

FAITHFUL, GODLY MEN—PART 2
PSALM 112

Introduction

What the world really needs today is more men who are **FAITHFUL, GODLY MEN!** (That's my title)

Proverbs 20:6 asks a very sobering question. It says, “*Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness, but a faithful man who can find?*” If ever there was a day when our world needed “faithful men,” today is the day!

I believe that today's men need a “*wake-up call.*” Our world needs us today, more than ever before! This world NEEDS US to be FAITHFUL MEN... GODLY MEN!

- Your wife needs you to be a Faithful, Godly man...
- Your children and grandchildren need you to be a Faithful, Godly man...
- Your church needs you to be a Faithful, Godly man...
- Your business or employer needs you to be a Faithful, Godly man...
- Your community and your nation needs you to be a Faithful, Godly man...to give direction and an example to the next generation!

Our text is one of many passages that speak directly to the issue of **FAITHFUL, GODLY MEN.**

Let's READ PSALM 112.

Psalm 112 tells us exactly where the whole process has to begin. Look closely again at verse 1.

vs. 1 – This gets right to the root of the problem for most men:

- **Problem #1—Too many men do not have a healthy fear of God!**
- **Problem #2—Too many men do not find great delight in God's commands!**

This morning I want us look at some of the promises given here that are associated with a man who fears God and finds great delight in His commands.

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I. THERE IS A PROMISE CONCERNING HIS CHILDREN!
(Psalm 112:2-4a)

A. His Seed Shall Be Mighty On The Earth! (i.e. Powerful!)

In a home where there is a healthy fear of the LORD and where the Word of God is delighted in and honored, there is the promise of his seed being mighty upon the earth!

Faithfulness and Godliness are a stabilizing power in a person's life and in the life of his family!

Let me ask this: What do you want for your children and for your grandchildren?

Do you want them to fear God?

Do you want them to delight and honor the Word of God?

Do you want them to have power to resist the evil in this world?

If you don't fear God as you should, how do you expect your seed to?

If you don't delight in God's Word as you should, how do you expect your seed to?

Fearing God and delighting in God's Word brings forth power needed for living in a sin cursed and sin driven world—it brings forth Spiritual power...the very power of God!

B. His Generation Shall Be Blessed!

In a home where there is a healthy fear of the LORD and where the Word of God is delighted in and honored, there is the promise of his seed being mighty upon the earth and secondly there is the promise of generational blessing!

The word “*generation*” refers to the descendants of the man who fears the LORD.

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Godliness brings a stabilizing influence in our families and in our nation! But, it all begins with **a** man!

Ezekiel 22:30–“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”

Psalms 78:1-8

His Seed Shall Be Mighty In The Earth...

His Generation Shall Be Blessed...

C. **His House Shall Have True Wealth And Riches!**

Proverbs 22:4–“By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.”

What riches is he talking about?

1. **The Riches Of A Good Name And Loving Favour.**

Proverbs 22:1–“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.”

2. **The Riches Of Wisdom And Understanding.**

Proverbs 3:13-15–“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.”

Proverbs 8:18–“Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.”

3. **The Riches Of Righteousness.**

What could be more valuable than imputed righteousness of Christ? i.e. Enduring righteousness!

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If we want to be mighty and blessed, if we want our children and grandchildren to be blessed, and if we want to be rich in the things that really count we must fear the LORD and delight in His Word!

We must get focused on the fear of the LORD and a love for the Word of God, rather than on the temporal pursuits and pleasures of this life!

Many parents try to give their kids everything they want! (Some don't have the word “NO!” in their vocabulary!)

We can give our children everything in the world, but it will only amount to disaster in their lives if WE do not first **HAVE** and then **IMPART** to them a **FEAR of the LORD** and a **LOVE for the Word of God!**

There Is A Promise Concerning His Children...

He Shall Be Mighty On The Earth...

His Generation Will Be Blessed...

His House Will Have True Wealth And Riches...

II. **THERE IS A PROMISE CONCERNING HIS CHARACTER!**
(Psalm 112:4b-5)

There are four things we find in the Character of the man who fears God and delights in the Word of God:

A. **He Has Guidance!** (*Vs 4a - “light in the darkness!”*)

(*Vs 5b - “He will guide his affairs with discretion”*)

He does not have to stumble along in the dark like the ungodly man. He has light in the darkness! He has discretion!

“discretion” = “Prudence; or knowledge and prudence; it is that discernment which enables a person to judge critically of what is correct and proper, united with caution.”

We live in a dark world. To have light in darkness is a special blessing!

1. **The Written Word Of God Is A Light!**
Psalm 119:105—“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
2. **The Living Word Of God Is A Light!**
John 8:12—“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”
3. **The Author of the Word, Spirit Of God, Is A Light!**
Co-equal with Jesus Who is the Light of the World!
John 16:13—“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

B. He Is Gracious! (Vs 4)

“Favorable; kind; benevolent; merciful; disposed to forgive offenses and impart unmerited blessings; virtuous, good.”

C. He Shows Forth Goodness! (Vs 4 “Is Full Of Compassion.”)

“Having a disposition to pity; inclined to show mercy; having a heart that is tender, and easily moved by the distresses, sufferings, wants and infirmities of others.”

D. He Is Godly! (“Righteous.”)

“The quality of doing what is right and just; one who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice.”

- i.e. He is Godly in all his character!
These are all descriptive of God’s character!

So,
*THERE IS A PROMISE CONCERNING HIS CHILDREN...
THERE IS A PROMISE CONCERNING HIS CHARACTER...*

**III. THERE IS A PROMISE CONCERNING HIS CONFIDENCE!
(Psalm 112:6-8)**

A. He Has Everlasting Security. (Vs. 6)

He has something that cannot be taken away from him!

That is the kind of security that was purchased for us at Calvary!

This man may not be remembered down here, but he is remembered in heaven!

Proverbs 10:7—“The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.”

B. He Has Every-Day Security. (Vs. 7-8)

Bad news does not shake him! He knows that God is still on the throne! There may be bad news at times, but thank God it is not all bad news! And even in the bad news, He knows God is in control and watching over his best interest! He knows that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose!

**IV. THERE IS A PROMISE CONCERNING HIS CHARITY!
(Psalm 112:9)**

This is the essence of practical godliness. When we fear God and delight in His Word, we can’t help but be charitable, because God is charitable! A genuine love for the LORD overflows into a love for our neighbor! (Jesus said it was the 2nd greatest commandment!)

V. THERE IS A PROMISE CONCERNING HIS COMMENDATION! (Psalm 112:6, 9b-10)

His commendation is that *his horn shall be exalted with honor!*

Throughout the Bible a “horn” is a symbol for power!

Why is his “horn” exalted with honor? Because it is evident that his power is coming from the LORD Himself! He has power with God! And on his life is the power of God!

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Conclusion

Tonight, Lord willing, I want to wrap this up by sharing with you four specific areas that I believe will help all of us men become “Psalm 112” kind of men.

But, this morning, if you want to be this kind of man we’ve talked about, the place to begin is verse 1! Be a man who fears God and finds great delight in His commands!

Men, this is the kind of Man your wife, your children, your Church, your community, and your country needs. It is the kind of man this world needs today!

And just to be quite honest, this is the kind of man that is hard to find today, even in Churches!

Unfortunately, in this world, there are more faithless, ungodly men than there are faithful, godly men.

But that doesn’t have to be the case in your life. Can one man really make a difference? He sure can! Whether it be for evil or for good!

(e.g. Evil–Achan was one man. Good–Paul was one man)

Ladies, as I said, don’t fool yourself into thinking that there’s nothing here for you. Don’t think that these blessings are limited to the men! Are you praying for the men in your life to be Godly men? Are you helping them or hindering them in their effort to be Godly men?

God wants both men and women to fear Him and to delight in His Word! It is good for you and it is good for everything about your life and the lives of your children and grandchildren!