

II Timothy 3:14-17

- When we apply God's word we become convinced of its truth.
- You have to have the faith to take the first step, to take action.
- All scripture is God breathed, God breathed it into the human writers who exhaled it writing it down. All scripture is consistent in its message throughout.
- Scripture teaches us, rebukes us, corrects us and trains us in righteousness.

Psalm 4:8

- If you have trouble sleeping, this is a good verse. Just an example of how the scriptures apply today.

Psalm

- Psalm 1 & 2 are the introduction to the book. They give the two themes. They frame two concepts about God.
- Theme 1: "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers." God has provided us guidance for life.
- Theme 2: "Blessed are all who take refuge in him." God is our provision, our refuge for life.

Psalm 1:1

- "Blessed": to be straight, to be level, to be right.
- What kind of an impact would being "blessed" by definition above have on your life, if you walked around with the confidence that what you were doing and thinking were straight, level and right?
- God wants us to be free to enjoy the best that this life has to offer. That is God's desire.

- We have two choices in life, go God's way or go the other way. There is no third option.
 - Viewpoint determines what we do. It's how we frame our world view. Do we look through secular eyes instead of spiritual eyes?
 - "Walk": to be conversant. It's not behavior. The Hebrew word for "walk" here means conversant, familiar.
 - "Council": the advice or set of thoughts.
 - "Wicked": secular, non spiritual.
 - Do we think like and are we conversant with the ways of the world? Is our viewpoint a world viewpoint or divine?
 - Our actions will follow our thoughts. We need to think correctly.
 - When you become conversant in the ideology of the world you end up becoming its Ambassador.
 - "Sit": Married to
 - "Mocker": Ambassador.
 - Have you ever flirted with the idea of lying? What happens? You end up sitting (married to) the seat of mockers. You become a spokesperson for the ideology that you flirted with, became conversant with, felt at home with and now you are a proponent of it.
 - How much of the world ideology have we bought into?
- I Corinthians 1:18-21**
- God already knew that people would think His message was foolishness. Point those people to this verse.