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Psalm 1:2

Text: Psalm 1:1-6: In this Psalm, the LORD reveals to us an OT Beatitude in which the wicked are described to be ungodly, sinners, and the scornful.

The Psalmist instructs (as God's people ~ the godly) in (3) negative precepts, which I like to call "positive-negatives". None of our ways should identify us with the ungodly, or with habitual sinners, or as those that sit in the scorner's seat. So, FIRST: The GODLY man or woman DOES NOT live, behave, converse, or communicate LIKE the ungodly, and to protect his godliness, he is careful to NOT develop intimacies, close relationships, and friendships with those who are ungodly influencers! Now to the positives!

What does the godly man or woman DO?

Psalm 1:2: "But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he meditate day and night"

What does DELIGHT here mean? It means "desire, pleasant, pleasure, or to be willing". The godly man's delight, desire, pleasure; what his will is BENT TOWARDS is the law of the LORD! The Word of God! The gospel of Jesus Christ! Romans 7:22

"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man"

To the ungodly, to sinners, scorners and mockers, the law of the LORD is undesirable and a curse! But not to the godly, God's Word ~ God's Law is what he "wants and desires"! It is his delight! To the godly man, it is MORE TO be desired than gold, YEAH, than much fine gold.

Psalm 19:7-11, Psalm 104:34, Song 2:3, Job 23:10-12

Since the law of the LORD is the godly man's delight, (and what he wants); it is what he meditates upon day and night! (He meditates and thinks about God and His Word MORE than anything else!)

What does it mean to meditate: To muse, study, to exercise the mind and heart toward a specific thing!

Proverbs 24:2, Psalm 37:30, 104:34, 119:97-99, 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Understand this about meditation: We can study the meaning of meditation and understand what it is in the generic sense of the word, but to "actually meditate" upon the truths of God's Word is quite another thing.

I would submit to you that "meditation" is a "lost exercise" in the minds of many in our time. The first thing you MUST have if you would meditate is "ATTENTION" toward ONE thing, ONE object, or ONE idea in your mind for a profitable and valuable span of time!

You hear people say, I have A.D.D.? We all have it!
The fact is, WE INFECT OURSELVES with it by NOT
exercising our minds in the discipline of meditation!

Instead we bounce from one thought to the next ~ like pinballs or honeybees hopping from flower to flower!

Beloved, this is WHY we are so often NOT spiritually minded, THIS IS WHY we don't DELIGHT ourselves in the Law of the LORD, (the Word of God), because we don't dwell on it long enough for it to SETTLE in our hearts so that it would renovate and renew our minds! Meditation is a discipline, it is mind-work; if you would meditate, you must bring your uncontrolled mind into subjection! 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

We fail in Meditating and MUSING in the things of God because we are so often A-MUSING and weakening our minds with the amusements of the world!

Delighting in the LORD will NOT come apart from meditation & cultivating the Word in our minds and hearts. This is a "Christian Identifier and Characteristic" of the godly man!

Psalm 1:3: "And he (the godly man) SHALL BE LIKE a tree (BUT NOT JUST ANY TREE), but A TREE PLANTED by God, 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"

What did the Lord Jesus teach us about trees? There are good trees and there are bad trees. The godly man IS A TREE of God's planting, cared for, purged, cultivated, and watered in the good ground of a regenerated heart!

"Every (OTHER) plant (OR TREE) which my heavenly Father hath NOT PLANTED, shall be rooted up"

The godly man or woman is a tree of God's planting, a "Tree Planted" to thrive (and/or PROSPER) and bring forth fruit! Galatians 5:22-23

Ephesians 5:9: "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all (or He influences) goodness and righteousness and truth" (in our hearts).

Every one of us should be like fruitful trees in the courts of our Lord, bringing forth fruit in season! I think of Psalm 92:12-14

And then last, there are no withering leaves, but Christians (the godly) are like evergreen trees! Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm 1:1-3

Wednesday, Lord willing: The ungodly are not so!