

TRUE SUCCESS - Part I

Reference: **Psalm 1:1-6**

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Psalms is a collection of 150 Hebrew poems, songs and prayers, authored by different men throughout a period of more than nine centuries.

- ___ Psalms were from David.
- ___ Psalms were from Asaph.
- ___ Psalms were from the sons of Korah.
- ___ Psalms were from Solomon.
- ___ Psalms were from Heman and Ethan.
- ___ Psalm was from Moses.
- ___ Psalms were anonymous.

Earlier on the Psalms were organized into five general groupings called books. Those five books are formed on the basis of what are called the _____ Psalms. Seams are transitional pieces.

Reference: **Psalm 89:52**. (see screen)

Psalms chapters 1-3 form an _____ to the book.

Book One consists of **Psalms chapters 3-41** (chapter 41 is considered the transitional seam to the next group).

Book Two consists of **Psalms 42-72** (chapter 72 is considered the transitional seam to the next section).

Book Three consists of **Psalms 73-89** (chapter 89 is considered the transitional seam to the next grouping).

Book Four consists of **Psalms chapter 90-106** (chapter 106 is considered the transitional seam to the next section).

Book Five consists of **Psalms 107-145**.

Psalm chapters 146-150 form the _____ to the book.

Most all Psalms fit into two basic categories:

- Psalms of _____ are songs and prayers of **pain, confusion and anger**.
- Psalms of _____ are songs and prayers of **joy and celebration**.

Psalm One compares two radically different individuals characterized by David, using two particular words: “_____” and “_____”.

This first chapter consists of just six verses and can be divided into halves:

The first section consists of **verses one, two and three** and describes the individual that **prosper**s and is _____.

The second section consists of **verses four, five and six** and describes someone that is _____ and **perishes**.

The prosperous person mentioned in the first half of this Psalm is compared to a _____.

Two different forms of success: _____ success and _____ success.

Definition: Micro success is the progressive realization of a _____ and _____ goal. Micro success is more specific.

Definition: Macro success is the progressive realization of _____ what God wants me to _____. Macro success is more generic.

Five strategic steps to personal success:

STEP ONE - Don't listen to ungodly _____ and advice.
verse one

This first Hebrew word translated as “*Blessed*” is **exclamatory** and **plural** and in a literal sense means “*Oh the blessednesses!*” or “*Oh, the _____!*”

The word “*ungodly*” means _____.
Reference **Proverbs 11:14** (see screen)

Christian Cabinet Members:

- a _____
- a _____ and or _____ or in some cases _____
- someone that has the spiritual gift of _____
- someone that has been successful in our particular area of _____
- a _____ and or _____

STEP TWO - Don't adopt the _____ of non-Christians.
verse one continued.

Question: What does the statement “*nor stands in the path of sinners*” mean? In street language it means “*Don't _____ the wrong people*”.

References: **Exodus 23:2; Proverbs 1:10, 15; I Corinthians 15:33; Titus 2:11-12** (see screen)

The Spiritual Law of Gravitation:

It is easier for someone else to pull us _____ than it is for us to pull someone else _____.

STEP THREE - Don't listen to _____ people.
verse one continued

If **destructive criticism** is tearing someone _____ then **encouragement** is the same as building someone _____. That means our focus and energies ought to be expended on **encouraging one another**.
Reference **I Corinthians 14:26** (see screen)

Come back next week for STEPS FOUR and FIVE!