

# # BLESSED

## TRULY #BLESSED

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Psalm 1:1-3 “Blessed is the person who obeys the law of the Lord. He doesn’t follow the advice of evil people. He doesn’t make a habit of doing what sinners do. He doesn’t join those who make fun of the Lord and his law. Instead, the law of the Lord gives him joy. He thinks about God’s law day and night. That kind of person is like a tree that is planted near a stream of water. It always bears its fruit at the right time. Its leaves don’t dry up. He succeeds in everything he does.”

### The Way to be Truly Blessed

#### **1. The Way to be Truly Blessed is the OPPOSITE of Our Natural Inclinations.**

Psalm 1:1 “Blessed is the person who...doesn’t follow the advice of evil people. He doesn’t make a habit of doing what sinners do. He doesn’t join those who make fun of the Lord and His law.”

Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”

Luke 12:23 "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes."

**More things won't make you more happy.  
Happy "what" always leads to happy "what else?"**

Ecclesiastes 5:10 "Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness!"

Luke 12:15 "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10-11 "I said to myself, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.' But that also proved to be meaningless. 'Laughter,' I said, 'is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?' I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly - my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives. I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun."

Hebrews 11:25 "...the passing pleasures of sin."

**Sin makes a promise of blessing that sin can't keep.  
When sin wins, you lose.**

James 1:15 “When these desires are allowed to remain, they lead to sin. And when sin is allowed to remain and grow, it leads to death.”

## **2. The Way to be Truly Blessed is an OUTCOME of Obedience to God.**

Psalms 1:1, 3 “Blessed is the person who obeys the law of the Lord. That kind of person is like a tree that is planted near a stream of water. It always bears its fruit at the right time. Its leaves don’t dry up. He succeeds in everything he does.”

Matthew 5:5-9 “Blessed are the meek. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are the pure in heart. Blessed are the peacemakers.”

**Happiness doesn’t just happen.**

**Being truly blessed is subject to the law of sowing and reaping.**

1 Peter 3:10-11 “If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.”

Proverbs 3:18 “Wisdom is a tree of life for those who take firm hold of it. Those who cling to it are blessed.”

### 3. The Way to be Truly Blessed is an OPTION You Must Choose.

John 13:17 “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

**Being blessed doesn't come from possessions or pleasure.**

**Being blessed comes from the person of Jesus.**

Psalm 144:15 “Blessed is the people of whom this is true; blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.”

**Receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior is the way to be Truly Blessed!**

#### **Steps to Salvation:**

- **Confess:** I have followed the wrong way and sought blessings in sin.
- **Repent:** I want to change my ways and obey God's Word.
- **Believe:** Jesus has the power to change me.
- **Receive:** Jesus, come into my life and change me today!

Memory Verse: John 13:17 “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”