

**RMI L-Path Teaching**  
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**Title: Layout of a Blessed Home**

**Introduction:**

The Godly Family has a domestic arrangement is itself the foundation for all other social orders: The authority of the father, the love of the mother, and the obedience of the child form in their unity the threefold cord that binds together and sustains all relationships within human society.

**Text: Psalm 128:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. <sup>2</sup>You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. <sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. <sup>4</sup>Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD. <sup>5</sup>May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. <sup>6</sup>May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.

**Psalms 127 & 128 show us God's layout for building a blessed home.**

**What is the Layout for a Blessed Home?**

**1. A Godly Man Is To Lead His Family In Fearing The Lord (vv. 1-2, 4).**

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- **What is the fear of the Lord? It is a healthy respect and reverence for God stemming from the knowledge of God and resulting in obedience to God.**
  - The fear of the Lord stems from knowing Him.
  - The proper fear of the Lord stems from understanding something of His greatness, power, and holiness.
- **Psalm 128:1 - Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him.**
  - The fear of the Lord stems from the knowledge of Him.
  - The fear of the Lord results in obedience to Him.
- **Proverbs 8:13 says, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil."**
- **Psalm 128:2 (NIV) <sup>2</sup>You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

- The man who fears God is not lazy. By his example and attitude he shows his children the positive value of work and motivates them to use their lives productively.
- **Psalm 128:2b (ERV)** - “You will be happy and it will be well with you.”
  - We lead our families by example. At the heart of your example, you need to be growing in the fear of the Lord.

**For Discussion:**

1. **As a Husband/ Father, How do you lead your family spiritually?**
2. **Give an example of the things you do to be a good example to your family?**

**2. A Godly Woman Will Be Fruitful And Faithful In The Home (v. 3a).**

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

- She is described as “a fruitful vine within your house.”
- “Good wives are also fruitful in kindness, thrift, helpfulness, and affection: if they bear no children, they are by no means barren if they yield us the wine of consolation and the clusters of comfort.” (Spurgeon)
- A godly wife and mother will not be a lazy, self-centered, aimless woman who spends her days in front of the TV set, or in social media and soap operas.
- A godly mother will make sure that her home is an enjoyable place to be.
- The figure of a fruitful vine also suggests that the godly wife will make not only her home but also herself, attractive to her husband.

**For Discussion?**

1. **As a godly Wife/Mother give some examples you do to make your home an enjoyable place to be?**
2. **As a godly wife, are you still attractive to your husband? How?**

**3. Growing, Fruitful Children Will Carry On The Godly Legacy Of The Home (v. 3b).**

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

- These are not mature trees, but little shoots that grow up around a mature olive tree.
- They will someday replace the parent tree, continuing to bear fruit after it is gone.

- There are two implications here:
  1. **The children are developing, not perfect.**
  2. **Our children require nurture, care, and patience.**
- A tree doesn't bear fruit overnight.

**For Discussion:**

1. **As Children, Do you recognize your immaturity? How?**
2. **What are the things you do to grow in the fear of the Lord and be an obedient Child to your parents?**

**Conclusion:** We must follow God's Layout by becoming men and women who fear the Lord and walk in his ways, teaching our children by our example and words to grow up in the fear of the Lord.

So great men aren't born; great men are made.

Strong families are born at the marriage altar. But they are made in the trial of daily living and lifelong commitment to God and to one another.