

# The Futility of Self Reliance

Psalm 127

Main Point: Without including God in our life, all the things we care about will be meaningless

## I. Blessing upon Daily Life (vs. 1-2)

A. Productivity – the kind of life we are building

**Be productive while trusting God’s providence to bless your productivity.**

**Matthew 7:24-27**

B. Protection – the steps we take to protect the things important to us

**Be protective while trusting God to protect what you cherish.**

**Proverbs 4:23**

it is ultimately God who watches over us

**Psalm 121:3-8**

C. Provision – the work we do to get the things we need

**Work to provide while trusting God to provide all you need.**

“toiling” **Genesis 3:17**

“He grants sleep to those He loves”

**Psalm 3:5; 4:8**

## II. The Blessing of Children (vs. 3-5)

Parenting – the kind of legacy we leave

**You are just as dependent on the Lord for your parenting as anything else.**

A. Children are a heritage (vs. 3a)

B. Children are a reward (vs. 3b)

Not earned or deserved but given by God to reward our lives.

**Genesis 33:5**

C. Children are like arrows (vs. 4-5)

- They must be carefully shaped and formed.
- They must be guided with skill and strength.
- They must be given care or they will not fly straight.
- They must be aimed and given direction
- They are, in some respects, only launched once.
- They are an extension of the warrior’s strength and accomplishment
- They have potential for much good or evil.

**Grace works to make independent people willing to be more dependent upon God.**

**Success- Someone Under Christ’s Control Enjoying Sacrificial Service**