

PREPARE
Him
ROOM

psalms of ascent

The Good Fruit of Fear

PSALM 128

I. The right kind of _____ leads to good fruit.

v. 1 Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!

THE FEAR OF THE LORD
Reverence for God's Person
Adherence to God's Principles
Knowledge of God's Judgment

II. Walking in the fear of the Lord that leads to _____ means taking specific steps.

In your career, you are working with integrity.

*v. 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.*

ARE YOU _____ TO THE LOUDEST VOICE OR THE STILL, SMALL VOICE?

In your marriage, you are guarding its fidelity.

v. 3a Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house ...

ARE YOU _____ AND PRUNING AWAY DISTRACTIONS TO NURTURE YOUR SPOUSE?

In your parenting, you are shepherding them actively.

v. 3b ... your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

ARE YOU _____ THEM TO THE LORD WITH YOUR WORDS, ACTIONS AND PRAYERS?

In your city, you reflect the Lord's reliability.

*vv. 4-5 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!*

ARE YOU _____ GOD'S BLESSINGS AS YOU WALK IN HIS WAYS?

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of PREPARING *Him* ROOM and receiving His blessing.

PREPARE *Him* ROOM
HOME GROUP STUDY

The city of Jerusalem is situated on a high hill. The Songs of Ascent (Psalms 120-134) were sung by Jews traveling from their homes to Jerusalem on the "ascent," or the uphill road to the city, for one of the three main annual Jewish festivals.

Read Psalm 128 aloud.

1. What pressure, anxiety or fear do you feel when you think about Christmas approaching?

2. How would you describe "the fear of the Lord?" How does a proper understanding and purposeful living out of this phrase alleviate negative emotions and lead to blessing?

3. Everything flows out of our walk with God. What connection have you seen between your obedience to His Word and blessing in your life?

4. As we interact with others, we often forget how much we have been forgiven through Christ ourselves. How can an attitude of humility change your perspective this holiday season? Meditate on the Scriptures below.

Ephesians 4:1-3

Philippians 2:3

Colossians 3:12

1 Peter 5:5

5. On the sermon notes under point II., which of the four areas (career, marriage, parenting or city) most needs your attention? Answer the correlating question below:

HOW CAN YOU ...

- work with integrity in your **job** by listening to His still, small voice?
- guard the fidelity of your **marriage** by protecting and nurturing your spouse?
- shepherd your **children** actively by pointing to the Lord with words, actions and prayers?
- reflect the Lord's reliability in your **city** by conveying God's blessings as you walk in His ways?

Leave your sermon notes in a prominent place so you can meditate on Psalm 128 over the coming week, adding any additional insights you discover in its verses.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of The Source at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.cbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

MAKE THE MOST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

We've put everything to know about celebrating Christmas—events, serve opportunities, our 2019 Advent study±—all in one place. Visit www.cbcfamily.org/holidays2019 or text "CCBCHolidays" to 555-888 and we'll send you the link.

GET CHRISTMAS EVE RESERVATION

REMINDERS TODAY! If you'll be home for Christmas Eve, join us at a traditional or contemporary candlelight service on Tuesday, Dec. 24. You can get Reservation Reminders and RSVP for Kids Care (available for ages 0 to 3) at www.cbcfamily.org/events. And while you're at it, think of a friend, neighbor or coworker you could invite to celebrate with us as well—it's the more, the merrier for Christmas Eve!

THERE IS AN ANGEL WAITING FOR YOU

TODAY! Angel Tree Ministry, a program of Prison Fellowship, brings the gospel and Christmas gifts to children who have one or more parents in prison. If you'd like to provide gifts for a child this Christmas, we have 75 angels left on this year's tree in the Great Room—stop by and get one today!

CONSIDERING END-OF-YEAR GIVING?

HERE'S SOME MORE INFORMATION. This year's giving will go towards Vision 2020, our plan to make Christ clear to our friends and neighbors here at home and around the world through special projects including training church leaders in Asia and finishing construction on the Greene House so our College Ministry has a permanent home near TCU's campus. Visit www.cbcfamily.org/give2019 to read about Vision 2020's six initiatives and give.

SERVE WITH US ON CHRISTMAS EVE. We're looking for Christ Chapelites to help welcome people to our Christmas Eve worship services. If you have time before or after the service you plan on attending, contact Hannah at HannahS@christchapelbc.org or 817-945-2321 to sign up.

MARRIED COUPLES, GIVE THE GIFT OF

RE|ENGAGE. Whether you are feeling the holiday strains, struggling through big issues or wanting to focus on your marriage in 2020, re|engage is an experience that can truly strengthen your relationship. Learn more and register at www.cbcfamily.org/reengage.

ARTISTS, WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU'VE

GOT FOR ART REACH 2020! Art Reach is a weekend at Christ Chapel all about celebrating the arts and the creativity God gives each of us. If you are an artist (of any age!), start thinking of what you could submit. The theme is "Reaching In, Reaching Up: Seeking God Through Art" and submissions open on Friday, Jan. 3. Learn more at www.cbcfamily.org/events.

REGISTER FOR THE TOPICS IN PARENTING

CONFERENCE. Parents, come learn from Dr. Kathy Koch, a distinguished parenting speaker and author, on Saturday, Jan. 25. Dr. Koch will be teaching on topics such as how to motivate the heart, technology's impact on children and the eight "great smarts." Learn more and register at www.cbcfamily.org/events.