



Psalm 112: The Fear of the Lord
Lesson 2: Psalm 112:1, 2

1. Introduction and review

Psalm 112:1-10

This Psalm can be *for* everyone, but it is not written *to* everyone.

Who would not want these promises?

Everyone would like to have these promises. However, these promises are not just for anyone who picks up their Bible and claims them.

The promises are ignited or started in a person's life by verse one.

Psalm 112:1

Two things cause the man to be blessed and receive all the promises included in this chapter.

- _____
- _____

Think of the blessings of Psalm 112 this way . . .

- The blessings of God are in a room.
- To get into that room you must go through a door. That door is God declaring to you that you are blessed.
- That door hangs on two hinges.

Those hinges are:

- Living in the fear of the Lord.
- Delighting greatly in His commandments.

When that door hangs on those two hinges you can go into that room.

If the door is not on those hinges you are going to find it impossible to go into that room and have the blessings.

Definition of BLESSED:

- _____

God is saying here, “I will get involved in making you happy.”

- _____
- To be level; to be right
- Prosperous

These four things are activated in your life by living in the fear of the Lord and delighting greatly in His commandments.

Definition of FEAR THE LORD: _____

This is a _____ that you make.

You live every day with a sense of accountability to God.

2. Delights greatly in His commandments

Psalm 112:1

Definition of DELIGHTS GREATLY IN HIS COMMANDMENTS:

GREATLY (Hebrew definition): Vehemently, wholly

COMMANDMENTS (Hebrew definition): Laws, ordinances, and precepts

The key word is “delights”.

DELIGHTS (Hebrew definition):

- _____

This describes a heart attitude.

The commandments of God are not grievous.

This is a choice.

- _____

This means that when the command of God comes into your life you are going to allow that Word to affect and change you.

It is possible to have a hard heart. That means you will hear the commandment of God and reject it.

Do you want to be blessed? Do you want the blessings listed in Psalm 112? To have them you must be soft and pliable when the Word of God comes to you.

- _____

Some people are unwilling to bend. They say, “This is the way I think it is, and I am not going to change.”

The following is proof that delighting greatly in God’s commandments brings blessing to your life.

In 2022, a Barna Group study showed that 21% of Christians in America tithe. 25% admit to giving nothing at all.

What is the point?

- How many hours have been spent by preachers in the pulpits of America teaching God’s people about God’s commandment to tithe?
- Only 21% of the people responded to that commandment. That is one out of every five Christians.
- It means that 79% had a hard heart when the Word of God came to them.

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3. The blessings begin in verse two.

Psalm 112:2

This verse, and the verses that follow, describe the blessed man in verse one.

Remember, there are two things that cause the man to be blessed.

- He fears the Lord.
- He delights greatly in His commandments.

The first blessing listed is - His descendants will be mighty on earth

Definition of MIGHTY:

- _____
- Champions
- _____

Your descendants are not just your biological children and grandchildren.

You will also have spiritual sons and daughters.

Even now you may have spiritual fathers and mothers.

Ephesians 6:1, 2

In these verses it is talking about your relationship with your parents.

Some people have natural parents or guardians who are not saved. They are not “in the Lord.”

This is not only talking about biological parents, but spiritual fathers and mothers.

I obey my parents in the Lord. But the truth is, when we become adults, we quit obeying our natural parents.

You can honor your parents without obeying them.

You should _____ your natural parents. But as an adult, God gives you spiritual parents who you should honor and obey.

Psalm 112:2

The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Definition of GENERATION: _____

The verse could be read like this: The dwelling of the upright will be blessed.

Definition of UPRIGHT: _____

What other word have we already studied that had “prosperous” as one of its as one of its definitions? – _____

It could be read like this: The dwelling of the blessed will be blessed.

What does this mean? – It means that if you fear the Lord and delight greatly in His commandments you will be a blessed person and the place in which you live will be blessed!

You can change the very place you live by living upright (fearing the Lord and delighting greatly in His commandments).