Psalms 1:1-3 [NIV]

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. [2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. [3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalms 1:4-6

Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. [5] Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. [6] For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Two Paths - Two Destinies

Psalm 1:1-6



MEDITATION = reflecting and thinking about God's Word in the course of daily activities

(Van Gemeren)

Joshua 1:8

Study this Book of the Law continually. **MEDITATE** on it day and night **SO** you may be sure to **OBEY** all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed. (NLT)

C.S. Lewis

"The Law's beauty, sweetness, or preciousness, come from the contrast with the surrounding paganism..."

This Tree Will Have... (P. Apple)

- **Strength & Stability**
- > Fruitfulness
- > Endurance

CHAFF...(the Wicked)

- > Completely Useless
- **>** God deals with them Easily

We Become Like the Tree Planted...

- >Turning AWAY from Sin & Evil
 - 2 Peter 2:9 ...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation... (NASU)
- > DELIGHTING in God's Word

We Become Like the Tree Planted...

> MEDITATING on God's Word

Meditation - to Focus your Heart and Mind over and over on a verse of the Bible so that you can Draw Nourishment from it.

Galatians 6:9-10

And let us <u>not grow weary of doing good</u>, for in due season we will reap,

if we **do not give up**. [10] So then, as we have opportunity, <u>let us do good</u> to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (ESV)

What Can we do if we Don't Delight in God's Word? (Piper)

>Pray For The "Want To"

Psalms 119:36-37 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. [37] Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

What Can we do if we Don't Delight in God's Word? (Piper)

> Pray For God to Open Your Eyes

Psalms 119:18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalms 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

What Can we do if we Don't Delight in God's Word? (Piper)

> Ask God to Help You Perseverance

Habakkuk 3:17-18 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vine; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, [18] yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. (NLT)