

Who's Advising You?

Psalm 1:3c (AMP) – *Blessed (happy, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly...everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].*

The word translated as 'prosper' from the Hebrew means to advance, make progress, succeed and be profitable. According to "The Word For Today", "Implicit in the word 'prosper' is stability, nourishment, productivity, strength, durability and success."¹

Prospering is not a *fate accompli* for those who are righteous – they have to walk righteously and think righteously and be righteous. The Psalm provides some wise guidance for this.

"So pick your friends carefully and prayerfully, because those closest to you can have the ability to make you or break you. Check out any advisor before he or she speaks into your life. Make sure they are:

- (1) people of integrity;
- (2) people of faith;
- (3) people with influence;
- (4) people with complementary gifts;
- (5) people who share your vision;
- (6) people who are loyal;
- (7) people who are creative.

If you look for these seven qualities in those who advise you, there's every chance you'll succeed in what you've been called to do...Make sure the goals and plans you've set are in harmony with God's will for you. Because if they're not, having the best counsellors in the world won't help you one bit."²

The above list is interesting as leaders need to be more careful than those they lead. Apostolic leaders, more so. Also, it's not just following the Spirit – which for most of us is not 24/7 – it's also operating in wisdom with an eye on making choices that grow you into your mantle.

Many times the Spirit will not advise you, but will withhold his direction so Father can see what you do of your own volition. For although he knows what's in your heart and what your attitudes and convictions are, he will allow you to make decisions using your God-given free will. This is how he finds out where your allegiance is, just like he did with Abraham on Mount Moriah³.

Be prepared to make wise choices without the Spirit's help.

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