

## Plugged In

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

## Psalm 112:1

### 1 Praise the LORD! NKJV

- This truly is the foundation for a blessed life
- You can not be plugged in to the life God has for you without knowing God and praising Him
- Praise is the starting point
- Most of us want to wait to give praise until after we get what we want
- We must learn to give praise first

## Lazarus Raised From the Dead

### John 11:41, 43

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me

43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus , come forth!" NKJV

## The Red Sea Crossing

### Exodus 14:13-14

13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." NKJV

Human nature wants to wait until we have what we are wanting before we say thanks

Thankfulness is an attitude that is essential to getting our prayers answered

Praise is not about singing a few words on Sunday morning  
– it is a lifestyle that embraces the entire spectrum of life!

**Psalm 100:4**

4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise.  
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. NKJV

We approach God in the way we see Him

- If you think He's rigid you keep your distance
- If you see Him as formal and stiff you'll be the same way
- When you know Him as Father and friend you enjoy a close intimate relationship with Him where you know you can call on Him any time

Your circumstances will begin to turn around when you start to praise God and put Him in focus

When you start to see things from a new perspective your life will change for the better

No matter what your situation make God the focus of your life!

**Psalm 34:1**

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth. NKJV

### Psalm 112:1

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

Throughout the Bible God promises to bless His people,  
but His blessing also depends on our choices  
– Call and Response

### Deuteronomy 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; NKJV

- When we choose to obey and honor God we are choosing to live a blessed life
- Gods will is to bless us
- If you think His blessing is entirely for you, you are missing the point
- The blessing of God should go well beyond our own existence
- It is meant to go far beyond our own life

### Genesis 12:2 NKJV

2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you  
And make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

- God intends for us to be a channel of blessing for others
- When you have little you can only help a little
- When you have abundance you can help abundantly

### Psalm 112:1

Who delights greatly in His commandments. NKJV

- You will only enjoy Bible promises if you choose to live by Bible principles
- You can not live the way you want and expect Bible results in your life
- Do you delight greatly in the word of the Lord?
- Is it the foundation on which you build your life?

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

### Joshua 1:8

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. NKJV

You can attend Church and listen to sermons, read books and listen to teachings on audio and video files  
But unless you apply the principles you will experience the kind of blessing described in the Word of God

### James 1:22

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. NIV

**Psalm 112:2**

2 His descendants will be mighty on earth. NKJV

Your life is about more than just you  
Not only are we blessed to be a blessing but our lives are  
supposed to be a pattern which others will follow

**2 Timothy 1:14 NKJV**

14 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have  
heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

What kind of a pattern is my life setting for the generations  
to follow?

**Proverbs 13:22**

22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's  
children. NKJV

Our lives are intended to outlive our stay here on this earth  
The promise of God for a righteous life is that we pass that  
blessing on to our descendants and others we impact

**Psalm 37:25-26**

25 I have been young, and now am old;  
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,  
Nor his descendants begging bread.  
26 He is ever merciful, and lends;  
And his descendants are blessed. NKJV

### Psalm 112:2

The generation of the upright will be blessed. NKJV

- God always works through generations
- Blessings and curses are being passed on
- No matter what your background you can change the course of your life and set a new course for the generations to come

### Exodus 20:5-6

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but **showing mercy to thousands**, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. NKJV

- By honoring God and living a life that pleases Him we can pass on a spiritual heritage the will last for generations
- When you live according to God's principles you pass on blessings to future generations

### Proverbs 22:6

6 Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And when he is old he will not depart from it. NKJV

### Ephesians 6:4

4 Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord. AMP

### Psalm 112:3

#### 3 Wealth and riches will be in his house. NKJV

- God wants you and me to be blessed with wealth and riches
- There is a difference between wealth and greed
- God wants us to prosper and part of that prosperity is financial wealth

You and I need to be good stewards of our finances but we must understand that it is God's will to bless His children financially

God takes pleasure in prospering us even as a father wants his children to prosper

Prosperity is more than money but we have to get passed the mind set that God wants us poor

You don't see that in scripture

### Psalm 35:27

"Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." NKJV

The word prosperity here is Shalom which means... "Well being, completeness, wholeness, nothing missing and nothing broken in your life" I am well, complete, whole nothing missing nothing broken

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### 3 John 2

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. NKJV



### Psalm 112:3

...And his righteousness endures forever. NKJV

I believe there is a reason that wealth and righteousness are mentioned together here

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

### 1 Timothy 6:10

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. NKJV

- Greed will cause you to stray from faith
- You start to trust wealth instead of God

### James 1:11

11 For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. NKJV

### Proverbs 21:26

26 He “*the lazy man*” covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare. NKJV

The key is to put the kingdom of God first

### Matthew 6:33 NKJV

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