

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 6/21/09

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Psalm 128:1-6](#)

TITLE: “RESPONSIBLE DADS & RADIANT FAMILIES”

INTRO:

1. Pushing God to the “Beltway.”
2. Pushing God away _____ disaster into one’s life.
3. How do we _____ about family?
 - a. Personal experience/upbringing.
 - b. Observation of the families of relatives and friends.
 - c. Family portrayed in media, (TV, radio, movies).
4. Does society give us a _____ picture of the biblical family?
5. Let’s examine what *Psalm 128* says about the family.

PROPOSITION: Observe (with me) the biblical commands and instructions of fatherhood. Aspire to be a great father. Allow God to help...

I. MAKE A GODLY COMMITMENT, *Psalm 128:1, 2*.

A. Allow God To Be The Center And Circumference Of Your Life.

1. Verse 1-“Fear” implies reverence.
2. Individual responsibility, “Only you can prevent forest fires.”
3. What’s the difference between _____ and circumference? Cf. [1 Timothy 4:1-8](#).

B. Allow God To Be The Center And Circumference Of Your Family.

- a. Be the _____ God has commanded you to be.
- b. “Rome wasn’t built in a day.”
- c. Love unconditionally, forgive instantly, and _____ tirelessly.

II. CREATE A GODLY ATMOSPHERE, *Psalm 128:3*

A. You Are Responsible To God As A Husband And Father.
Verse 3/Result...

1. God vested leadership in men/Satan attacks...
 2. Be thankful for this position and humble in your
_____.
- B. Wives Need Example, *verse 3a*.
1. Give and it will be given/"she shall be..." Cf. [Proverbs 12:4 & 19:14](#).
 2. The _____ of a fruitful vine:
 - a. A vine clings-husband.
 - b. A vine climbs-covering.
 - c. A vine clusters-fruit.
- C. Children Need Nurture, *verse 3b*.
1. Why compare to olive plants?
 2. Do you view your children as a gift?

III. CONTRIBUTE TO A GODLY COMMUNITY, [Psalm 128:4, 5a](#).

- A. Immerse Your Family In The Church.
1. There's always a _____ for repetition/*verse 4*.
 2. The significance of "Zion."
 3. Have faith/His Word will not return empty, cf. [Isaiah 55:10, 11](#).
- B. Impact Your Church For God's Glory.
1. SERVE God through the church.
 2. Two-sided _____: bless and be blessed.

IV. REALIZE A GODLY IMPACT/FAMILY, CHURCH, & COMMUNITY, [Psalm 128:5b, 6](#).

- A. On Your Descendents, cf. [Joshua 1:6-9](#).
1. "See the good"-
 2. Provide the example/count your blessings.
- B. On Your Brethren In Christ.
- C. On the World We Live In.

CONCLUSION:

1. Where are you, Dad?
2. What does God want you to do today/right now?