

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: November 14, 2021**  
**Psalm 127**

1. What type of “literature” or scripture is this?
  - a. What does it matter, it’s in the Bible.
  - b. Gospel, Epistle, or Prophecy...aren’t these the only answers we ever have because they are the only ones we study?
  - c. This is a Psalm...like a Hymn, song, or poem.
  - d. Psalms, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations are usually grouped together as poetry or Psalms or poetry. This matters because you won’t find direct commands or teachings like the epistles or prophetic works and it won’t be structured like a history like many early OT books or a story for a purpose like the Gospels or the Acts of the Apostles. Rather, this will be poetry that presents known truths about God and his relationship with us.
  
2. What truth does Psalm 127:1 present to us?
  - a. This seems to be about houses.
  - b. This is a metaphor.
  - c. I’m not sure if this is about family or about everything.
  - d. He tells us that God must be involved in everything that is built...and he is the one that stands guard to protect it as well.
  
3. How does Psalm 127:2 describe our temptation or tendency that might lead us away from the importance of God’s hand that was described in verse 1? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Is he criticizing hard work? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How might we apply this directly to our discussion of Love & Marriage to help us understand how to “build” our family in a way that lasts and bears fruit?
  - a. It is common for us to think that we need to build a healthy marriage or maintain a healthy family life and forget to make God the center of that discussion.
  - b. We often create family values and time constraints that may conflict with God’s call and reflect priorities that we have place above God’s will in our lives.
  - c. If what this Psalm tells us is true, then our hard work in building a marriage and family will be in vain if God is not the one who directs the priorities. So, no matter how much we think we are doing the best for our marriage or family, we may be removing the one thing (Person) who could make it fruitful in the process.
  
6. What do verses 3-5 say about children? \_\_\_\_\_  
Children are a heritage \_\_\_\_\_  
Does this mean we are not blessed if we don’t have them? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Is it ok for us to say a positive thing without it immediately also meaning something negative?  
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What is the more important part of verse 3 that we may miss while we are focused on whether he said something bad to some of us? \_\_\_\_\_

  
7. Why is it important to remember that something (or someone) is “from the Lord?” \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. How does the Bible teach us to handle blessings that are from the Lord (See also Matthew 25:14-30)? \_\_\_\_\_