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Leader Guide Session 6

OUTLINE

- I. The person who fears God will have successful children (see Psalm 112:2).
 - A. God told Abraham that his descendants would be successful (see Genesis 22:17).
 - B. When you have holy fear, you will be blessed throughout eternity y.

- II. The person who fears God will be wealthy (see Psalm 112:3a).
 - A. True wealth is not about material possessions but about influence.
 - B. Holy fear gives us the ability (and resources) to influence others for God's kingdom.

- III. The person who fears God will have his or her deeds remembered forever (see Psalm 112:3b).

- IV. The person who fears God will not be overcome by evil (see Psalm 112:6a).
 - A. The promises, blessings, and benefits of God are not automatic.
 - B. We have to contend for the blessings of God with faith (see Genesis 25:21).

- V. The person who fears God will be long remembered (see Psalm 112:6b).
 - A. This refers to generational blessings that occur over a long time.
 - B. We remember Jonathan Edwards . . . we don't remember Max Jukes.

- VI. The person who fears God will not fear bad news (see Psalm 112:7a).
 - A. The fear of the Lord trumps all other earthly fears.
 - B. Jesus told us to fear God and not men (see Matthew 10: 28).

- VII. The person who fears God is confident (see Psalm 112:7b).

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- A. When we fear God, we don't have to accept (or choose) discouragement.
 - B. When we are confident in God, we can reject complaining.
- VIII. The person who fears God is fearless (see Psalm 112:8).
- IX. The person who fears God has influence (see Psalm 112:9a).
- X. The person who fears God has honor (see Psalm 112:9b).
- XI. Those who fear God will acquire wisdom (see Proverbs 4:7-8).
- A. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (see Psalm 111:10).
 - B. The fear of the Lord protects from the snares of death (see Proverbs 14:27).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Imagine someone you didn't know asked, "What benefits have you received from following the Lord?" How would you respond to that person?
2. Take a moment to review the ten benefits of fearing God listed in Psalm 112. Which of those benefits are the most appealing to you? Why?
3. Psalm 112:3 says this about the person who fears God: "Wealth and riches are in their houses." How would you describe the relationship between serving God and prosperity?
4. Psalm 112:7 says this about the person who fears God: "They will have no fear of bad news." How does holy fear enable us to not have to fear bad news? What is the connection between fearing the Lord and trusting Him to watch over us?
5. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Why is it important for us to have wisdom? How does God's wisdom protect us (see Proverbs 14:27)?