



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.**

The **BLESSED** Christian exercises caution

In seeking **COUNSEL**

In who their “**INFLUENCERS**” are

In allowing **PEER** pressure – the skepticism epidemic

The blessed Christian **DELIGHTS** in God’s word.
Spends **TIME** in it.

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

FRUITFUL

HEARTY

PROSPEROUS

The **BITTER** contrast -- **SHRIVELED** chaff and
its **CONSEQUENCES**

6 months in the Psalms and some wise counsel