

Plugged In – 6

PSALM 112

- 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;
His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ His heart *is* established;
He will not be afraid,
Until he sees *his desire* upon his enemies.
- ⁹ He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His horn will be exalted with honor.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see *it* and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish.¹

¹ *The New King James Version.* (1982). (Ps 112). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

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

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

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):

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 it's hard to help others

Proverbs 22:7

7 The rich rules over the poor,

And the borrower is servant to the lender. NKJV

Deuteronomy 28:12

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 it's 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

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

11 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

Psalm 112:6

6 Surely he will never be shaken;

- This verse is not saying that we will never experience times of shaking
- It does say that we will not be shaken
- Am I firmly fixed?

Why are some people destroyed by shaky times and others aren't?

It all depends on where our heart is set

Psalm 16:8 (NLT)

⁸ I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

When you are feeling disappointment or your faith is being tested, what is on the inside of your heart will come out

It's easy to sing praises and speak positively when things are going great, but what comes out during crisis?

When your heart is set on God's Word you may feel a shaking from time to time but you remain steady

- In the same way a plan can fly by a computerized "Set Point"
- Your life operates according to the way your heart is set

Psalm 112:6

The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

- Have you ever wondered what kind of name you will leave behind when you leave this earth?
- Will it be a good remembrance or a bad one?
- Your name is something our descendents should be proud of
- Something that will be talked about for generations and bring faith and encouragement

Proverbs 10:7 (NLT)

⁷ We have happy memories of the godly, but the name of a wicked person rots away.

Proverbs 22:1 (NLT)

¹ Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.

You and I are not only saved but saved for a purpose

2 Timothy 1:9 (NLT)

⁹For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

¹⁸Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’),* and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell* will not conquer it.

One of the greatest things we can contribute to in life is in building what Jesus said He would build

We should commit to the establishment and success of His Church and see her become glorious

Psalms 112:7 (NKJV)

- ⁷ He will not be afraid of evil tidings;
- Anxiety and fear will try to run your life
 - It can affect you spiritually, emotionally and physically
 - Worry will hold you back and limit your potential
 - Fear can never produce anything positive

God has an amazing plan for your life. Don't let the Devil distract you and consume you with negativity.

Anxiety, fear and worry will rob you of faith and hope, and ultimately prevent you from moving forward with God.

Proverbs 12:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,
But a good word makes it glad.²

- You and I should be in the habit of choosing our words, friends and counsel and the place we worship
- Stay away from people whose belief system is devoid of biblical answers for life's problems

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.³

Psalms 112:7

His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.⁴

- One of the advantages to having a vibrant faith is steadfastness
- We will not be swayed or moved from the course God has set for us
- We don't have to live on an emotional roller coaster ride

1 Corinthians 15:58

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.⁵

To put your trust in someone means that you are confident that they won't let you down.

You have a confident expectancy that can not be shaken

James 1:6–8 (NLT)

⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

One of Gods names is El Shaddai, which means – All sufficient one – ever dependable, always steadfast

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT)

⁵ 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.

When we trust in God with our whole life we don't need to be anxious or afraid