





What is Man: Lesson Six: And They Shall Lead Them

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 **Text:** Psalm 127:1, 3–5

Opening Thought

Every human being born into the earth is birthed with **PREORDAINED PURPOSE!**

Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

“Knew” – Yada (3045, יָדָע)

- To perceive, recognize, experience intimately
- Chosen and relationally known
- Appointed with preordained purpose

Definitions

Preordained

- Decided or appointed beforehand
- God’s divine blueprint set before time

Purpose

- The reason something exists
- God’s original intent for creation

Proverbs 19:21

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.”

Psalm 127:1 (NKJV)

“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

Point: When we depart from God's purpose, we labor in vain.

The house = home, family, lineage, and future.

God’s Blueprint Must Be Followed

Psalm 127 – A Song of Ascents

- Sung by those going “up” to Jerusalem
- It refers to **Psalms 120–134**—a collection of 15 psalms grouped together in the Book of Psalms.
 - These psalms were likely sung by pilgrims “going up” to Jerusalem, which was elevated geographically and spiritually (the Temple was on Mount Zion). That’s important, because Solomon—the builder of the Temple—understood what it meant to construct something “in vain” if God wasn’t in it.
- A call to build and live by God’s order



Key Word Breakdown:

- “Unless” (אִם־לֹא – *im lo*): If God isn’t the source, our efforts fail.
- “The LORD builds” (בִּנְיָהּ יְהוָה – *boneh YHWH*): He is the architect.
- “House” (בַּיִת – *bayit*): More than a building—family, legacy, inheritance.
- “Labor in vain” (שָׁוְיָ – *shav*): Fruitless, empty, meaningless effort without God.

Humanity's Failure to Follow God's Blueprint Results In:

- Redefined gender and roles (Zakar/Ish/Ishah & Neqevah)
- Broken marriages and families
- Loss of generational purpose

Psalm 127:3–5 – Parenting & Children

Children Are:

- A heritage (נַחֲלָה – *nachalah*): A divine inheritance from God
- A reward (שָׂכָר – *sakar*): Carriers of zeal and destiny

Children = Arrows (חֵצֵי – *chetz*)

- To be **shaped, sharpened, aimed, and released**

Heritage (Nachalah) Breakdown:

- Nun (נ) – Life
- Chet (ח) – Protection
- Lamed (ל) – Instruction
- Hey (ה) – Revelation

Meaning: Children are given to be stewarded and shaped in covenant.

Reward (Sakar) Breakdown:

- Shin (ש) – Zeal, passion (or destruction if unguided)
- Kaf (כ) – Open hand (stewardship)
- Resh (ר) – Person, destiny

Insight: The child’s energy must be covered (Kaf) and formed into destiny (Resh).

Sobering Statistics on the Breakdown of Family

- 1 in 4 U.S. children live without a father
- 71% of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes
- 85% of incarcerated youth come from father-absent homes
- Parental absence = mental health, behavioral, and spiritual decline

Point:

Children are born with raw potential, but they **must be shaped**.

Parents = the hand of wisdom that molds them.

Proverbs 22:6 – “Train up a child...”

Train (חֲנוּכָה – *chanokh*)



- To dedicate, initiate, set apart

Child (נַעַר – *na'ar*) Breakdown:

- Nun (נ) – Life
- Ayin (ע) – Perception
- Resh (ר) – Head/leader

A *na'ar* is a **leader in seed form**.

How they're taught to see (Ayin) determines how they will lead (Resh).

“In the way” (דַּרְכּוֹ – *darko*)

- Both the righteous path and their unique God-given design

Proverbs 29:15 – The Rod and Reproof

- Rod (שֵׁבֶט – *shevet*): Authority, structure, discipline
- Reproof (תּוֹכַחַת – *tokhachah*): Verbal instruction and correction
- Wisdom (חָכְמָה – *chokhmah*): Maturity, discernment

“Left to himself” = a child abandoned to self-destruction

Without shevet + tokhachah = shame, not glory

Proverbs 17:6

“Children’s children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their father.”

Ephesians 6:4 – Raise Them Up in the Lord

- Fathers (πατέρες – *pateres*): Covenant leaders
- Do not provoke (μὴ παροργίζετε): Don’t parent out of anger
- Bring them up (ἐκτρέφετε – *ektrepheete*): Nourish with care
- Discipline (παιδεία – *paideia*): Holistic instruction
- Instruction (νοῦθεσία – *nouthesia*): Speak truth to their minds

What parents don’t do, the enemy will take advantage of!

Judges 2:10–11 – A Generation That Forgot God

- They did not “yada” (know) the Lord
- No experiential knowledge = open door to idolatry
- Yada = the hand that opens the door to see and experience

Without encounter, their “faith” dies with their parents.

Cultural Warfare Against Children Today

- Redefining identity (gender, sexuality)
- Normalizing sin (through media & education)
- Undermining authority (parents = oppressive)
- Promoting independence from God
- Distractions (entertainment, busyness, digital overload)



The Enemy's Goal: Misguided Arrows

- Not just destruction—but misdirection
- False identities → bondage
- False gods → emptiness
- False purposes → missed destinies

Children as Arrows – Psalm 127:4

Hebrew Word: **חֵץ** (chetz)

- **Chet** (ח) – Boundary, protection
- **Tzade** (צ) – Righteousness, purpose

Arrows must be **shaped, protected, aimed, and released**

Key Insights:

- **Formed in the quiver** (the home)
- **Sharpened by instruction**
- **Aimed through vision and faith**
- **Released in due season**
- **When neglected**, arrows become weapons against society

Psalm 127:5 – "They Shall Not Be Ashamed"

- **Lo-yeboshu** (לֹא-יִבֹּשׁוּ) = No shame, no disgrace
- Well-raised children = family honor and divine glory

"Speak with enemies in the gate"

- Gate = place of influence, authority, judgment
- Our children will:
 - Defend faith
 - Influence culture
 - Carry the name of the Lord with boldness

Closing Thought:

When our children **hit the mark**, they glorify God.

When they **miss the mark**, they become casualties of culture.

Psalm 127 warns us:

"Unless the Lord builds the house, we labor in vain."

Let us **build according to the blueprint**, raise arrows for the kingdom, and release them to **lead, defend, and transform the world**.