



REARVIEW MIRROR REFLECTIONS PSALM 111

***“For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work:
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.”***

Psalm 92: 4

I’ve always thought you can see the hand of God best in the rearview mirror. Looking back, it’s easier to understand why He placed us in the home that He did; why He brought certain people and circumstances into and out of our lives; why He permitted difficulties and pain; why He took us to different places and put us in various jobs and careers.

In my own life, I get a lot of clarity (though not perfect clarity - that’s heaven’s joy!) about the wise and loving ways of God as I reflect on the ways He has managed my journey by “*the works of thy hands*” (Psalm 92:4). With the psalmist, it makes me glad and strikes a note of joy in my heart to see how often God has assisted, directed, and managed the outcomes so faithfully (Psalm 111).

Looking ahead, though, is not always so clear. Have you ever had that lost feeling when the road ahead seems twisted, foggy, and scary? Before you move life’s next big adventure, stop and look in the rearview mirror of the days gone by, and joyfully realize that God meant it when He said, “*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*” So we way with confidence, “*The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me*” (Hebrews 13:5-6).

With the promise of God’s presence and help in mind, you can move ahead with utmost confidence.

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God’s guidance in the past gives courage for the future.

FIVE STEPS IN LEADING YOUR FAMILY IN DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME

- 1st** - Take a few minutes to discuss the Scripture
Insight discussion/Application discussion
- 2nd** - Ask your family for personal praises
Works of God! Blessings from above
- 3rd** - Take personal prayer requests
 - Needs
 - Concerns
 - Desires
- 4th** - Personal quiet time of confession and forgiveness
 - Things I have said
 - Things others have said
 - Things I have thought
 - Things I have done
 - Things others have done to me
- 5th** - Pray
 - Start by thanking the Lord
 - Needs
 - Protection
 - Provision