

## Living Generously

### Description

Psalm 112:1-10

Throughout all ages, wicked people have done wicked things in the name of security and support. The end justifies the means.

Psalm 112 speaks to a different reality than our own. Ours is a time when people believe that to get ahead, one must lie, cheat, steal, and oppress. That may actually be true. There is no golden era of greatness devoid of lying, cheating, stealing, and oppression.

However, this psalm speaks of a time when justice and righteousness will reign. At that time, the righteous will be known as fearless people who don't shy from bad news but who instead "freely scattered their gifts to the poor" (v.9). The words imply an irresponsible and frivolous scattering. They do it freely almost without care.

Apparently this vexes the wicked: "How could you be so wasteful?" "They don't deserve your gifts." The righteous will be like God, who is more generous than any of us deserve. In the end, the ultimate good will come to those who are generous—the righteous will spend eternity with our Lord.

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