

Introduction: From reading Psalm 111 and 112 together, we can naturally see the connection between the two. The former focuses on the nature and works of God. The latter addresses the nature and works of the righteous man. In this Psalm, we learn that the godly are blessed for doing the works of God.

I. The Identity of the Blessed (112:1)

A. The godly fear God.

1. What does it mean to fear God? The fear of the Lord is an awe of and response to the glory of God; the glory of God is the manifestation of his holiness. So, to fear or to revere God is to respond appropriately to his holiness.
2. Revering God comes both affectively and volitionally (Goldingay). When we encounter God, he has an affect on us, and part of the affect induces a will to know and enjoy him. Our reverence of God involves respect and humble submission, and our delight in him creates an enthusiasm for knowing and doing his will.
3. From this, we can conclude that our fear of God is rightly displayed through joyful obedience to his commandments.

B. The godly delight in God's commandments

1. A sincere pleasure comes from doing the will of God.
2. Psalm 1:1-2

C. Questions for life:

1. Do you have an increasing desire to know Christ and make him known?
2. Do you seek to know and do his word?
3. Are you eager to turn from sin and embrace righteousness?

II. Blessings for the Godly (112:2-9)

A. Prosperity for the Godly (112:2-5)

1. This is not the prosperity gospel.
 - a. This passage is not promising your best life now.
 - b. Rather, this passage teaches that godliness is best for this life and the life to come.
2. The godly see blessing in their offspring, particularly those who embrace godliness.
3. IDC works to help disciple your children in three primary ways:
 - a. Encourage Genuine Faith
 - b. Foster Biblical Community

- d. The fire to come
 - 5. The godly prosper in adversity.
 - a. Hope in arises in the midst of adversity
 - b. Light arises because he follows God
 - 6. The godly are also blessed for displaying the compassion of God.
 - a. Concerned for helping those in need
 - b. The godly lend generously and conduct their businesses fairly.
- B. Security for the Godly (112:6-9)

- 1. The godly are confident in the midst of their circumstances.
- 2. The godly are firm and steady because they trust in God.
- 3. The godly are victorious over their adversaries.
- 4. The godly, again, are concerned with the poor.
 - a. Give generously
 - b. Paul's plea to give generously in 2 Corinthians 9

III. Devastation for the Ungodly (112:10)

- A. The godly modeled the grace, mercy, and righteousness of God.
- B. The ungodly are wicked.
- C. The ungodly are angered by the works of the godly.
- D. The ungodly will be met with destruction.

Conclusion:

To return to the central idea at the beginning of the Psalm, the godly delight in doing the works of God. But we often fall short of this.

Thankfully there is *one true righteous man, Jesus*.

- 1. Jesus modeled perfectly what it meant to fear God and to delight in his commandments.
- 2. Jesus exemplified what it means to have much and give much.
- 3. Jesus demonstrated his confidence in God the Father and God the Spirit, knowing that he would rise again.