

TREES 2

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*Psa. 1:1 Blessed is the man
that walketh not in the counsel
of the ungodly, nor standeth in
the way of sinners, nor sitteth
in the seat of the scornful.*

- The first thing we must do in order to become stable believers is to avoid ungodly alliances. People that practice ungodliness will soften our stance and cause us to fall. Godly counsel nourishes us and makes us steadfast. *1Cor. 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*
- Standing in the sinners' way causes us to experience issues that could have been avoided. The way of the sinner is hard, so we should always chose the path of the righteous. Standing in the way of righteousness keeps our yoke easy and our burdens light. *Prov. 13:21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.*
- People that have been severely hurt without properly dealing with it become scornful. The scorner believes that their feelings supersede the Gospel and obedience to God's Word. The seat of the scornful is essentially a place where your feelings are greater than God's desires, which will cause you to place your will above God's plan. *Prov. 15:12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.*



*Psa. 1:2 But his delight is
in the law of the LORD;
and in his law doth he
meditate day and night.*

- God's law (desires) should be at the forefront of our existence. We should die to our will and accept God's way in order to stand strong. *Gal. 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
- When our delight is in material things and achievements, we must follow our own way to get them. Our striving does not ensure that we will find true joy and contentment once we receive our fleshly pursuits. But, when we delight in the will of the Lord, He gives us right desires and it doesn't add sorrow to us. *Psa. 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*
- Meditating on God's law, day and night, doesn't mean that we think about the Word all day. It means that no matter what circumstances we face, they should always be filtered through His Word. Everything must be tried and tested with God's will for us, so we will not fall. *Prov. 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*



*Psa. 1:3 And he shall be like a tree
planted by the rivers of water, that
bringeth forth his fruit in his season;
his leaf also shall not wither; and
whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

- When we are planted, we will bring forth fruit in due season. Fruit produced out of season lacks the flavor and nutritional value of fruit that is in season. *Luke 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*
- Trees planted in fields are dependent upon the seasons for nourishment, but trees planted by the river have sustenance at all times so that it will consistently yield good fruit. *Jer. 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.*
- Good fruit comes from being planted in a good place and forsaking the fellowship of the ungodly or being in a place that is unfruitful. When we are well planted, delighting in God's way, and avoid the counsel of sinners, we are like trees that cannot be moved. *John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,*



SUMMARY

A tree can only yield good fruit, if it is planted in a good place, where it can receive what it needs to sustain itself. It cannot bear any fruit, if it cannot first sustain itself. It must have enough sustenance for its own growth before it can ever branch out and bear fruit. The same principle is true for us as believers.

In order for us to help others and advance the kingdom of God, we must first experience growth ourselves. We must avoid fellowship with sinners and ungodly people and align ourselves with those can aid our growth. We must plant ourselves in good ground near a consistent water supply, which will help keep us growing despite what seasons we go through. Once we grow, we can sprout leaves and then bear fruit. This process cannot be avoided. We must do it God's way to get Godly results.

John 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.