



Fire your crazy counselors before they convince you to jump off a cliff

Psalm 1 1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
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, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does 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 will perish.

1. LOOK at the WICKED

▼ *The wicked are disagreeable and defiant and disobedient*

4 Not so the wicked!

▼ *The wicked are driven and dispersed by distress and difficulty*

4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

▼ *The wicked are destined for destruction*

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 The way of the wicked will perish.

2. LISTEN to these WARNINGS

▼ *Avoid wicked counselors and their convoluted counsel*

1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked...

▼ *Our wicked culture taunts the truth*

John 18:37 Jesus answered... Everyone on the side of the truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

▼ *Our wicked culture trades in the truth*

Romans 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

▼ *Our wicked culture twists the truth*

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

▼ *Our wicked culture tries to terrorize the truth tellers*

Isaiah 30:10 They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. 11 Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"

▼ *Avoid wicked company and their corrupt conduct*

1 Blessed is the man who does not...stand in the way of sinners...

▼ *Avoid wicked critics and their conceited criticism*

1 Blessed is the man who does not...sit in the seat of mockers.

3. LIVE by the WORD

▼ *Be a Bible believer*

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

▼ *Delight in God's Word*

- Receive it as a good gift from God
- Regard it as gracious guidance from God
- Respect it as the governance of God

▼ *Deliberate on God's Word*

- Go to it and grab it
- Read it and research it
- Believe it and buy into it
- Consider it and contemplate it
- Discuss it and declare it
- Accept it and apply it
- Pray it and praise it

▶ *God's Word is a SWORD for piercing into wrong thinking*

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

▶ *God's Word is a SEED for planting right thinking*

Luke 8:11 The seed is the word of God.

▼ *Be a blessed believer*

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous...

▼ *God's Word builds foundation and permanence under our lives*

▼ *God's Word builds a fortress of protection around our lives*

▼ *God's Word brings fruitfulness and prosperity to our lives*

▼ *God's Word bestows favor and promise upon our lives*