

Y.R.P. – Stop Wasting Your Time

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. Psalm 127:1-2

Has someone ever wasted your time? I was going to meet one of our members on the far eastside of Houston. He is in grad school and only had a short window for lunch. I was 5 minutes from the barbecue joint we were meeting at and I got a text from him, "are you on your way?" I was still 10 minutes early, so I replied (at a stoplight), "almost there. Noon right?" On top of being in grad school, this member also runs his own energy brokerage company, is married, and has a young daughter. He's busy and hates for people to waste his time. I think that's true of all of us.

Have you ever been in a relationship that was a colossal waste of time? Have you ever been in a friendship or partnership that was a waste of time? I have a leadership coach I meet with weekly. He gives me homework assignments. I don't want to waste his time, so I complete the homework assignments on time. I don't like wasting my time or other people's time because you can always make more money, but you can't make more time. Once it's gone, it's gone.

Well, King Solomon, King David's son, says in Psalm 127 that we may be wasting our time. You may be growing your family, having children, be in a relationship, live in a big house, and working really hard, but also be wasting your time. How is that possible? He says it's possible when we do things our way instead of God's way and when we do things depending on ourselves instead of on Him. Look back at most of your relationships, investments, friendships, and jobs that were a waste of time, I'm pretty sure they weren't happening God's way with God at the center. Psalm 127 says that our families, our security, and our careers need to have God at the center and if He is not at the center, we are wasting our time.

You can try and line up everything right in your life, but if God is not lining them up, you are wasting your time. You are like your jump shot. It's not only important to have great form and follow through, but if you aren't focused on the target, the basket, then you are wasting your time. If your life, your relationships, your kids, your career, your mind, your body, and your future are not focused and centered on Jesus Christ, you will be wasting your time and not truly living.

What areas of my life don't have God at the center? Where am I wasting my time?

Would you silently pray and commit those areas to Him?

P2R (Point 2 Remember): "Don't let making a living prevent you from making a life." - Coach John Wooden