



Baby Dedication

Parent Commitment to Dedicate Their Child to the Lord

As the parents of a child the Lord has given us, in the presence of our church family, we promise to:

- 1. Commit _____ to God; acknowledging he/she belongs to the Father and it is our privilege and responsibility to care for him/her. Every good thing we have comes from God and we know that _____ belonged to God before he/she ever belonged to us.*
- 2. Always pray and labor for _____'s conversion to Jesus Christ as his/her Lord and Savior at the earliest possible time.*
- 3. To call upon the power of God by way of His Holy Spirit to enable us to provide for _____ according to God's will.*
- 4. Be an example for _____ as we seek to obey scripture and honor God with holy living.*
- 5. Always seek to help _____ follow God's will for his/her life at whatever cost to our own. We will never put ourselves between _____ and God's call for his/her life.*

Church Commitment to Partner with Parents

As fellow members of Apollo Baptist Church, called to be saints together with you, we promise to:

- 1. Commit their child to God; acknowledging he or she belongs to the Father and it is our privilege and responsibility to partner with his or her parents to help their child love and be loved by the house of the Lord from a very young age.*
- 2. Always pray and labor for their child's conversion to Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior at the earliest possible time.*
- 3. Partner with his or her parents in discipling their child through church programs, fellowship, and relationship so that he or she may grow up to be a mature disciple of Christ, thoroughly equipped for everything the Lord calls him or her to do.*

Unless the Lord Builds the House
Psalm 127
June 28, 2020

I. The Lord Builds the House (V. 1-2)

A. Unless we build our house on God's _____ and God's _____, our house will not honor our Lord and will give no validation for the work it took to build it (Luke 6:46-48).

B. We cannot _____ our house without the Lord.

C. The Lord's blessing on your home does not excuse you from work, it _____ your work.

II. The Gift of Children (V. 3-5)

A. Spiritual Children (1 Corinthians 4:14-17)

B. _____ - the perpetual fruit of the work God starts in us.

C. _____ - God's mirror reflecting His work in our lives.

D. _____ - reinforcements in our efforts for the Lord.

E. _____ - evidence of God's work in our lives.

F. When children are not a gift (1 Samuel 2:29)

G. "A handful instead of a quiverful" – Derek Kidner

H. Our Response (Isaiah 59:21)

Group Discussion

1. What are your initial takeaways from Psalm 127?
2. What are some characteristics of a God-built church? What are some characteristics of a man-built church?
3. If our family can only prosper with God's good grace, what is the point of our work? Why bother to try hard raising a family, for example, if God's work is the only work that matters?
4. How does a Christian go about building a heritage of faith?
5. We have applied our dependency on God for building a Godly church, a Godly family, and Godly disciples. Which of these things are you most lacking? How can you depend on God more to build it in your life?
6. How are children and churches sometimes a "handful instead of a quiverful?"
7. Of the four joys that children bring to us (heritage, blessing, reward, and vindication), which is the most meaningful to you? Why?
8. Take time to share as a group how you are doing with gospel connections, conversations, and conversions.
9. Discuss the Annie Armstrong Offering starting this week and our \$10,000 goal.
10. Pray for your church and pray for your children (spiritual or biological). Consider coming to the Zoom Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 7 pm.

Recommended Passages for Further Study:

1. Read 1 Kings 8

Read with Our Pastors and Deacons:

This Week: Read Psalm 130-134 and Memorize 119:16