



“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.” Psalm 1:1

Rarely does sin jump up and grab you. Besides being born into sin, that is, being born with a nature predisposed to rebellion and sin, the out workings of sin is a slow progression as it works its way into your life and manner of living. At first, it may appear as simple advice or a passing word of counsel from an unbeliever. “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.” (2 Corinthians 6:14a). But soon you may find you’re forward progress slowed and you may even find yourself standing and listening. Once in this position of listening, you’ve begun to consider the sinner’s worldview. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:5). Soon you may find that you have actually sat down with not only the sinner, but with his sin! Sadly, you may eventually find yourself even scornful of those who, as you once did but no longer do, simply trusting the Lord in childlike faith.

Make no mistake, the man that is blessed, and the man that is happy, the man who enjoys the fellowship of the Lord is a man who walks in the counsel of the Word of God. He is the man who stands righteously before the Lord, and sits, waiting upon the Spirit’s direction and input.

Examine your relationships. With whom are you walking? With who are you sitting? With whom are you standing?

From where are you receiving counsel? The ungodly, the sinner, the scornful should have only a limited and guarded access into your life. Mark those you value for their godly wisdom. Search out godly, experienced and wise counselors! Measure all things – the counsel of both the wicked and the godly – by God’s Counsel – His Word.

Such decisions and such choices will pay off tremendously!

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