

FIRST SUNDAY OF 2026

TITLE: *Being Steady, Firm, and Unafraid*

MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Psalm 112

SPEAKER: Pastor Phil Ward

WORDS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

I. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD (PSALM 112:1)

A. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom (**Psalm 112:1; Psalm 111:10**)

1. What is the fear of the Lord? (**Exodus 20:20; Jeremiah 33:8-9; Proverbs 28:14**)

2. Fearing the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (**Proverbs 1:1-7**)

B. The one who fears the Lord greatly delights in God's Word (**Psalms 112:1; Psalm 128:1**)

II. THE RIGHTEOUS WILL NEVER BE MOVED (PSALM 112:2-10)

A. How the righteousness of the one who fears the Lord will endure (**Psalm 112:2-5, 9**)

1. The blessing of a godly legacy (**Psalm 112:2-3; Proverbs 20:7; Psalm 128**)

2. The blessing of generational wealth (**Psalm 112:3; Proverbs 13:22**)

3. The blessing of generosity (**Psalm 112:4-5, 9; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11**)

B. The indelible mark of the righteous (**Psalm 112:6-8**)

1. The righteous are immovable (**Psalm 112:6**)

2. The righteous are not afraid (**Psalm 112:7-8**)

3. The righteous are firm and steady in heart because they trust the Lord (**Psalm 112:7-10, Psalm 16:8-9**)

SOMETHING NEW TO ME

WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS THE RIGHTEOUS ONE (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What are the two kinds of fearing God? When you think of the "fear of God", what kind of fear comes to mind?

2. How does trusting God generate a heart that is steady, firm, and unafraid?

3. How does Jesus perfectly embody "the righteous man"? How does Christ's righteousness affect us?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good

Wise

Wrathful

Merciful

Just

Jealous

Faithful

Perfect

Holy

Gracious

Patient

Love

Other:

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Fear of God –

Legacy –

Indelible –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD