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“Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, and has not stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of scorners. But his delight is only in the Law of Jehovah, and *he meditates in His Law day and night*. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivulets of waters, which will give its *fruit* in its seasons, and its leaf will not wither, and all which he does will prosper.” ⇨ Psalm 1:1-3.

What do we think of when we read the word *His Law* in this Scripture? Is it negative or positive to us? The root word of *Law* means *to flow as water*. Now think about Psalm 1:1-3 this way: ...*he meditates in His Law (God’s flow of water) day and night*. It also says this is a delight (literally *pleasure, desire, valuable*). This freeing verse tells us how to be blessed (literally *happy*; the root word means *straight, level, right*, and to *go forward, be honest*, and *prosper*). These are good things; but there is so much more:

The Old Testament law was not a **failure**, but a **forerunner** to the Holy Spirit. The ten commandments were given with powerful signs and fire up on the mountain and the Holy Spirit was given on that same Jewish feast day in the upper room with powerful signs and fire on the heads of 120 of 500+ who actually obeyed Jesus’ command to wait for it. The same people who love God’s Word also love God’s Holy Spirit... proving their intimacy.

Psalm 1:2 ⇨ says *how* to have all this: *talk to yourself: meditate* means *murmur* and *ponder*. This means intentionally surrounding oneself with specific truth and then having that truth systematically re-align ones thoughts, and therefore ones subsequent actions. When Ephesians 2:2 ⇨ talks about the devil (temporarily ⇨ Revelation 20:10) being “the prince of the power of the air”, the word *air* means *circumambient: surrounding, encompassing, enclosing, being on all sides*. Note: this *all-out* method has a condition:

God said to “love the Lord our God with *all* our heart, and with *all* our soul, and with *all* our strength” in both Old and New Testaments ⇨ Deuteronomy 6:5; Luke 10:27. Truth works (*if we use it*); otherwise it would not be truth. **However**: this *all-out* method is **not** a mere humanistic exercise of discipline; God wants relationship. The motivation for intimate interaction with God is what He empowers... if and when we actually own it.

Why are you in this relationship, anyway? Does your lifestyle prove your answer to be true, or false? As Matthew 7:21-23 ⇨ addresses our intimacy with God, so it addresses our marital intimacy. Working hard for the relationship is not enough for a good marriage (reread ⇨ Matthew 7:21-23). Motivated and ministering from the value of the spouse is God’s definition of intimacy: redefining one’s life from a ministry-to-spouse perspective.

This Biblical definition of marriage originates from Christianity itself: **not belonging to oneself anymore once married / becoming the Bride of Christ**. Make the effort to **look up Scriptures** for many references to this (**too important for us to spoon feed you here; you need to seek, find and own this truth for yourself**). The successful evidence of such a relationship is *fruit* ⇨ John 13:35; 1 Peter 1:22... not by advertising your good works before people, but by the *overflow* of being married *much*. Are you **married much**? Ask your spouse if you are married *much*, and then love them God’s way: *day and night*. ♥ ♥