

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**PSALMS-LESSON 27**  
**WEEK OF APRIL 12–APRIL 17**  
**DIVINE PROVIDENCE IN DAILY DOMESTIC LIVING**  
**PSALM 127**

**Psalm 127** is one of two Psalms written by Solomon. This Psalm is another of the 15 psalms entitled “A Song of Ascents”, all of which emphasize the protection and provision of a faithful God in whom we trust.

The theme of this psalm is our dependence upon the Lord and the blessing and rest in His divine providence. Solomon describes our human activity apart from God’s divine provision and enablement as empty, futile or vain; whereas a life lived dependent upon His divine providence is fruitful and restful.

As we study and meditate upon the truths of this Psalm, pray that we will grow in trusting in the Lord’s faithful divine providence in every area of life. As we pray and trust in Him, we will experience and understand that “the peace of God, which passes all comprehension will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:7.**

Jerry Bridges provides this definition of Divine Providence: “God’s Providence is His constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation for His own glory and the good of His people.” [Trusting God](#), Jerry Bridges, pg.23

**Read Psalm 127:1-2 Divine Providence in Daily Work**

1. From **verse 127:1a** and also **Proverbs 16:3** and **21:31**, what is necessary for lasting success in any of our labors? How does Solomon make the point that our daily tasks and activities are futile or worthless without the Lord’s involvement?
  
2. From **verse 1b**, for the watchman who is redeemed how should he consider his work and view his responsibility and the Lord’s protection and provision while he works? What truths do you recall from **Psalm 121** to describe God’s provision for the redeemed?
  
3. How do the following verses help shape our thinking about our daily work?
  - **Deut. 8:17-18**
  
  - **1 Cor. 10:31**
  
  - **Col. 3:22-24**
  
4. **Verse 2a** describes the workaholic or frantic lifestyle of one striving to achieve success or economic security. What is the wrong thinking that drives those actions?
  
5. In contrast to the focus of the workaholic or self-reliant person described in **verse 2a**, from **verse 2b**, what blessing does the Lord provide to His redeemed? What does that teach you about God’s care for and provision for His people? (Read also **Matt. 6:25-34**)

[T]hose who place their complete trust in the Lord may rest assured that he knows their needs and will provide for them, and that agonizing and laboring in fear and anxiety will not get any more done than what he chooses to give. The life of faith is a life that rests in him; it may be diligent and industrious but will be free of the restless anxieties.” [The Psalms, Vol. 3, Allen P. Ross, pg.685](#)

### Read Psalm 127:3-5 Divine Providence In Family Life

6. From **verse 3**, how should the redeemed view children in light of God’s goodness and sovereignty? (Divine Providence) How is this perspective different than the world’s view of children?
7. What are the many implications of the imagery of a warrior in relation to his or her children in **verse 4**?
8. How do we balance God’s providence and the responsibility of parents in launching those arrows entrusted to parents? What are applicable truths from **Deut. 6:6-7**, **Prov. 22:6** and **Eph. 6:4**?
9. The gate of a city was the place of public business, resolution of legal disputes and judicial determinations. Supportive, well-trained children could provide support and defense of their parents and families. What blessing is described in **verse 5**?

Derek Kidner adds some levity to these truths: “And it is not untypical of God's gifts that first they are liabilities, or at least responsibilities, before they become obvious assets. The greater their promise, the more likely that these sons will be a handful before they are a quiverful.” [Psalms, 73-150, Derek Kidner, pg. 278](#)

10. God in His sovereignty and design for His redeemed does not always provide physical children. All of His people are called to engage in the proclamation of the gospel and the building of His church, a spiritual building. All believers are responsible to train and shepherd God’s spiritual children. How does **Matt. 28:19-20**, **John 1:12-13** and **3 John 4** point to our responsibility in the building of Christ’s church, investing in and discipling His redeemed children?
11. Reread **Psalm 90:17** in light of the study of **Psalm 127**. As you start each day, how will you pray for and approach your daily activities? How will these truths help you with anxiety, worry or fear? How will you apply **Psalm 19:14** in the application of the truths of **Psalm 127**?
12. How has **Psalm 127** changed your view of your trust in and reliance on God’s faithful providence in all of your daily activities and responsibilities?

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7**