
*Psalm 1:1 **Blessed** is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked or sits in the seat of scoffers or stands in the way of sinners.*

Psalm 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:3 He will be like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does he prospers.

Psalm 1:4 The wicked are not so but are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Psalm 1:5 For the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Psalm 1:6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 8:31-32 If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

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Gaining Spiritual Perspective

Keys to Spiritual Growth—part 1

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1. Your C Shape Your Life.

Matt. 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

Matt. 7:14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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2. Your P Shapes Your Choices.

Matt. 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matt. 13:45 The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

■ **3. Your _____ Shapes Your Perspective.** ■

Prov. 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

“Knowledge”:

■ “Fool”:

Matt. 6:23 But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Your ability to see life as it really is depends on your _____ eyes.

Prov. 4:18 The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Prov. 4:19 But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

■ *John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth: your word is truth.*

■ **4. Your S _____ Shapes Your Sight.** ■

John 7:17 If any man’s will is to do his will, he will find out whether the teaching comes from God or if I am merely speaking on my own authority.

■ *2 Timothy 2:7 ...always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth...*

■ *Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will.*
