



# the **SECRET** of **SUCCESS**

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## PSALM 1

[A] 1 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,

[B] 2 but whose  
delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day & night.

[C] 3 That person is like a tree  
planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—

whatever they do prospers.  
4 Not so the wicked!

[C] They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

[B] 5 Therefore  
the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

[A] 6 For  
the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

## the secret of success

### 1. Evaluate your future.

- Tree or Chaff  
*"like a tree...like chaff"* (vv.1; 4)
- Happy or Miserable  
*"blessed is the one"* (v. 1)
- Plant Seeds or Make Waves  
*"the Lord watches over the way"* (v. 6)  
*"...leads to destruction."* (v. 6)

### 2. Investigate your influencers.

- Walk with Wicked (v. 1)
- Stand with Sinners (v. 1)
- Sit with Mockers (v. 1)

### 3. Meditate on God's Word.

- Delight and Meditate (v. 2)

# Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Point #1

- 1) As a group, read Psalm 1 aloud. Do you find yourself naturally inclined towards thinking about the future, or do you prefer living in the present moment? How has this inclination served you positively, and what challenges has it presented?
- 2) Our cultural understanding of success and prosperity differs from that of God's perspective. As you have grown spiritually over time, how has your perspective changed? What is success from God's perspective?
- 3) Psalm 1:3 says, "...whatever they do prospers." How has your faith in Jesus and following Him led to your prosperity and success?

### Points #2 & #3

- 4) Which particular verse or phrase in Psalm 1 resonates most deeply with you on a personal level, and why does it hold such significance for you?
  - 5) How do your current friendships and associations impact your spiritual life positively and negatively?
  - 6) The essential aspect of meditating on God's Word is finding delight in it; it must be a priority for us to carve out time for God amidst our busy schedules. What are some competing priorities that can hinder your reflection on God's Word?
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# Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at [pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

## MONDAY // Read Psalm 1

- Do you find yourself naturally inclined towards thinking about the future, or do you prefer living in the present moment? How has this inclination served you positively and what challenges has it presented?
- Our cultural understanding of success and prosperity differs from that of God's perspective. As you have grown spiritually over time, how has your perspective changed? What is success from God's perspective?

## TUESDAY // Read Psalm 1

- Which particular verse or phrase in Psalm 1 resonates most deeply with you on a personal level, and why does it hold such significance for you?
- How do your current friendships and associations impact your spiritual life positively and negatively?

## WEDNESDAY // Read Job 22:21-22

- What are some areas in your life that you need to submit to God so that you can have peace and prosperity? What does submission in those areas look like?
- For you personally, how can you "lay up His words in your heart" this week?

## THURSDAY // Read Psalm 37:4

- What role does "delight" play in this promise?
- What does it mean for a person to "delight in the LORD?" How can you increase your delight in the LORD?

## FRIDAY // Read Proverbs 11:25, 16:20

- How has your generosity toward others led to your prosperity? Where can you be generous this next week?
- Where do you need to listen to (or seek out) advice and instruction for your life? What's keeping you from getting the feedback you need to prosper?

## SATURDAY // Read Psalm 1

- Catch up day! Just read Psalm 1 and work on any unfinished questions from this week!