



Message Notes
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Week 5
Focusing on the Family

When God asked Solomon what he wanted more than anything else in the world this King of old didn't ask for money, fame or power, he asked for wisdom. God was so pleased he gave Solomon wisdom plus wealth, power and fame.

Well, as we continue navigating the bumps of life we come to a day to talk about families. Raising a family can be a daunting task and none of us have all the answers. But God through the wisest man who ever lived offers us some answers to make our family work even when life doesn't.

I. BEGINNINGS FOR THE HOME:

A. Make sure the Lord is at the center of your _____.

B. Make sure the Lord is at the center of your _____.

II. BRINGING CHILDREN INTO THE HOME:

Solomon applies three titles to our children:

A. They are a _____ from the Lord.

B. They are a _____.

C. They are a _____.

III. BUILDING UP OUR CHILDREN IN THE LORD:

A. We are to teach them to be _____ to authority.

B. We are to help them _____ that God's ways are best.

1. By being sure we say _____ to our children at times.

2. By teaching them to walk by _____ not by _____.

3. By helping them envision the _____.

IV. BLESSINGS THAT COME TO THE HOME:

A. God offers a _____ blessing.

B. God offers a civic and _____ blessing.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Psalm 127

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

² In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

³ Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.

⁴ Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways.

² You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

⁴ Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

⁵ May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,

⁶ and may you live to see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES