

## Psalm 1

*They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

**<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>1</sup> day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither;

everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

**<sup>4</sup>It is not so <sup>1</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>1</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>1</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>1</sup> of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed. R**



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## Proverbs 31:10-31

<sup>10</sup>A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. <sup>11</sup>The heart of her  
husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. <sup>12</sup>She does him good, and not  
harm, all the days of her life. <sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands.

<sup>14</sup>She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. <sup>15</sup>She rises  
while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.

<sup>16</sup>She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.

<sup>17</sup>She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. <sup>18</sup>She perceives that her  
merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. <sup>19</sup>She puts her hands to  
the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. <sup>20</sup>She opens her hand to the poor and  
reaches out her hands to the needy. <sup>21</sup>She is not afraid for her household when it  
snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. <sup>22</sup>She makes herself coverings; her  
clothing is fine linen and purple. <sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his  
seat among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup>She makes linen garments and sells them; she  
supplies the merchant with sashes. <sup>25</sup>Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she  
laughs at the time to come. <sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of  
kindness is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household and does not  
eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup>Her children rise and call her happy; her husband too, and  
he praises her: <sup>29</sup>Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

<sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be

praised. <sup>31</sup>Give her a share in the fruit of her  
hands, and let her works praise her in the city  
gates.

## James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you?  
Show by your good life that your works are done  
with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have  
bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do  
not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such  
wisdom does not come down from above, but is  
earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is  
envy and selfish ambition, there will also be  
disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the  
wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy  
and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of  
righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not  
come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do  
not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it;  
so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not  
ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what  
you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and  
he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

## Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want  
anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of  
Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after  
being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying  
and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,  
"What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way  
they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the  
twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant  
of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms,  
he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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