

## Plugged In – 5

The Bible is our manual for living. It embraces every aspect of life

As God's word to us, it has all the wisdom we need for living a successful life. It covers everything from health, finance, business and work, to relationships, marriage and parenting as well as what the Church should look like

There are some who think the Bible is dull and irrelevant, full of rules and regulations

Sadly that presumption will cause you to miss out on the wealth of truth, information and understanding about God and the life that the Bible has for you

**Psalm 112:1-7** 1 Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
Who delights greatly in His commandments.

2 His descendants will be mighty on earth;  
The generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in his house,  
And his righteousness endures forever.

4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;  
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man deals graciously and lends;  
He will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he will never be shaken;  
The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; NKJV

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1 Praise the LORD! NKJV

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1 Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, NKJV

1 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who fears (reveres and worships) the Lord. AMP

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1 Who delights greatly in His commandments. NKJV

God's word is not a selective process allowing you to live by the commandments you agree with and ignore the ones you don't agree with

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2 His descendants will be mighty on earth. The generation of the upright will be blessed. NKJV

No Slide: Psalm 112:3

3 Wealth and riches will be in his house. And his righteousness endures forever. NKJV

Money is neither good or bad what people do with money is the issue

The key is to put the kingdom of God first – Priorities

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### Psalm 112:4 NKJV

4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;

- Darkness will enter our life from time to time
- Finances, health, work, relationships
- Light will shine in the midst of darkness!
- We are never alone

### Psalm 46:1

1 God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble. NKJV

- Many things thrive in the darkness of night
- Confusion, anxiety, fear
- We don't have to lose our way
- God (Jesus) is our light in darkness!
- Light always **dispels darkness**

### Psalm 16:7

7 I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;

My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. NKJV

If all your heart knows is panic and desperation then that is all you will feel in the midst of darkness

You will feel helpless – powerless in trouble

We should know and live in the Glory (light) of God!

### Isaiah 60:1-2

1 Arise, shine; For your light has come!

And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,

And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon you. NKJV

### Psalm 112:4 NKJV

He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

- What is grace? Simply, it is God's unmerited kindness or favor which empowers us to live the resurrected life
- A person that is gracious is a person that receives and extends the grace of God to others

Grace NT – charis (khar'-ece); graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

Grace combined with compassion releases the power of God in our lives

Every time Jesus was moved with compassion something powerful happened – am I moved with compassion at the situations in other people's lives?

### Matthew 14:14

14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. NKJV

- Compassion is not the same as sympathy
- Grace and compassion bring us into a relationship with God which will change our circumstance
- Many times we need to be changed to see the breakthrough God has for us

Most people tend to surround themselves with others who “understand them” or “accept them just the way they are”

I believe that God will position us in a challenging environment which will direct us towards the answers that we need in life

Sympathy doesn't have any answers but compassion is a powerful force that activates God's answers for life

### Psalm 112:5

5 A good man deals graciously and lends; NKJV

- God's desire is to position us in life to give and lend to others
- If we are always in need its hard to help others

### Proverbs 22:7

7 The rich rules over the poor,

And the borrower is servant to the lender. NKJV

### Deuteronomy 28:11-13

12 The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. NKJV

- God's intention is to bless us in all of our dealings
- In order to do that its important for us to be open and honest in all of our business dealings
- The blessing of God doesn't include shady dealings or dishonesty

### Psalm 112:5

He will guide his affairs with discretion. NKJV

- God's desire is for us to be guided or directed towards a specific course
- Most people are far from guided in life
- They are tossed around by circumstances

### John 16:13

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; NKJV

### Proverbs 2:11

1 Discretion will preserve you;

Understanding will keep you. NKJV

- When we are guided by truth and discretion we are protected from making hasty or bad decisions
- God expects us to deal graciously, having integrity and discretion
- God wants us to have good taste as well as good sense

If you buy a luxury car you can not afford or marry a beautiful bride that you mistreat, you may have good taste but poor sense – we can have both

You and I can guide our affairs according to the word and by listening to our conscience