



Songs of Promise

Studies in Psalms

Psalms 127 and 128 – *Three THEMES*

- **Everything relies on God** – Ps.127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

- **Fearing the Lord** – Ps. 128:1

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him.

- **Children are a blessing from the Lord** – Ps. 127:3, Ps. 128:3

*Children are a heritage from the LORD... your children will be like
olive shoots around your table.*

1. Unless the Lord Builds the House...

*In everything he did he had great success,
because the LORD was with him.*

1 Sam.18:14

But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is... It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

1 Cor.3:10-14

1. Unless the Lord Builds the House...

We are co-workers in God's service. 1 Cor.3:9

Apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

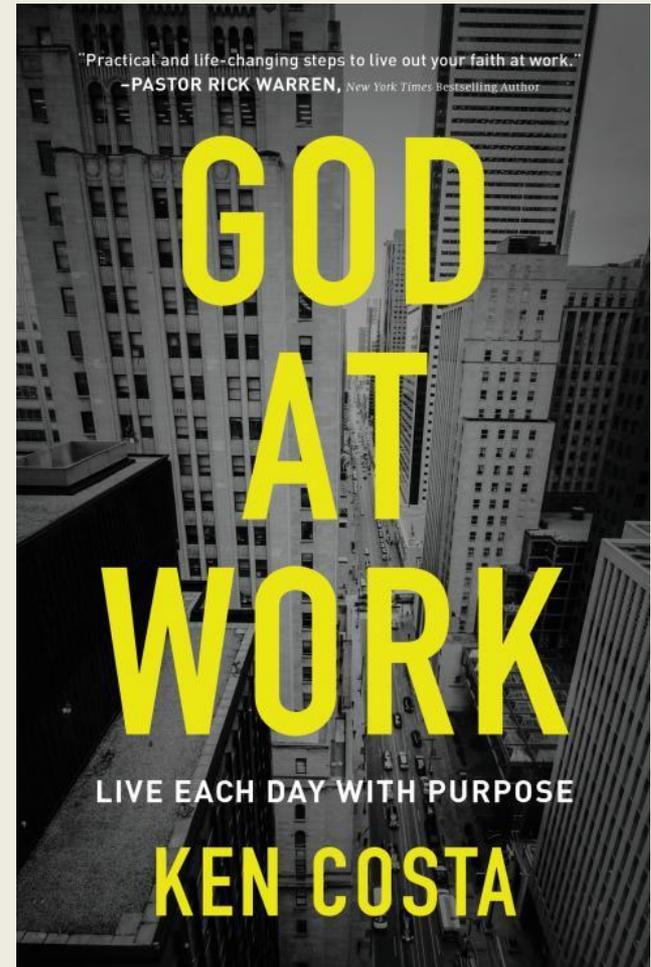
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Col.3:23,24

1. *Unless the Lord Builds the House...*

The workplace is the coalface where faith is tested and sharpened by day-to-day encounters with the ambiguities and stresses of modern commerce...

We are tested and refined and interact, testily or graciously, with colleagues or press our own selfishness ahead of the common good, or forget gratitude and miss God completely in the day-to-day frenzy of work.

Ken Costa



2. Blessed are all who fear the LORD...

Psalm 128

*Blessed are all **who fear the LORD**,
who walk in obedience to him. (v.1)*

*You will eat **the fruit of your labor...**
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table. (vv.2,3)*

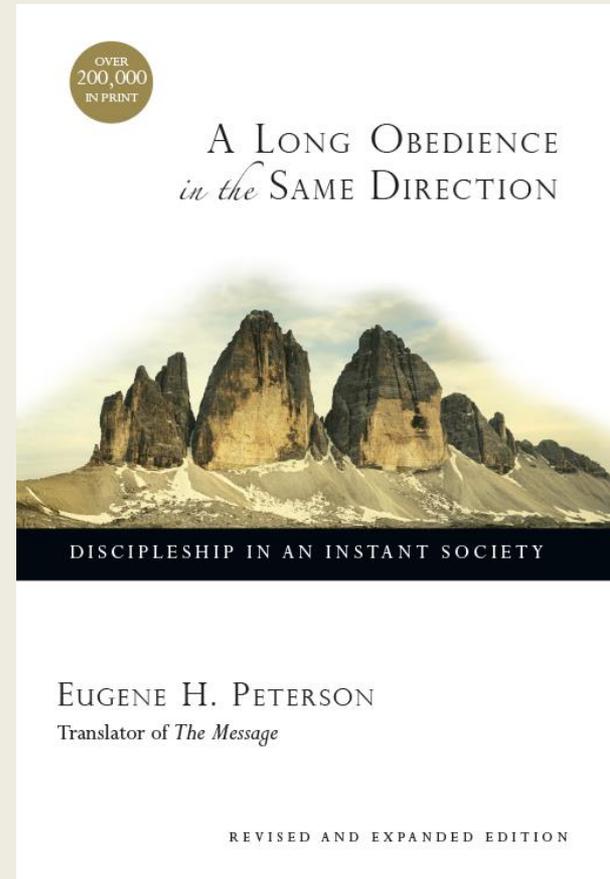
*May you live to see **your children's children** –
peace be on Israel. (v.6)*

