

DEVOTION

Psalm 1:1,2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

BEING BLESSED BY GOD: PSALM 1

This first Psalm contrasts the life of a godly person who is blessed by God, and a person who is neither godly nor blessed.

Blessed is a Hebrew superlative which means to have joy many times over, a sense of overflowing joy. Many of us seek happiness, which relies on an event, but joy comes from a disposition of life.

A blessed person is mindful of the following:

- 1. Don't go to the world for counsel.** Verse 1 says, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the un-godly." Sadly, many Christians go to the world first rather than to a godly pastor, elder or confidant to be counselled from the Word of God.
- 2. Temptation is a process.** Psalm 1 presents the idea of walking, then standing in the path of sinners, and finally sitting in the seat of the scornful. Often, temptation starts with listening to the counsel of the un-godly, and it's not very long before we are standing, contemplating the temptation and if we do that, without getting it right with God, then very quickly we find ourselves sitting in the seat of the scornful. So, if we want to be people who are marked by joy then we need to not be governed by the things of the world such as the world's entertainment, the types of books or magazines that are ungodly and so on.
- 3. A godly person is marked by love for the Word of God.** That means one is willing to delight in the Word of God, meditate on the Word of God and indeed memorise the Word of God. All of this is meant to keep us close to the Lord and clean in our walk with God.
Hopefully these few thoughts have been just what you need to help you along life's paths on your Christian journey.



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PRAYER POINTS

Challenge is in partnership with Christian Fellowship Ministries in Uganda with an initial print of 45,000 papers, although 150,000 could be used immediately given requests by other ministries. Praise the Lord for the opportunity in a country of over 32 million people. Pray for finances to cover this new endeavour.

Many of our partner organisations are suffering from the financial downturn. Please continually pray for them, that God may continue to meet all their needs according to His riches in glory.

Please continue to remember the Challenge Team (and board oversight) that we may continue to be faithful to the call He has placed on our lives and that He alone is glorified through the work of Challenge.

Staff – Challenge are praying for an editor/journalist to be able to take on a senior role in the writing and editing of the paper.

Nigeria is a strategic country with quarter of the African population. We are able to partner with Ireland Outreach there, but the printing of the paper is cost prohibitive and until this changes we will not be able to print.

General funding for the running of the office and the associated costs (i.e. electricity, phone and the like).

PRAISE POINTS

The Kenya edition will now be printed in Uganda, as this provides high quality full color for about the same cost of the spot color edition currently printed.

Jonathan Newell (Malawi) able to come to Australia and share of the work that is going on and the effect the Challenge paper is having in many lives in Malawi.

We praise the Lord for the funding that comes in through you our faithful supporters and for all the Lord is doing through your generous support around the world. This is your ministry and we praise God that we can work together for Him, for His glory and to make His name known throughout the nations.

Safe return of Impact team and the opportunities the Lord presented as testified by Caitlin (below).

When people ask me how my trip was I encourage them to join the team and find out for themselves! Although we went thinking we were going to impact Africa it was really Africa that impacted us!

God has ignited a passion in me to see His word spread everywhere not just in Africa. What is stopping me from giving out *Challenge* on the train to university or even on campus? ... This trip taught me how to share the gospel boldly.

– Caitlin



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