

THE CHARACTER OF THE PERSON WHO DWELLS WITH THE LORD

Psalms 15

Lesson 2: Psalms of Guidance

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The Righteous person

Psalms 15

Psalms 15:2-5

Positive

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart;

3 He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his friend, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor;

Positive

4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honoreth them that fear Jehovah; He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not;

5 He that putteth not out his money to interest, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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Stated Positively

Psalms 15:2, 4

1. Walks uprightly. (2)

2. Works righteousness. (2)

3. Speaks truth in his heart. (2)

4. Despises sin and honors reverence. (4)

5. Keeps his word. (4)

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Negative

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Negative

5 He that putteth not out his money to interest, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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o Does not backbite (3); Romans 1:30; 2 Corinthians 12:19-21; 1 Peter 2:1

o This word is applied to those who walk around as spies (Genesis 42:11; 2 Samuel 10:3).

o Does not do evil to neighbor (3) Proverbs 24:29; Matthew 7:12

- In this respect also, they are doing what their Master has done (1 Peter 2:19-23).

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o Does not spread damaging reports of a friend (3)

- Gives benefit of doubt. 1 Corinthians 13:5
- Does not destroy others. James 5:8-9
- Not a whisperer. Romans 1:29
- Not a talebearer. Proverbs 20:19; 26:20-21

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### Stated Negatively Psalms 15:3, 5

- **Does not take advantage of others (5)** [Usury]
  - The Israelites were permitted to "*lend upon usury*" to a foreigner (Deuteronomy 23:20), as long as they did not wrong him or oppress him in any way (Exodus 22:21ff; 23:9; "*thou shalt love him as thyself*," Leviticus 19:33-34).
  - But from their fellow Israelites, they were not permitted to take any kind of usury. Even that which could lawfully be taken from a foreigner (Deuteronomy 23:19-20; Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25:36-37).
  - NOTE: Nehemiah 5 (usury)

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- **Does not profit by harming the innocent (5)**
  - Refuses bribes. Isaiah 1:23; 5:23; Jeremiah 22:17; Ezekiel 22:12
  - NOTE: Judas Iscariot. Matthew 26:15; 27:3-5

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### The Righteous

- Blessed by God. Psalms 5:12
- "*He who does these things shall never be moved*" (Psalms 15:5)
- He has built his house upon the rock. Matthew 7:24-27
- Calling and election sure. 2 Peter 1:10-11

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