

## ‘Precious Cargo’

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Text: Psalm 127

### Introduction

1. Raising children will take strength and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*‘Haven’t I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.’ Joshua 1:9*
2. Raising children will take godly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*‘This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night, so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.’ Joshua 1:8*
3. Raising children isn’t always \_\_\_\_\_.  
*‘Listen, heavens and pay attention, earth, for the LORD has spoken: ‘I have raised children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against Me.’ Isaiah 1:2*
4. Raising children will lead you and them to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*‘Come, let us discuss this,’ says the LORD. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool. If you are **willing** and **obedient**, you will eat the good things of the land. But if you **refuse and rebel**, you will be devoured by the sword.’ For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.’ Isaiah 1:18-19*
5. Raising children is one of the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in life.  
*‘Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, children, a reward.’ Psalm 127:3*

### Precious Cargo

1. Some see children as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. They are seen as an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. They are seen as an \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Some see children as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. They bring additional \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. They can be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Some see children as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Some think having children is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Some think having children was a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Some see children as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Their hearts are filled with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Their lives become your \_\_\_\_\_.

*‘For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your descendants and My blessing on your offspring.’ Isaiah 44:3*

*‘I will teach all your children, and they will enjoy great peace.’ Isaiah 54:13, NLT*

### **Building Your Home (Psalm 127)**

1. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ build your home. (v. 1)
2. Beware of your own \_\_\_\_\_ and effort. (v. 2)
3. See your children as \_\_\_\_\_ describes them. (v. 3)
4. You are raising \_\_\_\_\_ to launch out for the Lord. (v. 4)
5. They will give great \_\_\_\_\_ and support. (v. 5)

### Conclusion

1. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ for your family.  
*‘After I made an inspection, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, ‘Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the great and awe-inspiring Lord, and fight for your countrymen, your sons and daughters, your wives and homes.’ Nehemiah 4:14*
2. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ on your family.
3. You need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to your family. (see Job 1:1-5)