

Unless the Lord Builds the House

Wylie Methodist Church

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Psalms 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

1. WE MUST SEEK GOD'S DIRECTION

Psalms 127:1a

Unless the Lord builds the house...

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

2. WE MUST RELY ON GOD'S POWER

Psalms 127:1b

... its builders labor in vain...

Acts 5:38-39 (Gamaliel speaking to the Sanhedrin)

"38 Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

3. WE MUST TRUST IN GOD'S PROVISION

Psalms 127:1c

... Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Psalms 121:3

[The Lord] will not let your foot slip — he who watches over you will not slumber.

Isaiah 26:4

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal.

CONCLUSION:

Matthew 7:24-25

24 "... everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

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