



Better with God

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Songs of Ascent



Three Tidbits of Wisdom



- ▶ Building a life is better with God
- ▶ Living out life is better with God
- ▶ Moving toward the future is better with God

Psalm 127 (ESV)

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.



Building A Life Is Better
With God

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Without God, life has no purpose,
and without purpose, life has no
meaning. Without meaning, life has
no significance or hope.

— *Rick Warren* —

AZ QUOTES



Living Out Life Is Better
With God

“Rat Race”



▶ “The term comes from the race between two rats to get the piece of cheese at the other [end] of the room first by trying to outrun each other. In the process, they spend more energy than the reward is worth. It signifies an endless, futile pursuit, a mad competition one embarks on.”

“Human Rat Race”



“The unpleasant life of people who have jobs that require them to work very hard in order to compete with others for money, power, status, etc.”

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Less Anxiety



Matt 6:25-26 – “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the bird of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

More Rest



Matt 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Success Redefined



Matt 6:19-21 – “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



Moving Toward The
Future Is Better With
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Conclusion