

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

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

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

Related Passages

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

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

אֶשֶׁר H834	בְּנֵי יִנּוּן H1121	כְּנִטְעִים H5195	מִגִּדְּלָם H1431	בְּנִעוּר יָהֶם H5271
	That our sons	may be as plants	grown up	in their youth
	בְּנוֹת יִנּוּן H1323	כְּזָוִי ת H2106	מִחֻטָּב וְ H2404	תִּבְנֶי יֵת H8403
	that our daughters	may be as corner stones	polished	after the similitude
	הַיָּכָל: H1964			
	of a palace			

Additional Cross-References

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!