

## Psalm 127

### Key Scriptures

Psalm 127:1 <A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.> Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

<sup>2</sup> It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.

<sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Matthew 6:34 So then, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own.

Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it *heartily as unto the Lord*"

**Key Point:** In whatever we are building or growing, we must trust in the Lord.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- If you were buying a brand new house, would you rather move into a pre-built, or would you want to be involved in the plans and in building it yourself?

**Start thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Do you see Psalm 127 as more of a warning or a promise? Why?
- The word "house" in verse 1 could mean, **A.** dwelling; **B.** palace or Temple; or **C.** dynasty or family. How do each of these impact how we understand this Psalm?
- How are children a heritage and a reward?
- In what ways is the illustration true; that children are like arrows and the parent an archer?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- What do you believe distinguishes a home whose builder is the Lord? What "materials" make a household strong?
- How would you summarize what verse 2 is teaching us? What does this look like in today's world? How do Jesus' words from Matt 6:34 correlate with this?
- What ideologies threaten today's families? How should we respond?

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- If you are married, decide to have a conversation about the things each of you do that invest in your relationship account, and which things deplete your account. Discuss how you can increase investing while decreasing depleting the account.

**Prayer Requests.** It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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