

“My Papa, the Archer”

Psalm 127:5

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OPENTING PRAYER THEN SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 127:4 says, “As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.”

Q: What does the Bible use an illustration to what children are?

A: “Arrows!”

Q: How does the Bible illustrate the ministry of the father?

A: “A Might Man!”

EXPLANATION:

This is a wonderful and beautiful illustration here of the work of the father here. We train and love our children the best we can to prepare them for the world that they will face as they get older and become adults. We want them to be responsible, respect others, respect authority and be happy and good people who love God. But are you preparing them as arrows?

ILLUSTRATION:

Today, let us take an imaginary journey to a jungle tribe in the middle of the Amazon rain forest. Their main weapon of war and hunting is the bow and arrow. If we can approach the village chief and ask him what he does to make sure the arrows are in good condition and ready for battle or for hunting. He would say:

1. “We Sharpen Them” – Do you sharpen your children correctly? Do you give them direction, instructions, and show them properly love and what is a good example?
2. “We Store them Safely” – Do you keep you children from dangerous things that can affect them spiritually? Possibly, bad friends, bad TV, unregulated usage of gadgets? (The “Quiver” is in 127:5 is arrow-storage box that the archer wears as a backpack.
3. “We Don’t Neglect them” – Do you neglect your children? Do you spend proper time with them, each one, one by one?

APPLICATION:

Main Point: God wants us parents to understand that they will send their children out into the world and they only have a short time to prepare them for it.

Ask the group this question.

Q: How can a parent “sharpen” his children to have strong and Godly character?

A: He can punish him when he does wrong and praise when he does good.

Q: What kind of environment does God want children to have at home?

A: A loving and respectful environment for the children to learn and grow.

Conclusion:

Father’s let us do our best for the glory of the Lord, that one day when are sons and daughters are old enough he can shoot them out, like an arrow into the world, and still have peace of mind, that by the grace of God they will do well.

Closing Prayer - END