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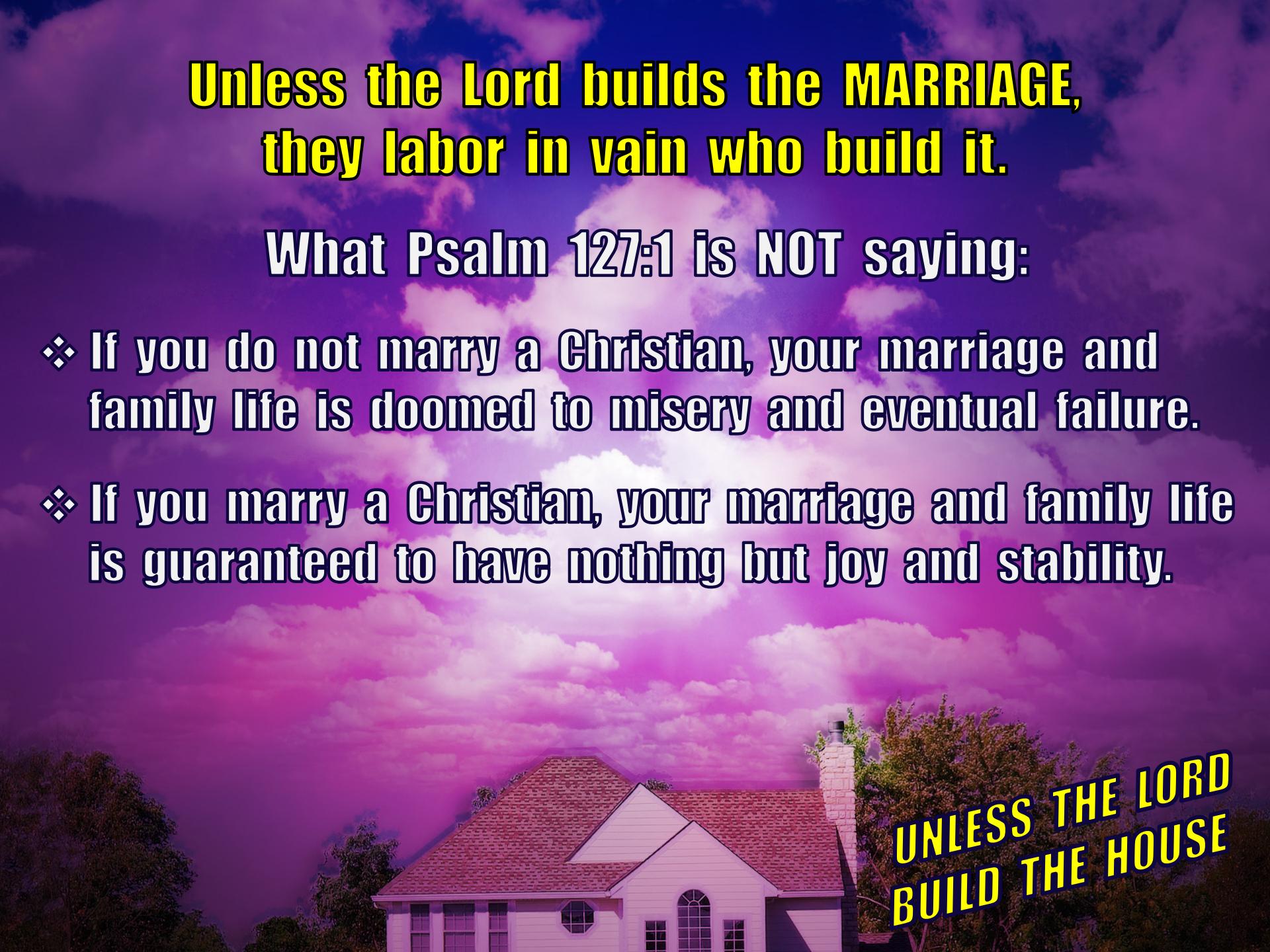
Psalm 127:1



**Unless the Lord builds the MARRIAGE,
they labor in vain who build it.**

What Psalm 127:1 is NOT saying:

- ❖ If you do not marry a Christian, your marriage and family life is doomed to misery and eventual failure.
- ❖ If you marry a Christian, your marriage and family life is guaranteed to have nothing but joy and stability.