2. Blessed are all who fear the LORD...

Will we let God be as he is, majestic and holy, vast and wondrous...

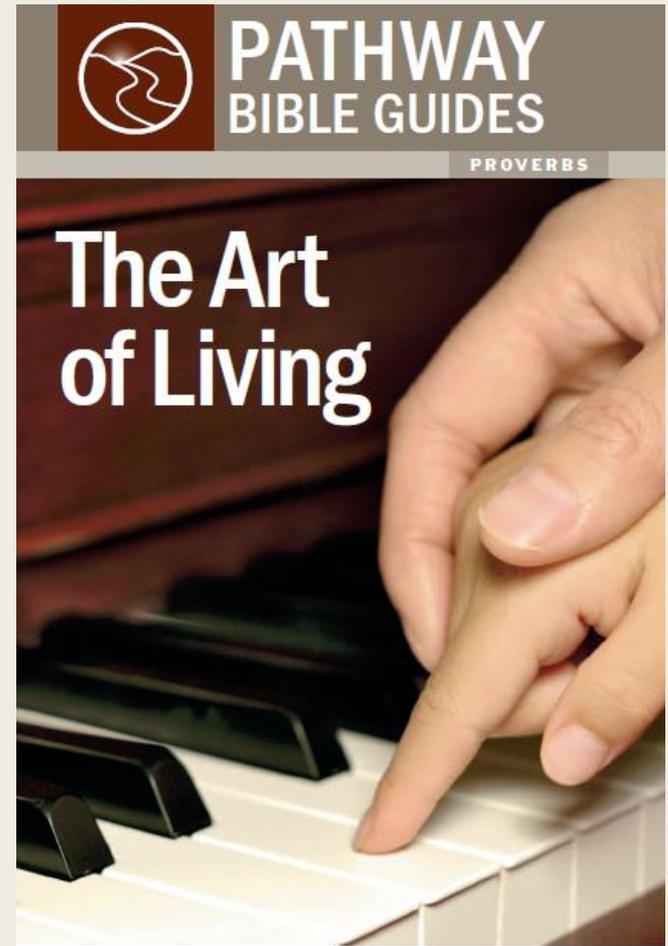
To guard against chumminess with the Almighty, the Bible talks of the fear of the Lord – **not to scare us but to bring us to awesome attention before the overwhelming grandeur of God...** so that we can really see him as he is and listen to him.

Eugene Peterson



2. Blessed are all who fear the LORD...

“The idea of defying God should fill us with complete dread. The idea of disobeying God should utterly terrify us. If it doesn't we have no idea who we're dealing with!”



