

A Godly HERITAGE ~ Psalm 112

→Scripture Reading - Psalm 112:1, 4-7, 9-10

INTRODUCTION

A godly person- is one who seeks to **Reflect** the **character** and **priorities** of God in their lives

An **upright, godly, or righteous** man or woman will live **God-Centered** lives

Psalm 111:10 (NLT) FEAR of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!

Living a God-Centered Life ~ Psalm 112:1-4

¹ Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who **FEARS** the LORD, who finds **great DELIGHT in His commands**.

A man or woman who is **Blessed** will be **God-Fearing** and **Word-Delighting**. HOTC

² His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ Even in DARKNESS light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

IMPLICATIONS

→We are Called to Live **GOD-CENTERED** Lives

¹ ...Blessed is the man who FEARS the LORD, who finds great DELIGHT in His Commands.

To be God-Fearing

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT) Trust in the LORD with ALL your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek His will in ALL you do, and He will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. INSTEAD, FEAR the LORD and turn away from evil.

To be Word-Delighting

Psalm 1:2-3 (NIV) ...DELIGHT is in the LAW of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NIV) Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: FEAR God and KEEP His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

→God Promises LIGHT in the Darkness

⁴ In the darkness a light shines for the godly... (NET)

There is no guarantee of immunity from darkness, but there is the **promise that light will rise IN the darkness.** McDonald

Security of the Righteous ~ Psalm 112:5-10

⁵ Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶ Surely he will never be shaken; a **righteous man** will be remembered forever.

IMPLICATIONS

→We should be GENEROUS and FAIR

⁵ Good will come to a man who lends GENEROUSLY and conducts his business FAIRLY.

⁶ He will never be shaken. The righteous man will be remembered forever. (HCS)

Being Generous Frees us From... LABN

- the Danger of Accumulating Wealth at ANY COST
- the FEAR of Losing our wealth

⁷ He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸ His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes. ⁹ He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor. ¹⁰ The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

TAKE AWAY ??

One purpose Fear serves is to Remind us we cannot handle Life without God

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV) ¹ ...this is what the LORD says - He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³**For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...**

God is too Good to be unkind and He is too Wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must TRUST His heart. Spurgeon