**Finding Success**

(Finding in the Psalms #12)

**Psalm 127**

Wisdom literature answers the question:

 How can I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Contrast: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-built life vs. God-built life

**Four Rewards of a God-built life**

**1. Satisfying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1-2)**

 Life/work without God is frustrating, empty, ineffective,

 unsatisfactory, and generally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Work with/for God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, enjoyable & satisfying.

**2. Restful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2d; Prov 3.24; Mt. 11.28)**

 The self-sufficient life leads to ineffective work, insufficient

 security, increased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and interrupted sleep.

 The God-built life brings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Blessed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3-5)**

 Not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 children are a gift/blessing from God. Your grown children will

 comfort, honor, provide for and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you in your old age.

**4. Life-giving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2d)**

 Being a Christian is to receive, know, and live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 and to love Him in return.

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**Psalm 127**

Wisdom literature answers the question: How can I live the best life possible?

Contrast: self-built life vs. God-built life

**Four Rewards of a God-built life**

1. Satisfying Work (1-2)

Life/work without God is frustrating, empty, ineffective, unsatisfactory, and generally futile.

 Work with/for God is effective, enjoyable & satisfying.

2. Restful sleep. (2d; Prov 3.24; Mt. 11.28)

The self-sufficient life leads to ineffective work, insufficient security, increased worry, and interrupted sleep.

 The God-built life brings rest and peace.

 3. Blessed family (3-5)

 Not a promise but a perspective: children are a gift/blessing from God. Your grown children will comfort, honor, provide and protect you in your old age.

4. Life-Giving Relationship (2d)

 Being a Christian is to receive, know, and live in God’s love and to love Him in return.