

PRAYING PSALM 127

“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...” (Psalm 127:1).

This psalm is about the stewardship of children. 1. CHILDREN SHOULD BE REARED IN DEPENDENCE ON THE LORD (1-2). Training godly children is compared to two works: Building a house and watching a city. 2. CHILDREN SHOULD BE REGARDED AS GIFTS FROM THE LORD (3-5). They are called a heritage. They are a reward. They are to be sharpened like arrows. If we are faithful with developing God’s gifts, they will make us proud.

The Lord builds the house. We watch over the house in the city. A city is not always a safe place. Building a house requires codes, plans, tools, labor, and inspections, not to say anything about time and costs. These are given in the Bible. If you are a parent, your responsibility is to follow the rules set forth in the Word for the work of building your family. Nothing will require any more prayer than what is needed to protect your children. There is no guarantee for success without prayer. Praying is the way you depend on God. Prayer and instruction in the Word are essential. Your investment will be returned with interest in the form of godly rewards. There is no pride of ownership like having children who have been raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.