

A Blessed Father (Psalm 112)

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Ephesians 3:14-15 (NIV2011) For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

Psalm 37:26 (NIV) They [righteous fathers] are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.

1. A blessed father relates to _____ by ...

1A. _____ the Lord

Psalm 112:1a (NIV) Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

3B. _____ in God's Word

Psalm 112:1b (NIV) ... who finds great delight in his commands.

2. A blessed father _____ ...

2A. With _____ and compassion

Psalm 112:4 (NIV) Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

2B. With _____ and justice

Psalm 112:5 (NIV) Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

2C. Without _____

Psalm 112:7-8 (NIV) He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

3. God blesses a _____ father ...

3A. In his _____

Psalm 112:2 (NIV) His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3B. In his _____

Psalm 112:3 (NIV) Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

3C. With a _____

Psalm 112:6 (NIV) Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

Psalm 112:9-10 (NIV) He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor. The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

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Intro. What do you think is the importance of a father's faith to his family?

In what ways is our heavenly Father an example to earthly fathers (Ephesians 3:14-15)?

How does God's blessing of a father extend to his children (Psalm 37:26)?

1A. What does it mean to fear the Lord (Psalm 112:1a)?

1B. What is the difference between finding great delight in God's Word versus simply obeying God's Word (Psalm 112:1b)?

1C. How can a father grow in fearing the Lord and delighting in God's Word?

2A. How can a father follow Jesus' example of grace and compassion (Psalm 112:4)?

2B. Why can and should a blessed father be characterized by generosity and compassion (Psalm 112:5)?

2C. Why is it possible for a blessed father to live without fear or worry (Psalm 112:7-8)?

2D. How can you grow in these areas of living life as a blessed father?

3A. How can a righteous father raise mighty children (Psalm 112:2)?

3B. In what ways does God bless the work of a righteous father (Psalm 112:3)?

3C. What kind of a legacy does a righteous father leave (Psalm 112:6)?

3D. What kind of faith is required for a righteous father to scatter gifts to the poor (Psalm 112:9)?

3E. What is the difference between a righteous man and a wicked man (Psalm 112:10)?

3F. What changes would you like to ask for God's help in to grow in His blessing on your life?