



Power for MISSIONAL LIVING

Lesson 2 • Psalms of Ascents 127-128

God Has Called Every Christ Follower and Every Local Church to...

HIS MISSION!

Mission is the **BIG PICTURE** of what God has always has been doing, what He is doing, and He has yet to do in the world through Jesus Christ!

It is God fulfilling His promise that His presence will dwell with His people in His place through the person of Christ by the power of the Spirit for the purpose of His greater glory and the greatest good for all people groups!

It is God being faithful to fulfill His promises according to His sovereign grace!

DO MISSIONS!

Missions is the **GLOBAL PLAN** for sending people out cross-culturally to take part in God's mission in order to plant, establish, and multiply local churches among every people group.

It is everyone everywhere doing their part to fulfill the roles of Going & Sending, Praying & Giving, Welcoming & Mobilizing on our journey to joy!

It is God being faithful to fulfill His promises according to His sovereign grace to save many from every people group!

BE MISSIONAL!

Missional living is the **DAILY PRACTICE** of doing our part to fulfill God's mission, which includes being involved in missions to all people groups!

It is everyone everywhere being involved in making disciples through growing people numerically through evangelism, growing the Word spiritually through discipleship, and growing local churches geographically through missions!

It is God being faithful to fulfill His promises according to His sovereign grace to save many from every people group through our daily lives on our journey to joy!

PERSPECTIVES on Missional Living

BIBLICAL Perspective



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CULTURAL Perspective



MISSIONAL Perspective

God's MISSION
The Big Picture
of God's Plan

Do MISSIONS
The Global Part
of God's Plan

Be MISSIONAL
The Daily Part
of God's Plan



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Psalms 127-128

1. MISSIONAL LIVING IS DONE BY FAITH. *Psalm 127:1-2*

Initial Observations about These Practical Illustrations:

- The examples are drawn from daily life and the focus is on what is **ordinary** but **necessary** for living life here on this earth.
- The house and city can be applied to our **personal lives** and our **spiritual lives**.
- The word "vain" is hard to translate into English: *Useless, Pointless, Purposeless, Meaningless, Fruitless.*
- God is not saying these things are **NOT** important (*building, securing, working*) or that doing these things is **NOT** spiritual!

The Total Fruitlessness of Living Independently of Faith in the Lord

1. It is fruitless to **build a house** without His **POWER**.
2. It is fruitless to **secure a city** without His **PROTECTION**.
3. It is fruitless to try **prolong our days** without His **PEACE**.

"Apart from Me you can do nothing!"

John 15:5

"But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin." Romans 14:23

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

"But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?" James 2:20

So HOW Do We Live a Life Dependent on the Lord by Faith?

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:36

1. Since all things are **through** Him...
 - ☞ By faith live according to God's revealed will.
 - ☞ By faith live claiming God's promises, provision, and power.
 - ☞ By faith live in a way that is pleasing to Him.
2. Since all things are **from** Him...
 - ☞ By faith live so that all you do is dedicated to Him, to His mission, and to His kingdom.
3. Since all things are **for** Him...
 - ☞ By faith live to give Him all the glory, all the power, and all the results!

2. MISSIONAL LIVING BEARS MUCH FRUIT. *Psalm 127:3-5*

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." John 15:8

1. Fruitfulness is a divine **STEWARDSHIP**. (v. 3)

Fruit is a **gift** so be **THANKFUL** for it and a **reward** so be **FAITHFUL** with it.

2. Fruitfulness has a divine **MEASUREMENT**. (vv. 4-5)

"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you." John 15:16

The Lord measures fruitfulness by fruit that **REMAINS** and lives for **THE FAME OF HIS NAME**.

3. MISSIONAL LIVING BRINGS ETERNAL FULFILLMENT. *Psalm 128*

1. God's eternal fulfillment is given to the faithful who **FEAR HIM**. (*vv. 1, 4*)
2. God's eternal fulfillment comes through **FELLOWSHIP** with the fruit of one's labor. (*vv. 2-3*)
 - The fruit of one's labor is **physical**.
 - The fruit of one's labor is **relational**.
 - The fruit of one's labor is **spiritual**. *Philippians 1:3-6; 4:1*
3. God's eternal fulfillment comes when God completely **FULFILLS** all His promises in Christ. (*vv. 4-6; 1 Corinthians 15:22-28; Romans 11:25-36*)

- The Prayer of Fulfillment

"May the Lord bless you from Zion!" (*v. 5a*)

When the **full number of the Gentiles** are saved out of every people group through our missional living. *Romans 11:25*

When the **fallen nation of Israel** is saved by Christ at His second coming. *Romans 11:26*

When the **final salvation of the Church and Israel** takes place in the Millennial Kingdom and New Creation. *Romans 11:11-12; 1 Corinthians 15:22-28; Romans 11:28-36*

- The Promise of Fulfillment

"And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life." (*v. 5b*)

You will experience the **MEANING** of life: *Worshipping in God's presence with God's people in God's place through God's person by God's power for God's purpose!*

"Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel." (*v. 6*)

You will experience the **MULTIPLICATION** of life: *Worshipping in God's presence with three generations of people due to spiritual reproduction through missional living!*

"For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." 2Timothy 1:5-7

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." 2Timothy 2:1-3

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"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58