



**PRAYING THE PSALMS - (PSALM 1:3)
BRINGING FORTH FRUIT
Women's Discipleship Group**

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Series #1 Lesson #2

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: *I shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in my season, my leaf shall not wither, and whatever I do shall prosper (Psalm 1:3).*

Key Word: **Prosper** (Hebrew) Tsalach - To succeed, i.e., to accomplish a task or goal. To thrive, i.e., be in a state of having sufficient possessions, or be in a favorable circumstance.

OPENING STATEMENT: In Greek mythology there was a goddess called Chaos who supposedly ruled the air – or the gap between heaven and earth. The myth goes that in the springtime Chaos stirred up the wind so that the seeds from different plants were blown in every direction landing where they may, mixing with other vegetation and growing up wherever they landed. In sharp contrast the Bible tells us in Psalm 1:3, that the tree by the rivers of water is carefully “planted” by the hand of God. There is nothing chaotic about God’s plans. The Lord chooses the place where you (symbolized by a tree) will grow and be properly nourished. Even when there is no rain, you can draw nourishment from the Lord’s ever-flowing river, as well as the unseen underground streams. This makes it possible for you to bring forth fruit in your season. Even when there is a drought the leaves of the tree shall not wither and you will prosper. So it is with every believer that avoids the chaos of unbelief and rebellion. The Lord has planted us in the place where He knows that we will experience growth and prosperity.

OBSERVATION:

Based on Psalm 1:2, what practices lead to the blessings listed in Psalm 1:3?

INTERPRETATION:

1. Based on the scriptures, how would you define prosperity?

2. In Psalm 1:3, what do you think “fruit” symbolizes? Give 3 possible examples.

