



First Baptist Church of Cypress
Growing Up in a Godless World
Luke 2:40-52

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Today, we focus on the youth and children who are raised and grown up in a godless world. The parents studied that they don't have to be perfect parents, but we need to be consistent in obeying God. Godly living is key to godly parenting. Parents need to be there for their children spiritually by being consistent in obeying God truthfully. The MOTIVATION of a child's Independency should originate from the DEPENDENCY on God. The younger generations have a perspective of life similar to that of the lottery because their dependency and trust is without God. **Proverbs 13:11** says "Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time."

Trust looks different in the eyes of an addict versus an admirer. There is a difference in happenstance versus holiness, chance versus change, lust versus love, and obsession versus obedience. Teaching our children and youth to trust that Jesus Christ is the one who supplies all our needs, provides, protects, comforts, and heals; we will be convicted and convinced by the Spirit whether something is godly vs. human effort.

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"And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have

you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”

I. Jesus was filled with WISDOM and had a DESIRE to increase in it.

- What is always NORMAL to MAN is not always RIGHT to GOD.
“Don’t be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” **1 Corinthians 15:33**
- The BIBLE teaches that anything that is equal to or substitutes God is an IDOL.
“So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.” **Galatians 5:16**

II. Jesus had a READINESS to COMMUNICATE wisdom.

- The Lord is PLEASED with Youth who publicly PRAISE Him.
“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” **1 Peter 2:9**
- 1) Become a good LISTENER. (v 46)
 - 2) Become a good RECEIVER. (v 46)
 - 3) Become a good RESPONDER. (v 47)

Are you growing in wisdom as a Christian? Do you desire to know the truth? Be in favor of God today!! It’s good to see young people willing to be at church and walking in the Lord and becoming like Christ.