

**June 18, 2023**  
**Happy Father's Day**  
**Psalm 127**

- Verse 1
  - Song of Ascents
    - Beginning with Psalm 120 and going through 134, there are various Psalms beginning with this superscript
  - Solomon
    - This was either written by Solomon, or by David for Solomon, which some prefer
  - “House” equals “Home”
  - They need you, and they need the Lord
  - They don't need another coach, they need a father
  - They don't need another critic, they need encouragement
  - They don't need the world, they need the Lord
  - They don't need more money, they need to learn to give
  - They don't need to win more, they need to learn to lose
  - The Lord must build our home; if we do it, it will be in vain.
- Verse 2
  - This is not about sleep, but work
  - To “rise up early” is to stand
  - To “retire late” is to sit
  - Do not miss the analogy regarding salvation
    - We can never work for our salvation, it is a free gift given to us through the bread of Life, Jesus Christ Himself
- Verse 3
  - Children are a gift, an inheritance from the Lord
- Verse 4
  - The warrior found, made, and trained with his arrows
  - They learned to fly where he aimed
  - Proverbs 22:6—“ Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”
- Verse 5
  - An old German proverb: “Many children make many prayers, and many prayers bring much blessing.
- Our Heavenly Father is our example. He is patient; yet firm. He is full of grace; yet disciplines. He does not condone sin; yet forgives. He lets us go; yet always welcomes us back home. He gives us what we ask for, with warning and much heeding, and comforts when we do not listen. He allows suffering, knowing that it makes us stronger. He allows heartache, knowing that humility can be had. He allows poverty, knowing that faith will be deepened.
- Do not give your child every monetary/tangible thing you never had. Give your child an upper hand in trust, forgiveness, kindness, humility, love, patience, endurance, boldness, and many more qualities of Christ that should be present and developed in us all.
- Fathers, keep your head up. You're not perfect, but that's okay. You can do this. You have a helper, who is your wife. Ask her opinion about your fatherhood and listen. She has more wisdom about parenting than I can ever give. You have another helper, the Holy Spirit, if you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior. He can and will also give insight. Pray. Pray. Pray. And be obedient to the Lord. Regardless of the age of your child, share the Gospel. Keep up the good work.