

Psalm 127

God's Word never places any premium on idleness. This Psalm neither glorifies slackness nor denigrates effort, but rebukes anxiety. **In all areas of human endeavour the outcome always in the end depends on the Creator God, [verse 1].**

The Creator God is **not** against human effort; hard work brings honour to the Creator God, [**Proverbs 31:10-29**] but working to the exclusion of rest and neglect of the family may be a cover-up for lack of trust in the Creator God to provide for us in every area of our life, [**Matthew 6:24-33**].

Even children, whose conception and birth has all the appearance of an individual cause-and-effect mechanism, are the gifts of the Creator God, **not** the fruitfulness of the procreation, [**verse 3**].

While children will not be conceived without parental intercourse, conception and birth, with all the attendant joy and security [verse 5] that children bring are not the result of the intercourse but, in the ultimate analysis, the decision is that of the Creator God.

Psalms 139:13-16 [New King James] *“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skilfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”*

The Creator God inspired King David to express the same truth in this Psalm.

Too often children are seen as liabilities rather than blessings. We as adults can learn valuable lessons from their inquisitive minds and trusting nature, [**Matthew 18:1-4; Matthew 19:13-14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17**].

We dare not treat children as an inconvenience when the Creator God values them so highly.