

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat-- for he grants sleep to those he loves. Psalm 127:1-2 (NIV)

Labor In Vain

I don't want to do that. **You don't want to do what?** I don't want to labor in vain. That is a good caution. That is a valid concern. **What might cause you to labor in vain?** That is a good question that I haven't given much thought. **Now is the time to give it some thought.** Yes, is. **I could ask you some questions that will help guide your thinking.** That would be helpful. I would really appreciate that. **That's good. What might be some signs that you are laboring in vain?** If I am running myself ragged trying to accomplish your purpose and fulfill your plans that might be a sign that I am laboring in vain. **Why is that?** Running myself ragged and making myself weary may be a good indication that I am trying to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans with my own power and strength. That will never work. **Why is that?** You have clearly stated that apart from you I can do nothing. Doing nothing sounds a lot like laboring in vain. **Yes, it is. That must make you aware of another sign that you may be laboring in vain.** Yes, it does. If my labor is not bearing fruit for your Kingdom and bringing glory to your name, then surely my labor must be in vain. **That is a possibility.** Why is it only a possibility? Why is it not a certainty? **There is a time of sowing. Then there is a time of waiting. Then there is a time of reaping. If you are in the time of waiting, the fruit will be yet to come. Don't be impatient. Just like a farmer who has planted seed must wait for a crop so you also must wait for fruit to develop.** I get it.

What can you do to make you certain that you will not be laboring in vain? I can rely on you. I can follow you to where you lead me to do what you ask of me. I can allow you to work in and through me to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. If you are working in and through me, I will surely bear fruit for you and bring glory to your name. **Yes, you will, without a doubt.** **What will your life look like as you are allowing me to work in and through you?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Will you be running yourself ragged and making yourself weary?** No, certainly not. You will bring balance to my life. You will give me peace and rest and sleep. You will revive and refresh and renew my life so that I will be able to give my very best effort to you. **Yes, I will and yes you will. Rely on me and you will never labor in vain.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I have made the mistake of trying to accomplish your purposes with my own strength. I know this is not pleasing to you. Instead, I will allow you to work in and through me. Revive, refresh, and renew my life so I can give my very best effort to you. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Unless The Lord Builds*

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NIV Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Unless The Lord Builds*

Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.

NLT Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Unless The Lord Builds*

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

NRSV Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Except The Lord Builds*

EXCEPT THE Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; except the Lord keeps the city, the watchman wakes but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to take rest late, to eat the bread of [anxious] toil—for He gives [blessings] to His beloved in sleep.

AMP Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Unless The Lord Builds*

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, To retire late, To eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.

NASB Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Unless The Lord Builds*

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. 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.

ESV Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Unless The Lord Builds*

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.

NKJV Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *If God Doesn't Build*

A pilgrim song of Solomon If GOD doesn't build the house, the builders only build shacks. If GOD doesn't guard the city, the night watchman might as well nap. It's useless to rise early and go to bed late, and work your worried fingers to the bone. Don't you know he enjoys giving rest to those he loves?

MSG Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Unless The Lord Builds*

Unless the Lord builds a house, the builders' work is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, sentries do no good. It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest.

TLB Psalm 127:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *If The Lord Doesn't Build*

A song for going up to worship. Of Solomon. If the LORD doesn't build the house, the builders are working for nothing. If the LORD doesn't guard the city, the guards are watching for nothing. It is no use for you to get up early and stay up late, working for a living. The LORD gives sleep to those he loves.

NCV Psalm 127:1-2

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

Allow the Lord to work in and through you to accomplish His purposes.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to work in and through me to accomplish your purposes.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I allow you to work in and through me to accomplish your purposes?
