Life Summarized in 6 Verses (Psalm 1)

[1] 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; [2] But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. [3] He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. [4] The ungodly *are* not so, But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away. [5] Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. [6] For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1. Life Is Defined by What You Choose NOT to Do

[1] 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;

In order to be blessed, you must not be…

- ***Listening***: Walking in the counsel of the ungodly
- ***Associating***: Standing in the path of sinners
- ***Participating***: Sitting in the seat of the scornful

2. Life Is Defined by Your Relationship with God's Word

[2] But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

- ***Purposeful Focus on the Word (from the World)***
- ***Continual Thinking on the Word***
- ***Ongoing Influence of the Word***

3. God Presents Only Two Possible Directions

- ***For God*** – Living in and by the Word
- ***Against God*** – Living apart from the Word

4. God Promises a Clear Result for Either Direction

- ***Godly Direction***

  [3] He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

  o Healthy _____ o Enduring _____

  o Fruitful _____ o Prosperous _____

- ***Ungodly Direction***

  o Temporary _____ o Isolated _____

  o Condemned _____ o Perishing _____

Which way: (1) Describes your way? (2) Will you choose?