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Ps. 1:1-2 *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on His law day and night. (NIV)*

This is one of my favorite psalms. I began reading it regularly at a young age. My grandpa is the one who showed me this psalm and because he was a farmer, it meant a lot to him. The picture of a tree planted by the water that bears its fruit in season was apropos for him and his vocation. But the reason this Psalm became too important to me is found in these first two verses. My youth pastor pointed this out to me at just the right time in my spiritual walk. He said to notice the progression of sin.

The first step is walking along side of those who are wicked, or motivated by the flesh instead of by His Spirit. **1 Cor. 15:33 *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*** (NIV) There is no doubt that we should pick our friends wisely because what they do will influence us. To walk in step means to agree with where they are going.

The second step is to then **stand** in the way that sinners take. In other words, not only have we starting walking with them, we've begun to agree with where they are going.

Thirdly, to **sit** in the company of mockers means we have now sided with them and their philosophies; seeing things from a totally selfish perspective instead of through the eyes and heart of the only One Who truly loves us.

Conversely, the one who chooses to not follow the crowd, but instead follow the LORD, delights in His law and meditates on His law day and night. Don't get caught up in the 'hype' of this world. It is base and lowly thinking that is centered upon human desires. Instead delight in the law of the LORD. It will never let you down!

Dear LORD, help us delight in You and Your Word. Help it to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Help us to stay focused this day upon You. In Jesus Name, Amen