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“The Psalmist does not bid the builder cease from laboring, nor suggest that watchmen should neglect their duty, nor that men should show their trust in God by doing nothing; nay, he supposes that they will do all they can do, and then he forbids their fixing their trust in what they have done, and assures them that all creature effort will be in vain unless the creator puts forth his power...”

~C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), *Treasury of David*

“Living a life of misery and labours, fretting at their own disappointments, eaten up with envy at the advancement of others, afflicted overmuch with the losses and wrongs. There is no end of all their labours. Some have died of it, others been distracted and put out of their wits; so that you are never like to see good days as long as you cherish the love of the world, but will still lie under self-tormenting care and trouble of mind, by which a man grateth on his own flesh.”

~Thomas Manton (1620-1677), Puritan Pastor

“Children are a gift from the Lord. There are times when they can seem like a strange gift.”

~Ed Moll & Tim Chester, *Gospel-centered Family*

“I have lived for a long time (81 years); and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings, that ‘Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall proceed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel: we shall be divided by our little, partial, local interests; our prospects will be confounded; and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by-word down to future ages.”

~Benjamin Franklin, Constitutional Convention speech, 1787

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “Success, Ambition, and Legacy” – *Markes Wilson*

**SERMON PASSAGES** – Psalm 127 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.

<sup>4</sup>Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

<sup>5</sup>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.