

Generosity
Part 3: Legacy
Psalm 112

Live generously towards God and others, and you will ...

1. Leave a Legacy of Priorities

¹ Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.
Psalm 112:1

- The number one question people will ask at your funeral is: what were his **priorities**? Will it be **faith**, **family**, and **friendships**, or something else?

2. Leave a Legacy of Prosperity

² Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. ... ⁹ They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.
Psalm 112:2-3, 9

- One of the greatest lessons we can teach our children and the next generation is that the measure of one's life is not in what we **gain**, but in what we **give away**.

Jesus warned, ¹⁵ "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
Luke 12:15

3. Leave a Legacy of Peace

⁴ Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. ⁵ Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶ Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. ⁷ They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. ⁸ Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
Psalm 112:4-8

- "Darkness" and "bad news" are part of everyone's journey. But the "gracious, compassionate, righteous, and generous" man will always be **guided** and **guarded** by God to **victory**.

Command/Blessing #1: Give God first place, and your children and wealth will prosper.

Command/Blessing #2: Live generously towards others, and God's light will shine even in hard times.

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