



## SD#112 I Choose Brave, Part 2

Psalm 112:1 (ESV) *“Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!”*

### Reflection Questions:

- 1) What do you think of when you hear the word “fear”?
- 2) How can your fear fuel your faith?
- 3) Do you think it’s possible to delight in the fear of the Lord?



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### Extended Devotion:

Do you have a favorite, cozy spot in your home? For me, the wee hours of the morning in the quiet of my home with a cup of piping hot coffee is the best. It quenches chaotic flames in my soul, and brings me pure delight. But do you know what else it does? It gently rings the alarm of quiet time with the Lord. This cozy spot creates a peaceful atmosphere where I can seek solace in God's Word. I'm so thankful for a God who gives His children good gifts. Delighting in God's gifts is a simple thought, but we can often find ourselves forgetting to delight in His whole character.

Why is it hard for us to find delight in all of God's ways? When our circumstances don't warrant the summoning of courage, we feel happy and life is grand. But when storms arise and we're shaken beyond belief, we can't see the blessings in front of us. Well, we are fallen human beings that seek control within our circumstances hoping for a way out of the darkness. We struggle to see that Light that is already there. But, we have a faith that is greater than the fear around us. Psalm 112:1 says, "*blessed is the man that fears the Lord.*" Our fear of the Lord is a good, healthy fear of reverence and awe for the Creator. This holy fear helps us live in the light of His mercy and grace towards us.

**When we discover the character of God, we can't help but delight in Him.** So how do we find delight in God's commandments, in His whole character? I love reading books and talking about them. However, I can't have meaningful discussions if I'm not familiar with the plot lines, characters, or setting. I may even seem disinterested. The same rings true with our Heavenly Father. If we don't pursue an intimate relationship with Him, we can't find delight. Constantly abiding every day will lead us to that place.

Proverbs 9:10 (ESV) says, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*" We all desire wisdom and knowledge. May we bravely seek after God's knowledge and find overwhelming delight in Him.

### Application:

1. Write out at least five things you are thankful for and then thank the Lord for them.
2. Turn to Psalm 56:3 and read it aloud twice. Try adding it to your prayer arsenal that you can use when fear creeps in your soul.



Takeaway:

Constantly abiding in Christ allows us to delight in Him regardless of our circumstances.

