

Church of the Valley
Building Your Faith Series-Part 2
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME!
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SERMON TEXT - PSALM 127

UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, THE BUILDERS LABOR IN VAIN. UNLESS THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE CITY, THE GUARDS STAND WATCH IN VAIN. 2 IN VAIN YOU RISE EARLY AND STAY UP LATE, TOILING FOR FOOD TO EAT—FOR HE GRANTS SLEEP TO THOSE HE LOVES.

3 CHILDREN ARE A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD, OFFSPRING A REWARD FROM HIM. 4 LIKE ARROWS IN THE HANDS OF A WARRIOR ARE CHILDREN BORN IN ONE'S YOUTH. 5 BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE QUIVER IS FULL OF THEM. THEY WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME WHEN THEY CONTEND WITH THEIR OPPONENTS IN COURT.

HOW TO AVOID WASTING TIME?

1) RECOGNIZE GOD DESIGNED AND IS BUILDING A PURPOSEFUL LIFE THROUGH YOU.

UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, THE BUILDERS LABOR IN VAIN. PSALM 127:1
JOHN 15:5.; JEREMIAH 29:11

2.) RECOGNIZE THAT GOD IS YOUR PROTECTOR.

UNLESS THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE CITY, THE GUARDS STAND WATCH IN VAIN. PSALM 127:1

I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE MOUNTAINS—WHERE DOES MY HELP COME FROM? 2 MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. 3 HE WILL NOT LET YOUR FOOT SLIP—HE WHO WATCHES OVER YOU WILL NOT SLUMBER; 4 INDEED, HE WHO WATCHES OVER ISRAEL WILL NEITHER SLUMBER NOR SLEEP. 5 THE LORD WATCHES OVER YOU—THE LORD IS YOUR SHADE AT YOUR RIGHT HAND; 6 THE SUN WILL NOT HARM YOU BY DAY, NOR THE MOON BY NIGHT. 7 THE LORD WILL KEEP YOU FROM ALL HARM—HE WILL WATCH OVER YOUR LIFE; 8 THE LORD WILL WATCH OVER YOUR COMING AND GOING BOTH NOW AND FOREVERMORE. PSALM 121

3.) UNDERSTAND THAT THE REWARDS OF HARD WORK DOES NOT BRING FULFILLMENT IN LIFE

IN VAIN YOU RISE EARLY AND STAY UP LATE, TOILING FOR FOOD TO EAT. PSALM 127:2

WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS, COLOSSIANS 3:23

2020 Application

"...HERE IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, FOR THIS IS THE DUTY OF ALL MANKIND." ECCLESIASTES 12:13

LIFE QUESTION?

OUR U.S. CURRENCY HAS THE WORDS 'IN GOD WE TRUST'. AS YOU THINK ABOUT THIS SAYING, DOES IT HOLD TRUE FOR EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE? OR IS THERE AN ASTERISK THAT FOOTNOTES INSTANCES WHERE IT IS APPLICABLE?

WHAT IS THE ASTERISK IN YOUR PERSONAL SAYING 'IN GOD I TRUST'*? BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF. PRAY GOD WILL HELP YOU TO RID YOURSELF OF THE ASTERISK SO YOU CAN FULLY TRUST AND RELY ON HIM IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

CONSIDER IT PURE JOY, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHENEVER YOU FACE TRIALS OF MANY KINDS. JAMES 1:2

* I HAVE PEACE WHEN _____ .

* I WORRY WHEN _____ .