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Ps. 112:1, “Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in His commands.” (NIV)

Do you find great delight in the commands of the LORD? Or, do they seem like a burden? David realizes that following the commands of the LORD is actually freeing to him. In fact he says it is a great delight to him. When we follow the law of the LORD, He watches over our ways and makes our path straight. The blessing of His law is that it forms a protection around us because we stay in the boundaries He has given us.

Many people like to push the boundaries. They feel like they are being restricted. Children want to run across a street or parking lot. Teens want to stay out later and hang out with who they want to. Adults want to set their own boundaries and buck against ones that they are forced to follow. The main idea here is that the commands the LORD gives are always for our good. David had found that to be true. He had experienced the hand of the LORD time and time again. He had seen the giant fall. He had watched enemy armies be routed by the hand of God. He had seen the faithfulness of the LORD change the minds and hearts of people again and again. And, this is where the great delight ruminated from; a heart that was set on obedience. No doubt, he had recalled the words of the prophet Samuel as he addressed King Saul: **1 Sam. 15:22, “But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”**

Dear LORD, to obey is better than sacrifice. Help us to obey You and Your Word. You have placed them in our lives for good and not to hurt us or harm us. We look to You and You alone for everything. In Jesus Name, Amen.