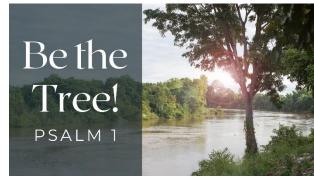
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New Year's Message from Psalm 1

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.

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The BLESSED Christian exercises caution

In seeking **COUNSEL**

In who their "INFLUENCERS" are

In allowing <u>PEER</u> pressure – the skepticism epidemic

The blessed Christian <u>DELIGHTS</u> in God's word. Spends <u>TIME</u> in it.

The **BEAUTIFUL** picture -- a thriving tree

FRUITFUL

HEARTY

PROSPEROUS

The <u>BITTER</u> contrast -- <u>SHRIVELED</u> chaff and its <u>CONSEQUENCES</u>

6 months in the Psalms and some wise counsel