# IS GOD AT WORK ? ~ Psalm 127:1-5

# → Scripture Reading Psalm 127

### WITHOUT GOD OR EFFORTS ARE USELESS ~ Psalm 127:1-2

[1] Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard 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.

## Psalm 127 says we Should...

**BUILD -** According to God's Plan **GUARD -** Trusting God's Power **REST -** in God's Provision

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### CHILDREN SHOW US OUR NEED FOR GOD ~ Psalm 124:3-5

[3] Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him. [4] Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons 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 enemies in the gate.

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# **APPLICATION**

#### Psalm 127 Teaches us that God Must...

**BUILD -** the house so we must... **BUILD -** Using to God's Plan

**GUARD -** Guard the city so we must... **GUARD -** Trusting God's Power

**PROVIDE -** while we Rest so we must... **REST -** in God's Provision

#### 1- MEN AS HUSBANDS AND FATHERS...

...Unless God Is At Work All That We Do Is Useless

2- IN THE WORLD OF BUSINESS OR THE WORK PLACE ... Unless The Lord Is At Work All We Do Is Useless...

**Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And **the peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, **will GUARD your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** 

Matthew 6:31-34 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] But SEEK FIRST <u>his kingdom</u> and <u>his righteousness</u>, and all these things will be given to you as well.

3- STUDENTS NO MATTER WHAT STAGE YOU ARE AT IN YOUR LIVES...
...Unless The Lord Is At Work All You Do Will Be Useless

**Proverbs 4:23** Above all else, **guard your heart**, for it affects everything you do. (NLT)

**Philippians 4:19** And this same **God** who takes care of me <u>will supply all your needs</u> from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. (NLT)

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### SO WHAT ??

**Psalms 127:2** It is useless to work so hard for a living, getting up early and going to bed late. For the LORD <u>provides for those he loves</u>, <u>while they are asleep</u>. (NET)

Piper - "God can perform more good for those who trust Him while they sleep than they can perform with anxious labor for themselves while awake." (commentary on vs. 2)

**2 Corinthians 12:8-10** ..."My grace is sufficient for you, for **my power is made perfect in weakness**. "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. [10] That is why, for Christ's sake, <u>I delight in weaknesses</u>, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.** 

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