

Psalm 127:1-5-Passion

1 If God's grace doesn't help the builders, they will labor in vain to build a house. If God's mercy doesn't protect the city, all the sentries will circle it in vain. 2 It really is senseless to work so hard from early morning till late at night, toiling to make a living for fear of not having enough. God can provide for his lovers even while they sleep! 3 Children are God's love-gift; they are heaven's generous reward. 4 Children born to a young couple will one day rise to protect and provide for their parents. 5 Happy will be the couple who has many of them! A household full of children will not bring shame on your name but victory when you face your enemies, for your offspring will have influence and honor to prevail on your behalf!

We are to provide for our families...

1 Timothy 5:8-AMP

If anyone fails to provide for his relatives, and especially for those of his own family, he has disowned the faith [*by failing to accompany it with fruits*] and is worse than an unbeliever [*who performs his obligation in these matters*].

First, let's establish what God intended for man...

Genesis 1:26-AMP

- 26 God said, Let Us [*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have **complete authority over** the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [*tame*] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. [*Ps. 104:30; Heb. 1:2; 11:3.*]
- 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them. [*Col. 3:9, 10; James 3:8, 9.*]
- 28 And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and **subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man];** and **have dominion over** the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

Genesis 2:18,20-AMP

Now the Lord God said, It is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; **I will make him a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.**

20 And Adam gave names to all the livestock and to the birds of the air and to every [*wild*] beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found **a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.**

Helper – *this verse means literally that there are times a wife can best be a helper by being against him or challenging him. (Not always being in agreement with everything...he says, or does.)*

Genesis 21:12 - TLV...But God said to Abraham, "Do not be displeased about the boy and your slave woman. **Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her voice. For through Isaac shall your seed be called.**

AMP – **says in verse 10-11**, "...Cast out this bondwoman and her son, for the son of this bondwoman **shall not be an heir with my son Isaac.**" [*Gal. 4:28-31.*] And the thing was very **grievous (serious, evil) in Abraham's sight** on account of his son [*Ishmael*].

Psalm 145:8-9-AMP

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and loving-kindness.
- 9 The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works [*the entirety of things created*]

Passion Translation - 8 You're kind and tenderhearted to those who don't deserve it and very patient with people who fail you. Your love is like a flooding river overflowing its banks with kindness. 9 God, everyone sees your goodness, for your tender love is blended into everything you do.

Deuteronomy 8:5-AMP

5 Know also in your [*minds and*] hearts that, as a man disciplines and instructs his son, so the Lord your God disciplines and instructs you.

Hebrews 12:5-7-Passion

5 And have you forgotten his encouraging words spoken to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't underestimate the value of the discipline and training of the Lord God, or get depressed when he has to correct you. 6 For the Lord's training of your life is the evidence of his faithful love. 7 And when he draws you to himself, it proves you are his delightful child." 7 Fully embrace God's correction as part of your training, for he is doing what any loving father does for his children. For who has ever heard of a child who never had to be corrected?

Joshua 24:15-AMP

15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; **but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**

Ephesians 6:1-4-Passion

Children, if you want to be wise, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. 2 For the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," was the first of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached: 3 "You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honor your parents." 4 **Fathers, don't exasperate your children, but raise them up with loving discipline and counsel that brings the revelation of our Lord.**



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