

FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS Lesson 4
Psalm 1

Every person wants to be prosperous and successful. There is a way that this can be done. God has a guaranteed recipe for prosperity.

Psalm 1:3, "...and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." It does not say "...and whatsoever he doeth may prosper, could prosper, or should prosper," but "shall prosper."

If there is any chapter in all the Bible that should be examined carefully by the Christian, it is the first Psalm. There are five simple prerequisites for prosperity and success.

THE PROSPEROUS PERSON MUST NOT WALK IN THE COUNSEL OF UNCONVERTED PEOPLE.

1. In Psalm 1:1a, "_____ is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly."
2. Solomon tells us in Proverbs 11:14, "...in the _____ of counsellors there is safety."

Here in Psalm 1 we find that those from whom we get counsel should all be Christians.

3. This does not mean that the Christian should _____ love sinners and try to _____ them. It does mean, however, that he should not walk in their counsel or their advice.
4. This cabinet should consist of his _____, his _____, someone who is a true _____ friend, someone who he believes has the gift of wisdom from God, and someone who is successful in the field he wants to enter.

THE SUCCESSFUL PERSON MUST NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF SINNERS.

1. Notice the progression of the verse. "..._____ not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor _____ in the way of sinners, nor _____ in the seat of the scornful."
2. Notice how the person leaves the _____ of God.

He walks, then stands and then sits. When one quits walking, he must stand. When one quits standing, he must sit.

3. When one walks in the counsel of the _____, invariably he will then stand. When one stands around sinners, invariably he _____ down.
4. The _____ is to keep walking, keep moving for God and keep serving Him.

THE PROSPEROUS MAN CANNOT SIT IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL.

1. In other words, the _____ and _____ man cannot be found to be a critical person--one guilty of judging, condemning, criticizing, slandering, etc.
2. The prosperous person must not be easily _____.

Psalm 119:165 says, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

THE PROSPEROUS MAN MUST DELIGHT IN THE WORD OF GOD.

1. Psalm 1:2a, "But his _____ is in the law of the LORD." The word "law" here is a synonym for the Bible.

Originally the word "law" referred to Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, but it came to mean the entire Bible.

2. In other words, the prosperous man does more than _____ the Bible, _____ the Bible, and _____ the Bible; he _____ the Bible and delights to read it.

THE PROSPEROUS MAN MUST MEDITATE IN THE BIBLE DAY AND NIGHT.

Psalm 1:2b the word "_____" is a word which is likened to a cow chewing a cud. A cow has two stomachs.

When we see a cow in the field eating, she is actually not eating; she is gathering food and placing it into one of her stomachs.

Then she sits down, takes a bit of the "gathered" food, chews it, and transfers it into the other stomach for digestion. This is what meditation means.

We are to take the Bible and read it, reread it, and enjoy reading it. Then we are to take it back up and chew on it like a cow chews her cud, so it will do us the most good. This is necessary for a prosperous man.

THE PROSPEROUS MAN WHO DOES THE ABOVE FIVE THINGS HAS THE FOLLOWING PROMISES:

1. He is _____. Psalm 1:3a, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

2. He is like a tree that _____ up the water all the time. He is not _____ moved. He is stable. He knows where he is going.

3. He is _____. Psalm 1:3b "...that bringeth forth his fruit in his season."

His roots are down in the water just soaking it up. Because of this, he can bring forth fruit; he can be a soul winner. In other words, one who does the five things listed above can be a soul winner.

4. His _____ shall not wither. Psalm 1:3c, "...his leaf also shall not wither."

In other words, he will be happy. He will not be a withered-leaf Christian. He will be a joy to others, providing shade, comfort and solace to other people.

5. He will _____. Psalm 1:3, "...and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."