

How the Apostle Paul inspired generosity in the Corinthian church.

2 Cor. 9:6-11

#### **IV. UNHAPPY IS THE WICKED MAN – Psalm 112:10**

Contrasting the happy one with the wicked one.

Psalm 112:10

The one who is wicked is not happy. Ultimately, they come to nothing.

#### **V. THE HAPPY LIFE REFLECTS GOD’S GLORY**

The happy man has the privilege of bearing the image of God.

2 Peter 1:3-4

Ephesians 4:24

Hebrews 12:10

John 5:16-20

Psalm 112 describes God’s idea of a happy person and their life.

#### **VI. SUMMARY – THE HAPPY LIFE IS THE GOD-CENTERED LIFE**

Finding happiness in who God is and who he’s made you to be.

Don’t settle the happy that’s offered in a song. Embrace the happy vividly portrayed in Psalm 112.

**Happy Is The Man**  
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Text: Psalm 112

#### **INTRODUCTION – HAPPY SONG VS. HAPPY PSALM**

Everyone wants to be happy.

We need more than a happy song. We need a happy psalm.

#### **I. PSALM 112 – THE HAPPY PSALM**

Psalm 112:1-10

This psalm describes a happy life.

Understanding the Wisdom Psalms.

The ABCs of Psalm 112.

#### **II. MEET THE HAPPY MAN – Psalm 112:1 & 2**

It starts with worship

Two keys to the blessed life

-- Trusting in God

-- Trust in God’s word

What does it mean to be “blessed?”

-- Priestly pronouncement of favor

-- Happy

Unhappy with “happy”

Blessed = happy

Surprising happiness – Matt. 5:3, 4, 10, 11

### **A. THE HAPPY MAN FEARS THE LORD – Psalm 112:1**

V. 1 -- happy is the one who fears the Lord.

So, what is this “fear of the Lord?”

The fear of the Lord is affectionate reverence.

An impact on obedience:

2 Chronicles 14:14

Proverbs 16:6

The fear of the Lord connects Psalm 112 with Psalm 111.

Psalm 111:10

Psalm 112:1

### **B. THE HAPPY MAN DELIGHTS IN GOD’S COMMANDS– Psalm 112:1**

Affectionate reverence for the Word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalm 119:14, 18, 20, 24, 47, 72

Reminder: how Psalm 112 is connected to Psalm 111

-- Acrostic pattern

-- Topical bridge

### **III. THE CHARACTER OF THE HAPPY MAN – Psalm 112:3-9**

The happy man’s character “lines up” with the one he fears.

### **A. RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE GOD – Psalm 112:3**

Psalm 111:3

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Righteousness – straight, the standard everything else is measured by

Righteousness that lasts.

### **B. GRACIOUS LIKE GOD – Psalm 112:4**

Psalm 111:4

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Gracious (kind) and compassionate – at the heart of God’s revelation.

Exodus 34:4-7

### **C. GIVING LIKE GOD – Psalm 112:5-9**

Psalm 111:5

Psalm 112:5

Psalm 112:9

Happy living is not about the accumulation of possessions.

Psalm 112:6-8

Psalm 111:6-8

The happy man can have faith because God is faithful.

The fear of the Lord shapes our treatment of the poor.

Proverbs 14:20-21