LIVING THE UNMOVABLE LIFE Psalm 112 May 21ST, 2023

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." **Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)**

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." 2 Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." Romans 8:29 (ESV)

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

4 Critical Relationships in a Believers Life

1. THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE LORD (vs. 1)

"Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!" Psalm 112:1 (ESV)

"Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil." **1 Peter 3:13-17 (ESV)**

2. THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE TO MATERIAL WEALTH (vss. 2-5, 9)

² "His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice." Psalm 112:2-5 (ESV)

⁹ "He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor." Psalm 112:9 (ESV)

"You shall not charge interest on loans to your brother, interest on money, interest on food, interest on anything that is lent for interest. ²⁰ You may charge a foreigner interest, but you may not charge your brother interest, that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you undertake in the land that you are entering to take possession of it." **Deuteronomy 23:19-20 (ESV)**

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ² Corinthians 9:9 (ESV)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

3. THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE TO OUR CIRCUMSTANCES (vss. 6-8)

⁶ "For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. ⁷ He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. ⁸ His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries." Psalm 112:6-8 (ESV)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." James 1:5-8 (ESV)

4. THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE WICKED (vs. 10)

¹⁰ The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!" **Psalm 112:10 (ESV)**

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Matthew 514-16 (ESV)**

Questions to Consider:

- How strong is your faith in Jesus when faced with tough decisions?
- How easy is it for you to be moved in your faith?
- Would others say your faith in Jesus is unmovable?
- What can you do today to have an unshakable faith?
- What would it look like to be a believer who cannot be moved?