



Message Notes  
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Week 1  
Steering For Success

All of us face difficulties, pressures and uncertainty in life. The question is not “are we going to face problems” but “how are we going to handle life’s difficulties when they come?” That is what this new sermon series is all about. We want to look at some ancient songs to find out how to navigate the bumps of life. These songs were prepared by our Creator and give us many of the answers we need to such things as fear, God’s silence, righting the religious rut, grief and guilt and more.

We begin today by looking at Psalm 1. In this “song” God not only teaches the definition of success but how to steer for it. In fact, this Psalm promises contentment and satisfaction if we will but follow these instructions. Let’s learn how God would steer us toward success.

I. A \_\_\_\_\_ SELECTION OF \_\_\_\_\_: Vs:1

A. The subtle way wrong friends can influence you:  
3 verbs & a Biblical example.

B. C \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_.

II. A \_\_\_\_\_ RESPECT FOR GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_: Vs:2

A. God’s teachings are for our own good. 1 John 5:3

B. “Mediate” here literally means “\_\_\_\_\_ on these things.”

III. A \_\_\_\_\_ PATTERN OF \_\_\_\_\_: Vss:3-4

A. A stark contrast.

1. A tree by a stream: growing, producing fruit, healthy leaves, successful.
2. A piece of straw: worthless, blown about by the wind.

B. Application: Be reliable, dependable, faithful, productive.

IV. A \_\_\_\_\_ FOCUS ON \_\_\_\_\_: Vss:5-6

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ range goal. 2 Corinthians 5:9

B. A \_\_\_\_\_ range goal. 2 Corinthians 4: 18

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

**Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are those who do not follow evil advice, and won’t follow the path of sinners, or join the company of those that sneer at God.

<sup>2</sup>Instead, the teachings of the Lord satisfies them and they meditate on it day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves. Those people succeed in everything they do. <sup>4</sup>That isn’t true of those who don’t love God, because they are like straw blown by the wind.

<sup>5</sup>That is why ungodly people won’t have an excuse on the Day of Judgment, and they won’t have a place with God. <sup>6</sup>The Lord protects everyone who follows him but the ungodly follow a road that leads to ruin.