

Psalms in the Summer
Psalm 127: *How NOT To Waste A Life... Finding and Joining God At Work!*
Study questions for the week of August 23-29, 2026

Getting Started

How do you think people in general view children today? Is this in general a more positive or less positive view than, say, 100 years ago?

Digging Deep

Read Psalm 127 together as a group

1. What does Solomon renounce in vs 1-2? What does he choose to lay hold of instead? Is this verse an argument against hard work? Why or why not?
2. How does vs 2 paint a different picture for those who work with their own efforts as compared to those who rely on the Lord?
3. How does this Psalm view children? If verse 3-5 were written today, how do you think it might be different (whether written by Christians or not)?
4. The gate of the city was a traditional place for assemblies, trials and resolutions of disputes. So what do you think is meant by the latter half of vs 5?
5. Is there any logical connection between the first half of the Psalm (1-2) and the second half (3-5)? What is it?
6. How are you justified in generalizing vs. 1-2? In other words, how do you know this applies to more than just building houses, watching cities and farming? How does this apply to interpreting Bible passages in general for application to modern life?
7. How do you know if whatever you are building or working on is “from the Lord” and being built up by Him or by your own strength? Are there any other passages you can think of that bear on this? (e.g. James 1:5-6; 4:13-16; Mt 6:33-34;)
8. Do you think there are some areas of life where it is easier to do things in God’s strength and others where it is more natural to rely on your own efforts? What do you think makes the difference between these two areas? What is one matter where you could take steps to bring God’s strength and guidance to bear?