

Psalm 1:1-6 (NLT2)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly. For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

As you start off your day, think about those who you'll be spending time around today. Maybe it's people at work, or school, or the grocery store. Now think about when you are usually with these people, what are you talking about? Does your conversation sound just like the world's conversation?

In the NKJV verse one says "*Nor stands in the path of sinners*".

Are you going to spend your day being just like the world, or will the people you hang around with see Jesus in you?

I have a friend who is a perfect example of being a Christian in a sinful world.

At work people will start to gossip and talk badly about others. When this happens, this person just walks away and refuses to stand around with sinners and scoffers.

Or as the Living Bible puts it:

† *Who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God?*

People love to stand around talking about the faults of others, using the Lord's name in vain. If we stand around with these people we are condoning or agreeing with what they are saying.

How is your witness at work, or school, or even at home?

Sure you can walk away from a bad conversation when others are around at work or school, but what about at home and the TV is on, do you change the channel when someone is using the Lord's name in vain, which is not pleasing to the Lord?

What do you read?

What about the Internet, what sites are you visiting?

We need to pray as Christians that our delight will be in the Law of the Lord and not the ways of the world.

Today, don't only watch where you walk, but also where you stand!

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