

## The Benefits of Fearing God

**Psalm 112:1 (HCSB)** *Hallelujah! Happy is the man who fears the Lord, taking great delight in His commands.*

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Growing in the fear of God will bless you to...

1. Secure a Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2)

A. A Godly person will bring blessing to other people, especially to those of his/her household.

B. It is an incredible challenge for Christian parents to pass down the Fear of God to their Children.

2. Share \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3-6. 9)

A. God will bless the person who fears Him with the ability to become a generous blessing to others.

B. Paul quotes from this verse in 2 Cor. 9:9, encouraging the Corinthian Christians to give generously to the collection for poor Jewish Christians in Judea. The psalm shows why they should not fear (because God will **honor** and care for them); it also shows a lovely community orientation that provides a stark contrast to the ugly selfishness that Paul had to correct in 1 Corinthians. (ESV Study Bible)

3. Stand Firm in \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 7-8)

A. When you fear the Lord, you need not fear

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B. When you do not fear the Lord, you will fear many other things.

## 12 Benefits in the Psalms of Fearing God

### 1. God will be your help and shield (Psalm 115:11)

**Psalm 115:11** (HCSB) *You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and shield.*

### 2. God will be your teacher and guide (Psalm 25:12)

**Psalm 25:12** (ESV) *Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.*

### 3. God will open up His secret council and His covenant with you. (Psalm 25:14)

**Psalm 25:14** (HCSB) *The secret counsel of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He reveals His covenant to them.*

### 4. His eye will be over you for good and to keep you from evil.

**Psalm 33:18–19** (HCSB) *Now the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him—those who depend on His faithful love to deliver them from death and to keep them alive in famine.*

### 5. You will always have all that you need.

**Psalm 34:9–10** (HCSB) *You who are His holy ones, fear Yahweh, for those who fear Him lack nothing. Young lions lack food and go hungry, but those who seek the LORD will not lack any good thing.*

### 6. God will charge the armies of heaven to look after, take charge of, to camp around, and to deliver you.

**Psalm 34:7** (HCSB) *The Angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them.*

### 7. Salvation will be close to you.

**Psalm 85:9** (HCSB) *His salvation is very near those who fear Him, so that glory may dwell in our land.*

### 8. His love will be upon you at all times

**Psalm 103:17** (ESV) *But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,*

### 9. God's compassion will be upon you.

**Psalm 103:13** (ESV) *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

### 10. He will fulfill your desires.

**Psalm 145:19** (ESV) *He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.*

### 11. The Lord will take pleasure in you. (Psalm 147:11)

**Psalm 147:11** (ESV) *but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

### 12. God will bless you (Psalm 115:13)

**Psalm 115:13** (ESV) *he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.*