

Modern Family: Family Foundation

(Psalm 127:1-2; 128:1-4)

Introduction.

- A) There is no joy like family joy. There is not pain like family pain.
- B) Why so many problems in today's families? *First, let me say, family problems are nothing new. The Bible is full of dysfunctional families, single-parent families, and family secrets.*
 - 1) **The enemy** knows if he can destroy family, the scars will potentially negatively affect our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves. The scars may be so deep that we try to change what "normal" looks like for family.
 - 2) **You** have a sin nature that wars against anything God.
- C) We are beginning a series called **Modern Family, Vintage Values**. Families are not always ideal, but Biblical family values transcend time and circumstance.
- D) Contextualize Psalm 127 & 128.

I. Start With The Right Foundation.

Principle: *Second to God, family relationships are the most important, therefore, we must intentionally invest in them.*

- A) The Divine Architect (127:1)
- B) The Builder (127:1)
- C) The Frustrated Laborers (127:2)

II. Build With The Right Materials

Principle: The most important thing you can do for your family is love to God more than you love them . . . or anything else.

- A) **The Challenge (Psalm 128:1)**
 - 1) Teachable spirit (Prov. 1:7)

2) Humble spirit (Prov. 8:13)

B) The Result (Psalm 128:2)

C) The Extent (Psalm 128:3-4)

III. Foundational Attitudes

A) A lifetime commitment

(I am in this for the long hall. I still do.)

B) A lifestyle commitment

(I may fail at work, at sports, or at money, but I will not fail at family.)

C) A love commitment

What would be the result of the men of Celebration were to go home and admit they are the problem. Look at your wife and say, "God is doing a work in my heart. He has shown me that I am the problem in our family. I am going to work on this."

Conclusion

A) You cant change the past, but you can change the future. If the Christian life is about anything, it is about breaking cycles.