

Door Creek Church | Devotional Plan

Monday, April 13

Psalm 112 | Are you Wise?

Here are nine questions for those who want to be wise from Psalm 112 (NCV):

¹ Praise the Lord! Happy are those who respect the Lord, who want what He commands.

Is there any area of your life you're holding back from the leadership of Jesus?

² Their descendants will be powerful in the land; the children of honest people will be blessed.

If young people around you followed your example, would they flourish?

³ Their houses will be full of wealth and riches, and their goodness will continue forever.

Is your financial stewardship marked by wisdom and contentment?

⁴ A light shines in the dark for honest people, for those who are merciful and kind and good.

When times are hard, do you focus on your own comfort, or other's needs?

⁵ It is good to be merciful and generous. Those who are fair in their business ⁶ will never be defeated. Good people will always be remembered.

Think of the vulnerable people in your life. Are their lives better because of your generosity?

⁷ They won't be afraid of bad news; their hearts are steady because they trust the Lord.

Do you experience peace when everyone else is freaking out?

⁸ They are confident and will not be afraid; they will look down on their enemies.

Are you kept up at night because the way you're being treated isn't fair? Or can you give your grudges to God who will one day make all things right?

⁹ They give freely to the poor. The things they do are right and will continue forever. They will be given great honor.

Are you known more for your generosity or stinginess?

10 The wicked will see this and become angry; they will grind their teeth in anger and then disappear. The wishes of the wicked will come to nothing.

Can you rest in God's vindication without saying a word against those who have hurt you?

So how'd you do? I know...ouch, right? Yeah, me too.

Here's the thing, this Psalm is meant to be a "portrait of the wise." We're supposed to use it as a guide for honest, self-assessment, knowing full well that some of these questions will be a real punch in the gut.

It will have two effects. First, *if* you're honest, it will illuminate areas of your own foolishness. But its real power is how it also gives us a portrait of Jesus, the wisest person who has ever lived.

Take what you've learned about yourself to Jesus right now. He's the wise sage who has already paid the price for our sin and foolishness, and is ready to empower us to live with His wisdom.