

Behind Family Lines 08: "Parents"

Psalm 127

March 26, 2023

Main Idea: God can help parents build their home, provide for, and raise their children.

Thanks Mom and Dad

You may find it difficult to believe, but if you are committed to the right things and manage your home well, **one day your children will thank you.** In Psalm 127 Solomon says that God can do **3 things for parents.**

1. God can help me **BUILD** my family v.1. Your family is the NT church in miniature.

- ✓ **Seek God and His kingdom.** This is where you begin. Jesus said that all the worries that consume us would virtually disappear if we were to focus on this one command.
- ✓ **Love one another.** This is greater than the Golden Rule. Jesus calls us and therefore your family, to love each other the way He loves us.
- ✓ **Sacrifice for and Serve each other.** Parents what are you doing today to teach your children to serve each other?

Until you commit to these NT instructions, no amount of family instruction will matter. When the family revolves around God and His Word, the sky's the limit and God's blessing is evident.

2. God can help me **PROVIDE** for my family v.2. Be sure to give your children what they need instead of what they want.

- ❑ **Dissatisfied Parent:** not content with what he has (see Ecclesiastes 5:10-12).
- ❑ **Satisfied Parent:** content with the necessities.

Solomon says God can help parents provide for their family. You want to make sure you are providing the right things. Remember, you are primary.

3. God can help me **RAISE** my family v.5. Your goal is to raise godly children who become capable, productive members of society. **There are 2 Key Ingredients: Training and Discipline (Proverbs 22:6 and 29:15ff).**

- ✓ **Training lights the way; Discipline builds a roadblock.**
- ✓ **Training is long-term; Discipline is Circumstantial.**
- ✓ **Train using teachable moments; Never discipline in anger.** (Pick your moments and your battles)
- ✓ **Train in Public; Discipline in Private.**

The time to get serious is now. The stakes are high. The professional to consult is God. Don't panic...You are capable. God has chosen you; let him help you.

Family Night Big Idea

You want your children to know that God is in the center of your family. Everyone recognizes and honors the Name of Jesus in your family. That means we prioritize God and His ways, love one another, and respect our home.

Discussion Starter – Read Psalm 127

Elementary School – Ask, "Who watches over our family?" Ask, "What does God give our family because He loves us (v.2)?" Ask, "What do you love most about our family?"

Middle/ High School – Ask, "How does God help Mom and Dad build a family?" Ask, "What do you appreciate about our family the most?" Ask, "What about the way Mom and Dad discipline could be improved?"

Prayer

"Father, thank You for our family. Help us honor You in our family. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meet at the church this Wednesday, March 29th.

Gravity: TODAY in the Community Room!

Today's Songs

I Thank God.....Maverick Music

How Great is Our God.....Chris Tomlin

I Surrender All.....Hymn

Building Update

Big News!! Praise God! All we owe is \$172,000 to be debt free. This is fantastic! Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Building Fund.

Foundations Golf Tournament

April 28th at Willow Lake in Metter. Need players and sponsors. Check out the flyer in the Lobby.

New Series

We start a new three part series next Sunday titled, "Good Questions". These questions are about Holy Week. This is a great time to invite someone to church who doesn't go to church!

Night of Worship

Our band will have a concert on April 7th at 6:30pm. All donations to benefit "Priceless", a nonprofit for the sanctity of all human life.