

Avoiding Ungodly Counsel

Psalm 1:1-6

V1: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Counsel: advice, especially that given **formally**.

Ungodly: irreligious or **immoral**. "ungodly lives of self-obsession, lust, and pleasure"

Sinners: a person who **transgresses** against divine law by **committing** an **immoral** act or acts.

Scornful: feeling or expressing that a person or a thing is beneath consideration, **worthless**,

The Revision:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the advice of those who live an ungodly life of self-obsession, self-pleasure, and lustful habits, nor standeth in the same ways of a person who transgresses against God's divine law by committing immoral acts, nor sitteth in the seat of one who feels that God or God's ways are beneath consideration or worthless."

Example of Ungodly Counsel:

Acts 5:17-29 - Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

(Ananias sold the land, lied, both he and wife died, they brought Peter before the council)

Romans 13:1 - Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

V2: But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night

You must choose which law you want to be governed by:

Romans 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and Death.

Exodus Chapter 20 outlines the laws of the Spirit of life (Laws of God)

V3: And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

V4: The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff(*the worthless husks of corn*) which the wind driveth away.

The ungodly are unstable and unrooted. Therefore, they will be blown away by situations and circumstances that they face because they are not grounded by the laws or ways of God.

V5: Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

The ungodly shall not stand in judgment, because they have to meet the qualifications that will allow them in the presence of the just and holy Judge. They have no earthly righteous living that could justify them: Naked and guilty then, they cannot stand before a just and holy Judge, but must fall with shame and blushing confusion.

In Closing:

Be careful who you allow to render you counsel. Worldly counsel is dangerous and unhonorable to God. If you want to live a healthy and holy life before God, you have to be vigilant to the advice that others try to throw your way. It may seem right to them because of the state that they are in, but not right for you according to where you are trying to go in God.

Sometimes, the people that have a lot of degrees or titles are the ones that you have to be careful of the most. They are seemingly wise according to the world, but may be unwise according to scripture.

You are the only one who is able to accept or reflect advice that comes your way. You have to reference the word of God to determine if the advice given is confirmed by scripture. You are responsible for following the laws of God and protecting your soul. You are also responsible for studying the word of God so you don't get deceived by others.

Remember, what may be right for one, is not always right for another. Just because something may be lawful, doesn't mean that God approves.