

PSALM 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. (Psalm 127)

1. This psalm is written by Solomon. What is “the house” he is referring to? What is significant about Solomon writing on how to “build the house” well?
2. How does the Lord actually build a home and watch over a city? What is the nature of the work and who does it?
3. What are the critical things a husband and wife need to engage if they are to be certain that God is building their home?
4. In verses five through seven some important things are said about children. What things are said about children that are significant to you?
5. If you were asked by someone to give your opinion on what good parenting is, what are some things you would say based on these verses?