



Title | If You Build It, Will They Come?
Text | Psalm 127
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Sermon Notes

Psalm 127

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. ²It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so He gives His beloved sleep. ³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. ⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

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Big Idea:

Psalm 127:1a

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

The phrase “If you build it, they will come” has become popular in the business world to mean that if you just work hard at your dream, you will succeed. It sounds very convincing, but is this really true? Read Psalm 127. What warning does it give us for how we build things in our life?

Tuesday:

Consider each facet of your life – your personal growth, your family relationships, friendships, your work, your ministry involvement, etc. Have you allowed God to build these things in your life, or have you been building according to your own plan? Read and memorize Psalm 127:1.

Wednesday:

Read Jeremiah 29:11. Every good builder starts with a plan. According to the Jeremiah, does God already have a plan for you? Do you believe that He will build according to His plan if you allow Him and trust Him to do it?

Thursday:

Read Jeremiah 29:12. If God is the planner and the builder, what is our role?

Friday:

While helping God to build the things in our lives according to His plans, it would be easy to go off track every once in a while. If we don't continually communicate with Him, we could end up building something completely different than what He intended for us. It is very important that we keep in close contact with Christ, our builder (or we could call Him the Carpenter, since he was likely raised to be a carpenter like his earthly father Joseph). So, let's remember the Big Idea of Sunday's message, the 4 K's (well, they sound like K's!), “Keep Closely Connected to the Carpenter”. And when we stay connected to Him, we bear His fruit (John 15:4-5, Gal 5:22).

Daily Prayer:

My Heavenly Father, I realize that I am not the best planner or builder of my life. I am ready to follow Your lead and trust that You are the best builder of my life – my family, my relationships, my work, my ministry. Please draw me closer and closer to You each day, that I may be Your willing helper as You build according to Your plans for my life. I am excited for this new adventure with You! Amen.