



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 128:1-6 (NAS)

Topic: "Directions for Harmony in the Home part II"

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- 1 How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.
- 2 When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, You will be happy and it will be well with you.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine Within your house, Your children like olive plants Around your table.
- 4 Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

### **I. FOUR STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT**

- A. Psalm 127:1-2 Establishment Of The Home
- B. Psalm 127:3-5 Expansion Of The Home
- C. Psalms 128:1-4 Child Rearing Years
- D. Psalm 128:5-6 Empty Next
- E. Two Chapters Point Toward The Ideal Home

### **II. LOADING THE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. God First Addresses The Husband
- B. God's Design Does Not Match Our Egalitarian Society  
*Ephesians 5:23a*
- C. God Has Given Men A Great Deal Of Influence In The Home
- D. God Calls Men To Lead In The Fear Of The Lord
  1. Inappropriate fear
  2. Understanding this fear based on who God is
    - a. Defined: fear of God – reverence of God due to knowledge of God, resulting in obedience to God

3. Scripture abundantly teaches the fear of the Lord
  - a. Old Testament - *Proverbs 3:13; 1:7, 9:10; 10:27; 14:26-27; 15:16*
  - b. New Testament – the Cross - *II Corinthians 7:1*
4. Old Testament examples – Joseph, Daniel, etc.

### **E. Product Of The Fear Of The Lord**

1. Not lazy
2. Not grumbling
3. Joyfully doing

### **III. THE GODLY WIFE**

- A. Fruitful
  1. Children
  2. Productivity *Proverbs 31*
  3. Cares for herself *Song of Solomon 7:8*
  4. Worker at home *Titus 2:5*
  5. Tremendous realm of influence

### **IV. PRODUCT OF A HOME BUILT ON THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

- A. Lord Blesses You vss. 5a, 6a
- B. Lord Blesses Those Around You vss. 5b, 6b