

The Secret of Success

Psalm 1

A psalm of contrasts

prosper v3 - or perish v6

two ways to live v6

walk in counsel of wicked v1

delight in law of the Lord v2

1. Watch the company you keep, v1

avoid corrupting company

bad company corrupts

good character 1 Cor 15.33

we grow like the people we live with

we follow their advice

adopt their attitudes

become part of their gang

Jesus befriended sinners Lk 7.34

to see them transformed

Luke 5.30-32

2. Take great delight in God's Word v2

- *love it! Psalm 119.97,113,163,165*
be enthused by it Luke 24.32,37
- *chew over it continuously*
to plot your course of action 2.1
Mal 3.16; Josh 1.7-8
the antidote to corrupting voices
Prov 2.12-15,20

3. Ponder the Outcome of how you're living, vs3-6

- *be nourished by God's Word v3*
absorb it to be transformed by it
Jer 17.7-8; Tit 1.1; Is 55.10-11
- *fruit will appear*
at the appropriate time
lasting fruit for eternity John 15.16
so, persevere Gal 6.9-10;

1 Cor 15.58; Col 3.23-24

- **remember the fate of the wicked**
blown away v4
not a leg to stand on v5
no place in heaven v5
2 Thess 1.6-10
- **the Lord watches over**
the way of the righteous v6
the secret of true happiness v1