

# Having A Good Journey In Raising Children



**Psalm 127:1-5**

- We are facing some major problems and challenges in raising our families in today's society (Gen. 6).
- Every other institution in society is built upon the family.
- Satan is attacking our families because he knows that if he gets the family, he gets the future.
- The importance of the family cannot be overstated.
- The family unit today is totally different from when many of us were raised.
- Whatever category you find yourself in today, remember that God is at work telling a story of restoration and redemption through us.
- No amount of human sacrifice or toil can accomplish much unless God's blessing is upon His people.

**1. Building a house or family without the Lord results in a weak base: Only He can give a firm foundation (v. 1).**

- The message was very important to Israel's future.
- The reality is, we all build our lives on something – on a system of principles, on a set of priorities, or with a particular goal in mind.
- When we make God the center of our lives and our homes, we build on a firm foundation.

**2. Protecting a city or family without the Lord results in a weak defense: Only He can give true security (v. 1).**

- This historical fact proves Solomon's statement here to be prophetic: unless the Lord guards the city the diligent work of the watchmen is in vain.
- God and God alone can provide true security.
- When we fully commit our lives and families to the Lord, we also receive His supernatural protection.
- Many of us use locks, gates, fences, and alarms to protect our homes, families, and business.

**3. Working long, hard hours without the Lord yields no lasting satisfaction: Only He can give true rest and eternal fulfillment (v. 2).**

- Parents, we have what it takes to raise our children.

- Psalm 127 indicates that God's people belong in the public sector.
- 1. Children are a heritage of the Lord (v. 3).
- Heritage – inheritance. This inheritance from God had nothing to do with wealth, property, or material possession.
- Our children belong to God, and He expects us to:
  - A. Instruct them – to teach, to impart knowledge (the knowledge of God (Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:5-7)).
    - There are seven reasons to teach our children (Ps. 78:1-8).
    - Teach – to point in the right direction.
    - (1) We will pass on the praises of God (v. 4).
    - (2) Our righteous example will cause our children to arise and declare these things to their children (v. 6).
    - (3) It will cause them to set their hope in God (v. 7).
    - (4) We must teach them so that they will not forget God's work (v. 7).
    - (5) It encourages them to keep God's commandments (v. 7).
    - (6) It will steer them away from attitudes and sins of stubborn and a rebellious generation (v. 8).
    - (7) Our children will honor the covenants of God if they are taught about them.
  - B. Discipline them – discipline does not mean punish, but it means to train – heart training (Prov. 22:6; Is. 38:19).
  - C. To provide for them – spiritually, materially, emotionally, and financially (2 Cor. 12:14).
  - D. To nurture (Eph. 6:4). Nurture – to correct in love. Admonition – counsel, exhortation, and to correct.
  - E. To lead them by example (2 Tim. 1:5; 1 Chron. 17:3).
  - F. To love them (Titus 2:4).
  - G. To protect them.