

sermon notes

Living for the Lord as We Labor
Psalm 127 — September 3, 2023

introduction: God was the first One to work (Genesis 2:2). He is worthy to be praised for His works (Acts 15:18; Psalm 105:1-2). God gave Adam and Eve work to do (Genesis 1:28). The apostle Paul worked to support himself on his missionary trips (2 Thessalonians 3:7-8).

1. The importance of keeping the Lord at the _____ center ___ of your labor. Without Him, all labor is vain (Psalm 127:1-2).

The word “vain” means “meaningless, worthless.”

supporting Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

Things that seem _____ impressive _____ from a human perspective are meaningless apart from the Lord, including human wisdom (Eccl. 1:16-18; 2:12-17), pleasure (Eccl. 2:1-2, 8), building projects and beautiful surroundings (Eccl. 2:4-6), great wealth (Eccl. 2:7-8; 5:10-15), fame (Eccl. 2:9), and work (Eccl. 2:18-23).

The word “house” in Psalm 127:1 may refer to a physical building, or it may refer to a household (Joshua 24:15; Acts 16:31).

2. The inheritance of receiving _____ children _____ from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5).

Just like arrows were very _____ valuable _____ to a warrior in Bible days, children are very valuable to the home.

supporting Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:5-7

personal application: _____ Whatever _____ you do, do it to the very best of your ability (Ecclesiastes 9:10), and do it as unto the Lord and for His glory (Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 10:31).