

# **A Life God Blesses**

## **(Psalm 1:1-6)**

### **Introduction**

- A) Society likes to label people according to many standards.
  - A) Economically
  - B) Ethnically
  - C) Religiously
  - D) Gender
  - E) Politically
  
- B) However, the Scriptures place people in two groups – those in relationship with Christ and those NOT in relationship with Christ. Economics status does not affect that relationship. Ethnicity does not affect that relationship. Gender does not affect that relationship.
  
- C) Once in relationship with God, life changes! Priorities change! Passions change! Choices change! Masters change
  
- D) Psalm 1 exposes the difference between two groups of people – those in relationship with God and those NOT in relationship with God – in a simple but dramatic way.
  
- E) Contextualize Psalm 1.**

### **I. Blessedness of the Righteous (Psalm 1:1)**

*(The righteous are people who have put their trust in Christ in order to be in relationship with God. The term has nothing to do with man's efforts, but results from the work of grace in the heart.)*

(The word for **blessings** in Psalm 1 is a plural noun.)

**A) Multitude of blessings**

**B) Fullness of blessings**

**C) Exclamation of blessings**

*The exclamation expresses the feeling of a heart that has been stirred to its depths by contemplation of the blessings bestowed upon it by the Lord.*

## **II. The Way of the Wicked**

**A) Their Choices (v. 1-2a)**

**B) Their Instability (v. 4)**

**C) Their Judgment (v. 5, 6b)**

## **III. The Way of the Righteous**

**A) Their Delight (v. 2)**

**B) Their Choices (v. 1, 2b)**

**C) Their Stability (v. 3)**

**D) Their Prosperity (v. 3b)**

**E) Their Overseer (v. 6)**

## **Conclusion**