

**“The Steps of the Righteous”
Psalm 37:23”**

This is a wisdom psalm, directed not to God but to man,

Verse 23. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. All his course of life is graciously ordained, and in lovingkindness all is fixed, settled, and maintained.

As parents are pleased with the tottering footsteps of their babes. All that concerns a saint is interesting to his heavenly Father. [Psalm 138](#), [Proverbs 4:27](#), [Joshua 1:7](#)

V.1-2) Don't worry about the ungodly.

We think of a wicked man eating a magnificent dinner while a godly man goes hungry. The righteous must not fret. [2 Corinthians 9:8](#),

It is a common thing for the righteous to fret or be envious of the wicked. In [Psalm 73](#), Asaph was bothered by this problem.

“The words ‘do not fret’, do not worry, literally mean ‘do not get heated,’ which is also how we might express it. [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

V.3-4) Put your trust and delight in the LORD.

Looking at the seeming prosperity of the wicked is one way we are often distracted.

Instead of worrying and envying, David counseled the man or woman of God to simply trust God and do good for His glory. It is remarkable how quickly we can get distracted from the simple work of trusting God and doing good. [Proverbs 3:5](#)

When we walk by sight and not by faith we become spiritually cross-eyed Someone has said, “If you have one eye on yesterday and the other eye on tomorrow, than when you’ll look at today you become cross-eyed.” [James 1:24](#)

Delight yourself also in the LORD: David advised the man or woman of God to replace worry and envy with a conscious delight in the LORD. This means to cheer one’s heart and mind by considering and by faith receiving the multiple blessings of God. [Luke 21:33](#)

And He shall give you the desires of your heart:

This shows that God intends to fulfill the heart desires of the redeemed man or woman of God and find his or her rest in this and leave aside worry and envy. [1 Corinthians 2:9](#)

V.23) God's guidance and support for the good man.

The reward for the righteous is not only in the age to come. In the present day, [John 10:10](#) God guides **the steps of a good man**. As he seeks the LORD and delights in Him, he finds his life proves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God ([Romans 12:1-2](#)).

Close v.25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.