

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Surely: Things You Can Count on in Turbulent Times
5: Surely You Have a Legacy

TEXT: Psalms 112:5-7 A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion. (6) Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. (7) He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Isaiah 2:20-22 The world is being shaken.. Fear is the theme of the day. It is a great time to build our faith in the things we have which cannot be shaken, things that are sure for us. We rejoice that we are living in a day when God's voice is shaking the heavens and the earth. We know that goodness and mercy are following us, that deliverance is near, and we are protected in the midst of calamity We can also live above the "health care scare."

Today we see the benefits of an unshakeable life: Psalm:112 6: Surely 2 wonderful benefits-

- 1) He will never be shaken
 - a) Shaken - *mote'* to waver; to slip, shake, fall. Various translated here moved, shaken, fail.
 - b) He cannot be moved by money. In the day of the shaking of the economic system, he is unmoved: Psalms 15:5
 - c) He is a conscious co-laborer with God in the business of life. He allows the senior partner to shoulder the load. Psalms 55:22 / Matthew 11:28-29
 - d) He is unswayed by bad news, because he trusts
 - i) Faith: the capacity in my heart to grab hold of a specific promise and believe I have it now. (Heb 11:1 / Mk 11:24)
 - ii) Trust: a more general sense of confidence
 - (1) Heb. *bataḥ*: expresses the feeling of safety and security that is felt when one can rely on someone else
 - (2) Trust (Webster's): assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something
 - iii) Trusting in the Lord means:
 - (1) I know I can rely on His ability and strength – God is able
 - (2) I know I can rely on His character: He has my best interest at heart, and He is able!!! Psalm 37:23-24

- 2) A lasting legacy that will echo through eternity.
 - a) What will you leave when you go, a footprint in water or an imprint on the landscape? Proverbs 10:7
 - b) A legacy that lasts is not financial:
 - i) If you live godly you will have a few dollars, but that may be dangerous: Proverbs 13:22 / 20:21
 - ii) Ecclesiastes 2:26 (begin at 13) 70% of wealthy families lose their wealth by the second generation, and 90% by the third.
 - c) A "everlasting remembrance" legacy includes
 - i) Stories of the works of God and the history of our people imparted to a new generation. Ps 78:3-7
 - ii) An example of godliness. Give your kids something to be proud of. Proverbs 17:6. Remember Eli's boys? 1 Samuel 2:12, 22. He gave them a position but no upbringing
 - d) Place financial resources with someone who will impact eternity.
 - e) Human beings are the only truly eternal legacy: 1 Peter 1:23-25 / 1 John 2:16-17 / 2 Peter 3:11-12
 - f) Invest in getting the Word in people: Your kids, your acquaintances, the world around you.
- 3) Surely: who is this unshakeable man with an eternal memorial?
 - a) A person who is merciful:
 - i) The kind of mercy we cry out for from the Lord Psalms 31:21
 - ii) Gracious acts toward someone in need Proverbs 14:21, 31 / Psalm 37:26
 - b) A person who is a lender:
 - i) *laḡāḡ*: This is not just giving away money. It is entering into a partnership of shared purpose and shared resources. Proverbs 19:17 / Psalms 37:21
 - c) A person who runs his daily business in a godly (God first) fashion:
 - i) Discretion: *mišpaḡ*: it describes a legal decision given by God to be followed by the people. Matthew 6:33
 - ii) The point: Surely the one who, in every issue of life, considers the will of God first, before and above any other consideration, will never be moved and will have an everlasting remembrance.

You are building your eternal legacy one decision at a time.