

PSALM 1

The Crowd & The Compass

Part One

INTRODUCING THE PSALMS:

Why Some Love Them & Some Hate Them

THE SIMPLE TRUTH

ABOUT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

If we're velcroed to the Bible and other Christians, we'll have what we need when we need it.

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THE POWER OF THE CROWD ~ Psalm 1:1

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Hang with those who **make you better**.
Matthew 9:10-14 & 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

- We become like those **we hang with**.
Proverbs 13:20/ Hebrews 10:24-25/ 1 Corinthians 15:33

- The Key Question: *Where do I turn for **advice** & **approval**?*
Proverbs 14:7/ Proverbs 29:25-27 & Proverbs 24:1

- Three to avoid: *The **hot head**, the **abuser** & the **rebel***.
Proverbs 22:24-25/ Proverbs 23:20-21/ Proverbs 24:21-22

THE POWER OF THE COMPASS ~ Psalm 1:2

Proverbs 2:3-11 & 8:33-36/ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- A good **heart** with a bad **compass** will take you to **the wrong place** – Every time!

THE GOOD LIFE ~ Psalm 1:3-6

1 Peter 5:6-7/ Proverbs 10:24-25/ Proverbs 11:6 & 13:21

- Blessed at the **right time**.
- Able to survive the **drought**.
- A pattern of **prosperity**.

TAKING IT HOME

1. When it comes to seeking advice and approval, is there anything you'd like to change in or add to your life?

2. Are there any situations or places you need to avoid more or build better boundaries?

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 13, 2007

This week we heard about “The Power of the Crowd” and “The Power of the Compass” in our first week of the series: Psalms- Greatest Hits. Was there any statement or point that was particularly confusing, caught your attention or challenged you?

MY STORY

1. The Psalms and their lyrics were in some ways the modern day equivalent of the “top 40” for David and the Israelites. Can you think of any favorite or memorable songs from your high school or college years? (Don’t worry – you won’t have to sing it.)

2. Being willing to associate with everyone while still having a quality group to hang with is an important balance. How have you seen this concept change, work well, or even be a challenge in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER – THE POWER OF THE CROWD

1. Larry highlighted this week the importance of seeking advice and approval from the right people. As you read 1 Kings 11:42-12:19, why do you think Rehoboam listened to the counsel of the wrong people?

None of us plan on ignoring wise counsel like Rehoboam did, but unfortunately it still happens. Can you think of any possible indicators to know if you’re open or closed to considering advice and counsel from the right people?

2. In the sermon we saw three kinds of people to avoid – the hot head, the abuser, and the rebel. Knowing how to avoid a certain person or situation can be no small challenge. What pressures, rationale and/or risks do you think the godly man in 1 Kings 13:1-10 could have encountered that would have challenged him to comply with the king’s proposal?

Because we all have different pasts, strengths and weaknesses, the extent to which we need to avoid certain settings or create boundaries will vary from person to person. Proverbs 4:23 calls it “guarding your heart.” Our differing stations-in-life also bring various “heart-guarding” issues to consider. As you look at the stations-in-life below, are there any specific “heart guarding” issues you think a person should be aware of?

Single

Married

Parents and helping your children learn this concept

Senior Adults

3. How do the following verses help you strategize how to guard your heart and continue a positive influence for Christ?

Proverbs 28:26

2 Timothy 2:22-26

Hebrews 12:15-16

James 5:16