

# Psalms 144:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

## Analysis

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**That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.** Sons like plants suggest strength, vitality. Daughters like polished cornerstones suggest beauty, stability, structural importance. Both convey value and purpose.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Israel valued children highly—economic assets, covenant continuity. Strong sons defended; virtuous daughters built households (Proverbs 31).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How do "plants" and "corner stones" shape parenting goals?
2. What would praying for children's flourishing look like?
3. How do these challenge views of children as burdens?

## Interlinear Text

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That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth

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that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 128:3** (Parallel theme): Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

**Job 42:15** (Parallel theme): And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

**Lamentations 4:2** (Parallel theme): The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!