

TREE BUILDING

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¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. ⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.



Identifying “chaff”...

What are relationships, activities, environments, and influences that leave you distant from God and disconnected from the kind of person He’s created you to be?

- Are there certain people, that when you spend time with them, the effect is a “net negative”—you feel less “alive in Christ” and less motivated to walk in his ways?
- Are there certain activities that you participate in that you know make God seem distant?
- Are there certain media influences that you allow to enter your eyes and ears that don’t bring out God’s best in you? They don’t leave you refreshed on the inside. They deaden your soul.

Building trees...

- It’s trees that spend their lives on the stuff that matters the most.
 - It’s trees that put their roots down deep into the stream of Jesus’ living water.
 - It’s trees who stand strong and steadfast through all that life brings.
 - It’s trees who delight in God’s word and meditate on it day and night.
 - It’s trees that are discovering who they really are.
- It’s trees who are becoming the kind of person that’s a blessing to the world around them.