



## Part 1: Vain Construction

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### **Psalm 127**

*A song of ascents. Of Solomon.*

- <sup>1</sup>Unless the Lord builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.
- <sup>2</sup>In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.
- <sup>3</sup>Children are a heritage from the Lord,  
offspring a reward from him.
- <sup>4</sup>Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are children born in one's youth.
- <sup>5</sup>Blessed is the man  
whose quiver is full of them.  
They will not be put to shame  
when they contend with their opponents in court.

### **The author of the Psalm was Solomon.**

- 1) Intensely wise
- 2) A master builder
- 3) A social train wreck
- 4) A philosopher

### **What is “vain construction?”**

Vain construction builds for the glory of me

Vain construction builds on the wrong foundation

Vain construction produces exhaustion

Vain construction destroys families

## Outcomes of Living Out Psalm 127:

We will build on the right foundation (*1 Cor. 3:11 and Matthew 7:24-27*)

We will construct a house for eternity (*2 Corinthians 5:1*)

We will frame a story of hope and restoration (*Joel 2:25*)

We will raise walls of transparency and protection (*Hebrews 4:13*)

We will cover ourselves with prayer (*Jude 20-21*)

We will renovate our own character (*1 Corinthians 3:12-14*)

We will pursue and open our doors to the lost and broken of  
Whatcom County (*Acts 15:19*)

Over the doors of churches and homes in Europe:

***Nisi Dominus frustra***

“Unless the Lord builds the house”

## Next Steps

**Leader Vision Night** for leaders, volunteers and members;

Wednesday, September 10, 7:00-8:30 PM

More details on today's program insert

**Connect Weekends:** Last weekend of September, first weekend of October

More details in the new fall edition of CTK Life, available this weekend

## Small Group Questions

1. Have you ever built anything? What was it, and does it still exist today?
2. Read Psalm 127. What is God telling you through his word that is applicable to your life right now?
3. Does the meaning of the psalm change for you when you consider that the author is not David, but his son Solomon? In what way?
4. How do you build on the firm foundation of Jesus every day? What disciplines have made the foundation firm and unmovable?
5. If you were to write something over the doorpost of your own home (like the Latin phrase above), what would it be?
6. What do you need prayer for today?

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MISSION**

To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.