

NWD - Psalm 127

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Song: [How Deep The Father's Love For Us](#)

Prayer: Father, thank You for loving us in a way that only You can. You are the perfect example of a father. We look to You for Your continued faithfulness in our provision, our protection, and our salvation. Help us, by Your Holy Spirit, to read and understand the scriptures. Sanctify us in truth; Your word is truth.

Text: Psalm 127

Explanation: This Psalm has a theme common to other wisdom psalms; without the Lord's blessing, all human toil is worthless. Verses 1-2 show that human effort is useless apart from God, whether building a house, defending a city, or earning a living. This psalm calls for a balance between hard work and trusting God. Both are essential. Work without trust is self-sufficiency; trust without work is presumption. If manual labor and protection cannot succeed without the Lord, how much more do we need His grace to raise the children He has given to us? The theme in verses 3-5 teach us the same thing as verses 1-2; the fruitfulness of parenting well is only accompanied by God's blessing.

The psalm says, "Children are a heritage from the Lord...a reward." Children are the physical representation of God's blessing. Verse 5 says this explicitly, "blessed is the man" who has many children. This does not remove human responsibility as we see in the first two verses of the psalm. A husband and wife are active in bringing a child into the world and likewise are active in raising them to be faithful members of God's people.

As Christians, we must recognize that nothing in life can succeed, whether business or family, without the Lord. Trusting God should not make us passive or inactive. On the contrary, it should make us faithful, diligent, and hopeful in the work He has given us.

The Point: Children are a gift from God and parents are stewards of that good gift.

Application:

No matter your age or life-stage, ask your parents to be patient with you as you learn from their instruction, to pray for you each day, to mentor you and set an example worthy of imitating, to be present with you, to teach you what it means to be a Christian, to help you be an active member in the body of Christ, to teach you to be a grown-up, to show you how to be a family, to show you what it looks like to love their spouse and their children, ask them how to take sin seriously, and ask them to show you how to finish well. If you are a parent or grandparent, think of ways to show your children these things.

Pre-K & Elementary Age: *The Bible says you are a reward and gift from the Lord, a blessing for your parents. What are some ways that you can actively bless and serve*

your parents this week? What are some ways that you can show that you are thankful for your parents?

Middle & High School Students: *In our society and world, parents are depicted as enemies to their children. We know this is not true based on the psalm we just read together. Think of ways that you can connect with your parents and serve them this week, not out of obligation, but out of love and respect. Example: lend an extra helpful hand around the house with chores; talk to your parents and let them know that you love and appreciate them. If there is any tension, bitterness, or animosity in your relationship with your parents, use this as an opportunity to be reconciled to one another.*

Young Adult: *Only after leaving home did I realize just how much my father did for my family. I assume you have come to this same realization as a young adult. Use this week to call or visit your parents and tell them how much you have learned from them and appreciate their guidance. Ask to spend time with them doing something that they would like to do. If there is any tension, bitterness, or animosity in your relationship with your parents, use this as an opportunity to be reconciled to each other.*

Adult: *Sometimes in the messiness of life, and the day-to-day, we can lose sight of the blessings right in front of us. As you consider this psalm this week, think of ways to tell your children and show them that being their father or mother is a blessing to you from God. Some examples: set apart time from your week to do something with your kids that they enjoy doing. Spend time reading the word together and talking about the love of Christ. Explain that they are a blessing and a gift, but Jesus gave us the perfect gift of salvation.*

Empty Nesters: *Think of ways to let your children and grandchildren know that they are a blessing to you from God. If there is tension, bitterness, or animosity in your relationships with your children and grandchildren, use this as an opportunity to seek reconciliation. Example: offer to keep the grandkids if possible, take them a meal or invite them over for dinner, or send them a notecard encouraging them in their walk with the Lord.*

Song: [Come Thou Fount](#)

Prayer: Father, You are the fount of every blessing. And some of those blessings come in the form of children and grandchildren. If we toil without You, we toil in vain. We cannot raise our children in the way that they should go without Your blessing. So Lord, we ask that You bless us and uphold us with Your righteous right hand. And we ask that You keep us there all the days of our lives. Sanctify us with this psalm of scripture. Keep this on our minds and hearts this week to meditate on Your blessings. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.