

## THE POWER OF A FATHER'S BLESSING

PSALM 128

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God designed the family.

God reveals himself in terms of a family.

*“It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before.”*  
(Hebrews 11:7, NLT)

*“How joyful are those who fear the Lord—all who follow his ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be! Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table. That is the Lord’s blessing for those who fear him. May the Lord continually bless you from Zion. May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live. May you live to enjoy your grandchildren. May Israel have peace!”* (Psalm 128:1-6, NLT)

1. You can be a joyful man.

*“How joyful are those who fear the LORD- all who follow his ways!”*  
(Psalm 128:1, NLT)

*“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.”* (Psalm 1:1, NLT)

2. God will bless your work.

*“ You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be!”* (Psalm 128:2, NLT)

*“So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.”* (1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT)

3. God will bless your marriage and family.

*“Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table. That is the LORD's blessing for those who fear him.”* (Psalm 128:3-4, NLT)

*“You are beautiful, so very desirable! ... My darling, I am yours, and you desire me. Let's stroll through the fields and sleep in the villages.”* (Song of Solomon 7:6,10-11, CEV)

4. God will bless the nation through godly families.

*“May the Lord continually bless you from Zion. May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live.”* (Psalm 128:5, NLT)

*“What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance.”* (Psalm 33:12, NLT)

## **GROWTHWORK**

1. Every day decide to be a great Dad.
  - a. Cheerleader
  - b. Celebrate
  - c. Challenge
  - d. Clear the way
2. Be an example that you'll be happy about 30 years from now.
3. Help your family to discover their purpose.
4. Don't underestimate the power of a godly Dad.