2. Blessed are all who fear the LORD...

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Prov. 9:10

Those who fear him lack nothing. Ps. 34:9

*Blessed are all who fear the LORD, **who walk in obedience to him.** Ps. 128:1*

Our God is a consuming fire. Heb.12:29

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him. Ps. 34:7

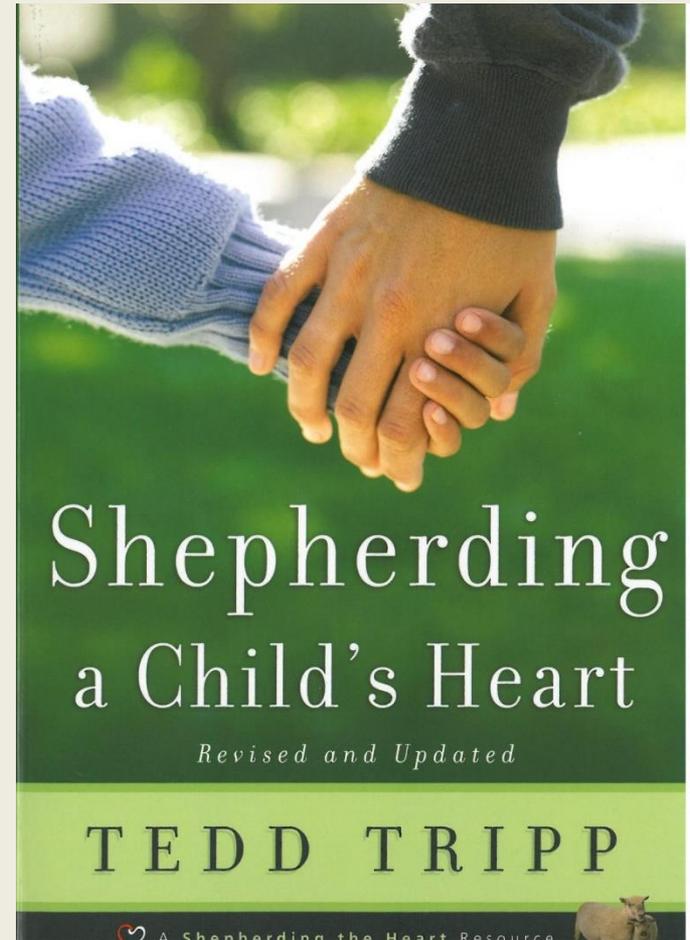
3. This will be the blessing...

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

1 Tim.6:6-8

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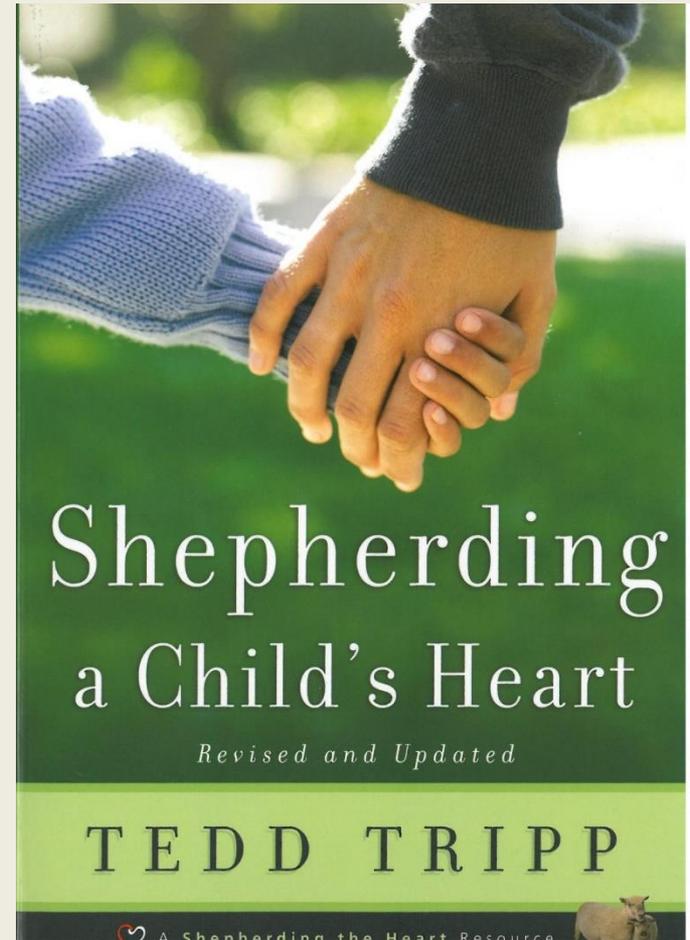
- *Without Challenge*
- *Without Delay*
- *Without Excuse*



3. This will be the blessing...

Parents have a responsibility to guide our children to understand themselves and their personalities!

- Relationship with **God**
- Relationship with **themselves**
- Relationship with **others**



3. This will be the blessing...

Psalm 127

3 Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

Psalm 128

3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

5 May the LORD bless you... all the days of your life; 6 May you live to see your children's children.

3 Themes –

- ***Unless the Lord builds the house...*** (127:1)

Any aspect of our lives that doesn't involve God is valueless

- ***Blessed are all who fear the LORD...*** (128:1)

Living in fear of God means recognising we are fully accountable to him

- ***This will be the blessing...*** (128:4)

A special gift from God is the gift of children

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