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Youth Service

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Topic: Three areas of growth necessary for the youths today

Scripture ref: Luke 2:52

Introduction

In the heart of God you are extremely special. God, by His Spirit, has deposited Himself in your spirit. God is in the business of raising a one multi-member man called the bride of Christ. You are part of this bride.

A child of God

Children are God's heritage (Psalm 127:35). You are a child of God. You are an arrow in His quiver. Because you are a child of God, you have also become an enemy to Satan who has always been trying to oppose God. Satan now tries his best to hinder you from going to where God is. If you have fallen down, rise up and run, don't stay in a fallen state.

Proverbs 24:16, Though a righteous man falls down seven times, he will rise up again.

Satan is after your life desiring to have you but God also is after your life. However, God will not force Himself to you and neither will Satan. Who owns you depends on whom you choose to have.

Three areas of growth necessary for the youth today:

Luke 2:52, And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

This growth was a culmination of things that had happened in the life of Jesus. At age 12 He went up with His parents to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. After the festivities His parents left Him at Jerusalem only to discover it two days later.

It was irresponsible of His parents to leave Him behind at Jerusalem. When they came back for Him, they found Him in the temple, opening scriptures for the elders there. Mark you Jesus was only 12 years old! At 12 years Jesus was full of the Word of God. What about you today? Sometimes our parents can be wrong.

Jesus' parents were reprimanding Him for their own mistakes (*Luke 2:48*). This can happen to us too; our parents may not understand us or sometimes blame us for their own mistakes.

However, much as His parents were wrong, Jesus' attitude towards them was good. Jesus went back to Nazareth with them and was obedient and subjective to them (*Luke 2:52*). Even when our parents are wrong we should remain obedient and respectful to them.

As a result of remaining obedient and respectful to His parents, Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

The three areas of growth are:

Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. As you follow the saviour's pattern of growth, you will find that the elements work together perfectly, and you will become more like Him.

1. Wisdom

Wisdom is not a matter of just knowing what is good for you, it's the application of that knowledge in your everyday life. When you do that, this is when you know that you are truly wise wisdom is necessary and accessible *James 1:5*.

You need wisdom in paying bills, raising children, resolving challenges, reversing decline in business, fixing things in your marriage, settling along with your boss/employees, making key decisions in life especially in relationships, courtship and marriage etc.

2. Stature

It is the good reputation a person or organization has, based on their behavior and ability.

3. Favour

It is a friendly regard shown toward another especially by a superior With favor on our side we can go very far.

Conclusion:

May the Lord help us to know our calling such that we do not take the grace of God given to us for granted.

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