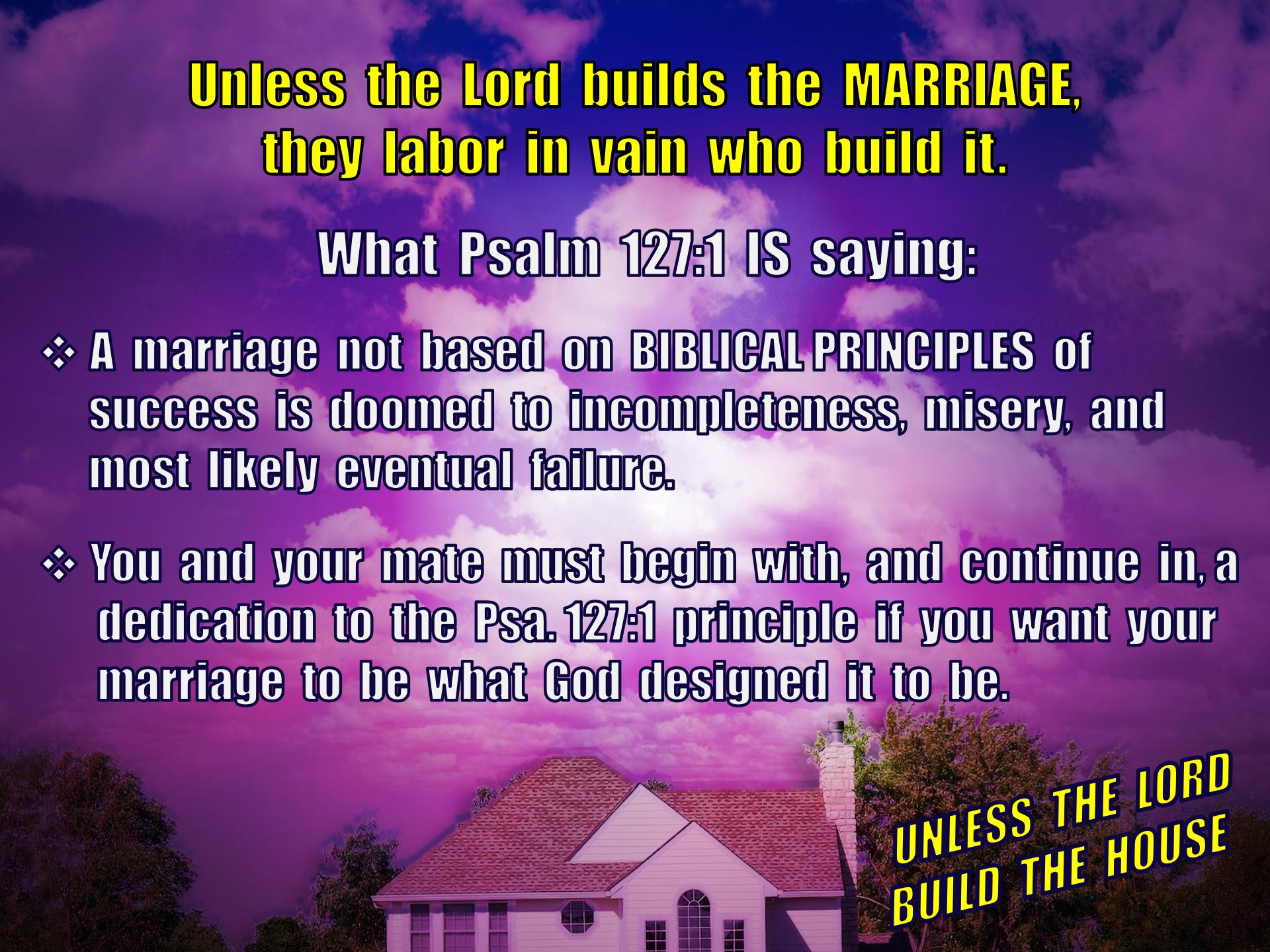


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What Psalm 127:1 IS saying:

- ❖ A marriage not based on **BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES** of success is doomed to incompleteness, misery, and most likely eventual failure.
- ❖ You and your mate must begin with, and continue in, a dedication to the Psa. 127:1 principle if you want your marriage to be what God designed it to be.



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God's Intent Of Marriage - Gen. 2:18-20

- ❖ Marriage is about **companionship** - vs. 18.
- ❖ Marriage is about **contribution** - vs. 18.
- ❖ Marriage is about **compatibility** - vs. 18.

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God's Choice For Adam's Mate - Gen. 2:21-24

- ❖ God formed a **similar** human - vss 21-23.
- ❖ God formed a **sexually opposite** human - vs. 22; 1:27-28.
- ❖ God formed an **exclusive** relationship - vs. 24.

Mat. 19:3-6; Heb. 13:4

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God's "Rules of the Road" - Eph. 5:22-31

- ❖ Husbands: **Sacrificial** love – vs. 25.
- ❖ Wives: **Submissive** love – vs. 22.
- ❖ Everybody else: **Surrendered** love – vs. 31.

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Husbands: Stand UP!

Wives: Stand BESIDE!

Parents: Stand DOWN!

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