

# WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Psalms 127--February 25th, 2024



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## **Sermon Recap:**

### **The Gift of Children**

#### **I. The Divine Architect**

- Everything done in your life apart from the Lord will be absolute vanity. This is a principle that is true of all of life, not just family.
- God is the only one who can truly make your home into what it was designed to be.
- The Lord builds the house, he builds the home, he builds the family and the Lord protects what he builds.
- As the Divine Architect, God is the primary builder. We are the secondary builder, fulfilling our role as spouses and parents to build the home.
- Like Solomon, it is possible to hear, know, and write this truth and not follow it.

#### **II. Blessings from the Lord**

- "Heritage/Gift"- Children are a gift directly from the architect of all things; not just of the home, but of life itself. He is the giver of children.
- Gift in Hebrews means, "property, possession, that which is shared or assigned." Children are a gift on loan from God.
- "Reward"- Not a moral reward, but something of value. Children are a valuable reward from God meant to remind us of his love and mercy.

#### **III. Arrows in Hand**

Children are weapons to be used to advance God's kingdom and glory. We must prepare those arrows.

##### **a. Arrowhead**

- Children should be weighty and sharp intellectually and Biblically. We must grand away the dullness by training, teaching, and challenging them.

##### **b. Shaft**

- We must evangelize and disciple our children to ensure that they are strong and straight.

##### **c. Fletching**

Three Feather:

- Sound Instruction/Doctrine: Train them up in the way they *should* go, not the way they *would* go.
- Discipline: Sow seeds of obedience and respect that they may be reaped later in home and society.
- Godly Relationships: Surround your children with Godly mentors, friends, and potential spouses.

##### **d. Nock**

- Create a tight relationship for your children with yourself, your church, and if the Lord wills, Christ.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- How does the psalmist portray the importance of God's role in our lives, especially in the context of a family?
- "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." How does this apply to various aspects of our lives?
- What role do we play in building the house?
- How are children a heritage from the Lord?
- How are children a reward from the Lord?
- How are children weapons in the hands of a warrior?
- Using the "anatomy of an arrow," how do we equip the arrow for its purpose?

## **Application:**

- What role does the Lord play in your personal home?
- What role do you play?
- Would you say that you have created a culture of obedience and respect?
- How might you create or strengthen that culture?
- Are your children a gift from the Lord? Have you shown them that?
- How have your children been a reward to you?
- What area of your arrows do you see as a strength? Weakness?
- How does this Psalm provide you comfort and encouragement?

