

*Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from May 10, 2015  
Unless the Lord Builds the House...  
Psalm 127:1-2**

**Observing the text**

Read Psalms 127:1-2 and make as many observations as possible. Who do you believe wrote this Psalm?

What did the Psalmist mean when he said, “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it?”

What did the Psalmist mean when he said, “Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keep awake in vain?”

Why did the Psalmist say it is vain to rise up early, to retire late, and to eat the bread of painful labors?

**Applying the sermon**

In light of the sovereignty of God how much credit or blame should Christian parents take upon themselves if their children turn out well or do not turn out well?

If Christian parents believe that it is God who will ultimately determine how their children will turn out and not themselves, should this belief motivate them to take their God given responsibility of parenting more seriously or less seriously?

How should our motivation toward our God-given responsibility of parenting be affected by the knowledge of the sovereignty of God?

How does God respond to parents who honor Him?

What ways have you seen God respond to you as a parent when you have sought to honor Him?