

**"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers."**

Psalm 1:1

This Psalm's view of life seems to be an activity in choosing either the good or the bad. Each choice has consequences. Good choices will bring happiness and life, bad choices will distance themselves from God's life giving presence. As we see our seniors graduate from high school and college, they will go into a world to experience ungodly situations and ungodly people and hopefully grow stronger as adults and their faith. Unfortunately, many of our young Catholics get swallowed up by these ungodly philosophies, and eventually turn against God and their faith.

Sure, we are in the world and exposed to non Catholic situations like, school, job, neighborhoods, but we must be on guard and warn our young adults, not to be influenced by these ungodly philosophies. Psalm 1 gives us a divine pattern to follow;

First; Don't let your decisions and choices be controlled by the ungodly. The key word here is not to be controlled in making choices. Seek wisdom and counsel before you make a choice. Then you are free to make the right choice.

Second; We shouldn't put ourselves in a situation where those who don't know Jesus can influence our thought process. Always seek both sides of the issue you face. When you seek understanding and knowledge then the ungodly can't influence your life.

Third; Let's not get comfortable with those who mock God, the bible and His role in our life so that their thinking seems right to us. Have the courage to stand and speak up for Jesus who gave His life for your salvation. If they know Jesus like we do, they would never mock Jesus!!

As we send our young people off to college, or the work place, give them Godly advice, to help them grow, mature and learn about their role in God's kingdom we live in. We are in the business of the salvation of all souls. Let's not lose them!!

together through prayer and service; Deacon Mike