

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for May 8, 2011**

**“The Key to Successful Parenting”**  
**Psalms 127:1-2**

Based on Psalms 127:1-2 the key to successful parenting is surrendering ourselves to God.

Surrendering ourselves to God is the key to successful parenting because God is sovereign over all things (Psalms 127:1).

King David initially sought to make the point of God’s sovereignty by referencing the building of a house (Psalms 127:1).

King David after using the illustration of the building of a house to make the point of God’s sovereignty then went on to make the same point in speaking of a watchman guarding a city (Psalms 127:1).

Because God is sovereign over all things there is no way that we can resist God and win (Philippians 2:10-11).

Therefore in light of the fact that we cannot resist God and win, it would behoove us, if we want to be successful in our parenting to surrender ourselves to God.

Surrendering ourselves to God is the key to successful parenting because those who surrender themselves to Him will be blessed (Psalms 127:2).

The “beloved” are those who are wholly and completely surrendered to God and who are therefore actively seeking to lives pleasing to god (Psalms 1).

This phrase “even in his sleep” is meant to highlight the internal bliss of the “beloved” when they are looking to God to supply their needs.

We will know that we are completely surrendered to God and thus under the control of His Spirit when we are filled with the joy of the Lord (Ephesians 5:18-19).

We will know that we are completely surrendered to God and thus under the control of His Spirit when we are fully satisfied and feel no lack (Psalms 63:5).

We will know that we are completely surrendered to God and thus under the control of His Spirit when we being fully empowered are enjoying victory over sin (Psalms 63:8).

May God give us the grace to completely surrender ourselves to Him so that He might bless us not only in our parenting but also in every aspect of our lives.

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