

Purpose and Legacy

Wednesday Night Bible Study (10-9-24)

Psalm 112

I. Purpose

- A. In order to live with purpose, you have to live on purpose.
- B. Importance of Vision
 - 1. “If you aim at nothing, you’ll hit it every time.” - Zig Ziglar
 - 2. Proverbs 29:18
 - a) Perish = let free, make someone go out of control, allow to run wild, leave unattended. Expose
 - (1) Can also be translated made naked.
 - b) Vision = word of revelation, dream, revelation, oracle, vision
 - (1) When you eliminate God’s influence in your life, there is no truth to keep you straight. There are no guard rails to ensure your safety.
 - (2) Also speaks to consistent connection with God. Regular interaction with Him because we continually need His guidance and direction.
 - (3) John 3:30 - “He must increase, but I must decrease.”
 - c) Amos 8:11-14
 - (1) It’s a bad day when we are cut off from the fresh and living word of God.
 - 3. Finding your purpose is less about finding your “true self,” and more about submitting and conforming yourself to Christ.
- C. An anchor in the storm
 - 1. Acts 27:14-25
- D. Finding purpose in Christ alone
 - 1. Not service or performance
 - a) It’s very easy to become very legalistic and reflect much of the attitude of the pharisees.
 - (1) Isaiah 1:11-19
 - (2) “This world needs something more than my ‘perfect kids.’ The world needs kids who know that they need Jesus.” - Janel Breitenstein
 - (3) We don’t need to leave our kids empty rituals. We need to leave them with an unquenchable thirst for the presence of God.

II. Legacy

- A. Legacy = Something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor from the past.
 - 1. Proverbs 13:22 - “...a good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children.”
- B. Teaching the next Generation.
 - 1. Psalm 78:1-7
 - 2. Genesis 18:19
 - 3. Joshua 4:21-22

- a) Joshua decided on behalf of his family what they would do. Even if no one else followed suit.
 - (1) We need to take time to determine in our heart what we should do as a family.
 - (a) There is power in a made up mind.
 - (2) Peter determined in his heart how he should finalize his legacy to his readers.
 - (a) 2 Peter 1:12-15
 - i) He determined what was most important for his people to understand, and he worked to go over it again and again to establish it in their own hearts.
 - ii) He also reminded them how he knew that they were so important - verses 16-21.
- 4. Duet. 6:4-9
- C. 2 Timothy 1:3-5
 - 1. Timothy lived a life of faith built on the legacy of his mother and grandmother. Even without a Godly man in the mix, a Godly legacy of faith can still be handed down.