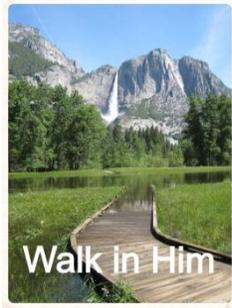


## Blessed Is The Man



“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stand in the path of sinners,  
nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and in His law he meditates day and night.”

Psalm 1:1-2

If we really believe this to be true, then why do we listen to the world tell us what is or isn't beautiful? Why do we run to hear their words on television or read their books as if we thought them to be wise? How can there be any true wisdom apart from God's word and His ways?

It amazes me as I think about these questions to realize that as I look at magazines, ads, and the like, that I am so easily swayed to thinking "I NEED THAT...and that... and that," and I find myself becoming discontent with who I am or what I have. If I listen to them long enough the world will counsel me into selling my soul for just the right clothes or just the right look.

The counsel of the wicked will tell you to leave that "good-for-nothing husband" because you deserve to have some happiness in your life, you deserve better than him, never mind that you've made a covenant before God, never mind that you've probably done your fair share in causing the problems in your marriage.

The "counsel of the wicked..." it looks nothing like the law of the Lord and the only way to know that is to spend more time in the Bible (His law, His very words to us) and less time listening to the world. Thinking about His words throughout the day and the night, letting them be your guide and counsel, for they are true words of wisdom and something to take delight in. The result: How blessed is that one!

*"Father God, help us not to follow the ways and thoughts of this world but to always seek Your ways and thoughts above our own."*