

What It Takes To Make A Christian Home

Psalm 127:1-3

Introduction: Most of the Psalms were written by the Lord through the hand of David. Psalm 127 and 128 seem to be written by Solomon. The sad thing about this wise man is that in arranging multiple marriages and attempting to form more than one family unit, he sacrificed the blessing one big happy home. You can see the longing he held for the one thing in life that he missed...*a happy home*. The Lord appointed Solomon give us divine insight as to what it takes to make a happy home.

- 1. It Takes The Lord.** (Psalm 127:1, 2)
- 2. It Takes A Husband And A Wife.** (Psalm 127:4).
- 3. It Takes The Right Attitude Toward Children.** (Psalm 127:5,6)
- 4. It Takes The Fear Of God.** (Psalm 128:1, 4-6).

These verses picture a man who is a very hard worker. He is not lazy. He is building and is very alert as to his need for a watchman to protect his material interests. He rises early to get an early start of his building and stays up late trying to figure a more productive method. He knows the misery of sleepless nights. He is desperately trying to get ahead. He wants his children to have what he did not have as a child in material things. The sad thing is that this will never bring to the home what God intended for the home to enjoy. This is vanity. God says there is no profit in it. It would be better to have never had children than to only give them the material things of this world and neglect to give them Jesus Christ the Lord. Children can be seen in three categories:

1-Bringing Honor

What a blessing it must have been to Hannah to see her son serving God in the temple of God. Her blessings could not be greater than those of a Christian mother or father today with children serving the Lord in His house, just taking their place among the many who serve Him with gladness. The Christian parent should pray first that their children come to a saving knowledge of Christ early in life and then continue on to serve Him faithfully in church. All these other things that are necessary in life will be added to them according to the words of Jesus Christ: "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12:31).

2- Blessing the Home

As seen in Joseph and Benjamin. In some homes you can see and feel the peace of God where the children are saved and obedient to their parents. In other homes you can also feel the tension. The parents are not sure what the children will do or say in your presence. From the many words of Jacob concerning his sons Joseph and Benjamin we can easily see that these sons must have been a great blessing to their dad. The others brought misery to this man for many years of his life.

3-Breaking the Hearts

Has ever sadder words been uttered than the words of weeping David, king of Israel, a man after the heart of God, a conqueror of man and beast, yet he sees his son Absalom destroyed by sin. How often have I heard cries with the likeness of David's sad cry: "O my son, Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (II Samuel 18:33). How the heart of Adam and Eve must have suffered pain to see Cain driven away. How the heart of Samuel ached when none of his sons followed God. Many are the Christian homes this moment where sons and daughters are in sin serving the world, the flesh and the devil while the hearts of moms and dads are breaking.

Children can be a treasure to the home. God wants it that way. Christian parents want this treasure more than silver or gold. This treasure will never tarnish, but will bring forth dividends even in eternity. A companion and children are treasures.

The Home

*The HOME is a gift from God's own hand.
We see it early when He made His plans.
The beasts, the fowl, and all the land
Received from God, given freely to man.
And from the Lord man received this wealth
But yet He saw man needing something else.
From man's heart God heard no song
And knew that man should not dwell alone.
So in a deep sleep He opened man's side
And from this rib would come man's bride;
Now man would not have to walk alone
Together they could build the very first HOME.*