



### Psalm 112

***112 Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! <sup>2</sup> His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. <sup>5</sup> It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. <sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. <sup>7</sup> He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. <sup>9</sup> He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. <sup>10</sup> The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!***

*“A precise acrostic; that is, it has twenty-two lines each of which begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.”*

First got married- attended a Larry Coy seminar

**Marriage, family and finances.**

**We had very little money and I worked three jobs to make ends meet. We saw God provide continually. I am not sure where generosity came from. I would say now that it is something I learned that has definitely had an impact on my life.**

**It is the result of God developong Christlikeness in you.**

**False view of finances**

- **Being poor is a sign of spirituality**
- **Money is the root of all evil** 1 Timothy 6:10
- **It's wrong to have nice things (only second hand)**
- **It's better to receive than to give** Acts 20:35

Money and possessions **THINGS**- SO EASY TO ACCUMULATE

**III.** Storage units are everywhere

**III.** Drawers full of clothes we haven't worn in years!

**III.** auctions

**Worldly view-** Luke 12- bigger barns

It's all about me- financial empire, retirement, toys, selfishness, etc.

**It's a social thing-** James 2

Matthew 6:19-21

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Mark 4:19- deceitfulness of riches

Proverbs 23:4-5

1 Timothy 6:10, 17

**Borrowing money? Proverbs 22- Romans 13**

**Learning contentment in whatever state I am in. Philippians 4:11-13**

**God's view**

✓ **He makes the rich and the poor** 1 Samuel 2:7

Psalm 62:10

✓ **Everything belongs to Him-** Deuteronomy 8:17-18

The impact of this is one of gratefulness and generosity

✓ **The first 10 percent goes to God**

Proverbs 3:9-10

Malachi 3:9-12

Luke 6:38

Tithe- Genesis 14:20- 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9

**No rummage sales, ham and beans suppers, raffle tickets**

✓ **God's math is not like our math**

Proverbs 11:24-25

Malachi 3:9-10

Proverbs 19:17; 22:9

**He has dispersed: This psalm has much to say about the *generosity* of the one who fears the LORD. Since he is blessed in regard to material things ([verse 3](#)), it is important that he is generous with his blessings**

חָנַן *chânan*, *khaw-nan'*; a primitive root (compare [H2583](#)); properly, to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow; causatively to implore (i.e. move to favor by petition):—beseech, × fair, (be, find, shew) favour(-able), be (deal, give, grant (gracious(-ly), intreat, (be) merciful, have (shew) mercy (on, upon), have pity upon, pray, make supplication, × very.

Paul quoted [verse 9](#) in [2 Corinthians 9:9](#) to encourage Christians to be generous: *As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."*

This generosity is not "...given indiscriminately and at random, but 'dispersed,' like precious seed, with prudence and discretion, according to the nature of the soil, and in proper season, so as to produce the most plentiful harvest." (Horne)

✓ **Giving (Being generous) produces huge benefits**

Luke 6:38

2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 9-11

It's vital to be generous

**III.** Rick- breakfast    **Even if someone had more money than you do!**

1 John 3:16-18

“If you don’t work you shouldn’t eat- 2 Thessalonians 3

- He is a God-fearing man (*who fears the LORD*).
- He is a lover of God’s word (*delights greatly in His commandments*).
- He is a prosperous man (*wealth and riches*).
- He is a man who makes a home for his family (*his descendants...his house*).
- He is a loving and kind man (*gracious, and full of compassion*).
- He is a helping man (*deals graciously and lends*).
- He is a wise man (*will guide his affairs with discretion*).
- He is a strong man (*not afraid of evil tidings*).
- He is a generous man (*he has dispersed abroad*).
- He is a man who does not abuse power (*his horn will be exalted with honor*).
- He is a hated man (*the wicked will see it and be grieved*).

**SO---BE GENEROUS!**

Today’s take-away: