

Sermon: The Blessing of walking in the fear of the Lord.
Series: *The Blessed Life*.

Scripture: Psalm 112.
Date: August 2, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Psalm 112:1 equates the fear of the Lord with delight in him and his commandments. What is your response to this idea? Do you delight in God and his word? What makes this difficult for you at times?
- b) Golden talked about two ways to relate to God: 1) A “dread driven” response to God – relating to him from fear of losing blessing or of being punished. 2) Delight without fear – “liking” God and morality but for self-righteous reasons. Which of these two extremes do you tend to fall into more easily? Why?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Go back and look at Psalm 111. What are the character traits of God in this chapter? Compare Psalm 111 and 112. How are the characteristics of God in 111 imputed to his people in 112? For example: God is righteous forever (111:3), and his people are righteous forever (112:3).

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Go back over Psalm 112 applying the truths about the blessed/righteous man to Jesus. In what ways did the man, Jesus, fulfill this psalm?
- b) 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us that we have been made the righteousness of God (consider also Romans 3:23-26). Why must we understand this gospel truth **before** we can walk in the fear of God, living generous and just lives?

APPLICATION

- a) Are there any resources that have been given to you by God that you can commit to sharing with others by God’s grace? Consider your time, mercy, forgiveness, opportunities, resources.
- b) What mindsets or beliefs would need to change for you to be able to say that Jesus is enough for you? Beliefs about yourself? The future? The nature of success/victory? God? The world?

PRAYER

- Honor God as the source of all righteousness and justice, grace and mercy.
- Confess ways you failed to delight in God and his commandments.
- Thank Jesus for giving us his righteousness so that we don’t have to earn it through our own generosity and justice.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to trust God even in your very real darkness, so that you can live a life of self-sacrifice based on your future and not you past.