

Truth To Live By

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Psalm 112:1-10 (NIV)

¹Praise the LORD.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in his commands.

²Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and
righteous.

⁵Good will come to those who are generous and lend
freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.

⁷They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see and be vexed,
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

The Holy Spirit is giving us “Truth To Live By!”

**Psalm 112 is a section of Scripture that often speaks
to me personally.**

This morning I would like to look at this Psalm and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to us. It will be very helpful if you follow closely along in your Bibles.

What is the first Truth the Holy Spirit tells us?

Psalm 112:1 (NIV)

Praise the LORD!

From the original language this is where we get “Hallelujah” which means, “Celebrate, to be clamorously foolish!”

After the “Hallelujah” the Holy Spirit goes on to give us another profound Truth!

“Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in HIS commands!”

Here Blessed actually means Happy. Happy I understand and Delights in God’s commands, I understand. However, “Fear the LORD” always bothered me. I read all the explanations about how it means “reverential respect” but when I examined the literal definition, “It means fear!” **However in Isaiah 7:25, the Holy Spirit revealed to me the truth about “fearing the LORD”. In the book of Isaiah, God judges Israel and says people will not be able to go back to the land because of the thorn bushes.**

Isaiah 7:25 (ESV)

You will not come there for “fear” of briars and thorns!

“Fear” of thorn bushes! Insight: Thorn bushes can’t jump out and grab us. They only hurt us if we jump into them. Therefore, we have a healthy fear and don’t jump into the thorn bushes. Therefore the “Fear of God” is not being afraid of God, but a healthy “Fear” about jumping into what God has clearly warned us about.

Psalm 111:10 (ESV)

The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

**Now look at this “Truth To Live By”:
Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in HIS commands!**

Psalm 112:2 (ESV)

Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be *blessed.
**bestowal of divine favor on*

**Another result of “Truth To Live By”:
Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in HIS commands!**

Psalm 112:3 (NIV)

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

Another result of “Truth To Live By”:

**Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in HIS commands!**

Psalm 112:4 (NIV)

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright;
for those who are gracious and compassionate and
righteous.

**Darkness is a metaphor for adversity. Light is a
metaphor for redemption and the joy of life.
There will be darkness, but light will come into our
darkness as we continue to look to the LORD.**

Another “Truth To Live By”:

**Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in HIS commands!**

Psalm 112:5 (NIV)

Good will come to those who are generous and **lend**
freely; who conduct their affairs with **justice**.

**Lend and Justice: One does not give his money away
but invests in the unfortunate with the expectation
they will repay. **“Man of justice” balances the scales.**
Man is not without guidance. He has God’s revealed
will, which he interprets and applies.**

Another Powerful “Truth To Live By”:

**Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in HIS commands!**

Psalm 112:6–8 (NIV)

- 6 Surely the righteous will **never be shaken**;
they will be remembered forever.
- 7 They will have **no fear of bad news**;
their hearts are steadfast, **trusting in the LORD**.
- 8 Their hearts are secure; **they will have no fear**,
in the end they will look in **triumph on their foes**.

Psalm 91:7 (ESV)

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

**Another “Truth To Live By”:
Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in HIS commands!**

Psalm 112:9 (NIV)

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

**Since God is gracious and compassionate, HE
supplies all that is necessary for HIS children AND
EXPECTS THEM to sow “with purpose” so that they
may also continue to receive!**

2 Corinthians 9:6 (ESV)

Whoever sows sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and
whoever sows bountifully will also **reap** bountifully.

**Another significant “Truth To Live By”:
Blessed (Happy) are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in HIS commands!**

Psalm 112:10 (NIV)

The wicked will see and be **vexed**, (vexation, irritation);
They will gnash their teeth and waste away; the
longings of the wicked (critics) will come to nothing!

**Trusting God invites criticism. Our critics will be
irradiated! They will destroy themselves with
resentment. The one trusting God Delights! The
critic longs!**

**A believer should not be critical or vindictive! Our
blessing is our vindication with no harm being done
to anyone!**

**You may say, “This is not working out for me.”
Know this, “God is not finished!” The final chapter
is not written! Trust God and HIS promise!**

**Hallelujah! In this Age of the Holy Spirit, we have
truth, “Truth To Live By”:**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life.

**Prophetic Team
Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current
situation or impact the future.**