

1 God the Builder

¹*Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.*

Psalm 127:1 (ESV)

Unless God builds our families, our labour will be in vain; our efforts will be wasted and unfruitful. When God is the builder, His blessing is upon what we are intending to do.

- How can you confirm that an opportunity that presents itself is something that God has called you to build?

2 God the Watchman

¹*Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. **Unless the LORD watches over the city,** the watchman stays awake in vain.*

Psalm 127:1 (ESV)

Unless God is the watchman over our families, we will be watching in vain. When God is the watchman, He will watch us in our goings and comings; His hand of protection is upon our families wherever we go.

- Is God the watchman over your family? If so, how? If not, why not?
- What things or situations have you tried to be the watchman over? How has that played out for you?

3 God the Provider

²*It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for **he gives** to his beloved sleep.*

Psalm 127:2 (ESV)

If and when we put in the hard work and when our motivation is for the primary purpose of gaining self-gratification or self-honour, we have missed the mark of making God our provider. God is the ultimate giver.

- What do you need sleep or rest from in your daily life?
- How do you distinguish between your wants and your needs? Which do you tend towards?
- What practical ways can you ensure that God is your builder, watchman, and provider?

PRAYER

- Pray that God will be the builder, watchman, and provider of your family and community.
- Pray for God's wisdom in leading, strengthening, and healing the relationships within your family and community.