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FAMILY SUCCESS: HOW TO HAVE IT

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Three Keys to Family Harmony

1. GOD is the builder, not HUMANS.

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors

For He gives to His beloved sleep.

Psalm 127: 1-2

- A. If GOD is not in it, it won't help to work any LONGER.
 - B. If GOD is not in it, it won't help to work any HARDER.
2. Children are REWARDS, not PUNISHMENTS.

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.

Psalm 127: 3-4

- A. Children need DIRECTION and MOTIVATION.

- B. Each child is UNIQUE.

3. Families should grow from ATTENTION, not suffer from NEGLECT.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,

Your children like olive plants around your table.

Psalm 128: 3

- A. Families need our TIME.

- B. Families need our FOCUS.

NEXT STEPS:

- I accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior today.
- I rededicate my life to Christ today.
- I commit to work toward a successful family from God's perspective.
- I will focus this week on one point from today's message that I will personally apply.



Lesson Aim: To show Moms (and Dads) what a successful family looks like from God's perspective.

Prayer: Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to show you how to have harmony with your family and friends.

Icebreaker: Choose and share 3 words that best describe yourself.

1. What do you think a successful family looks like from God's perspective?
2. **Read Psalm 127:1-2.** We see that God is the builder, not us. How do we know if we are relying on God to build or relying on ourselves?
3. Bill taught us Sunday that if God is not in it, it won't help to work longer or harder. How can we tell if God is in something? What are we to do if God is not in something?

4. What does the word "Harmony" mean to you? If you are lacking harmony with family or friends, how can you get it?
5. **Read Psalm 127:3-4.** We see that children are a gift of the Lord. What are some of the challenges that parents face in raising children in the world today?
6. What are some ways that parents can maintain harmony and relationship with their children?
7. Bill said that families will grow from attention or suffer from neglect. What does this mean? What are some ways a family can be intentional to grow and to not suffer?
8. What is something that you can do this week to put more time or focus on your family?

Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you how to strengthen your family.

Weekly Memory Verse:

2 Chronicles 16:11. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.