- Where does your soul need refreshing?
- Where do you need to grow in greater wisdom in your life and faith?
- Which of the 5 signs do you find most difficult to commit to?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 1:2 “but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.”