

Following Jesus: Maturing through Obedience by the Holy Spirit - Part 2
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I. Jesus' Growth.

Luke 2:52 - "Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

II. How Jesus Grew.

1. His parent's and other's lives and teaching.
2. Depending daily upon the Holy Spirit.
3. Obedience.

A. We proclaim that we love Christ as our Lord.

John 14:15 - "If you love me, you will obey my commandments."

Daniel 1:8 - "But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the royal delicacies or the royal wine."

B. We mature in Christ and impact others.

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C. We gain God's rewards.

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Mark 10:29-30 – "...Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields-along with persecutions-and in the age to come eternal life.'"

Faith Sheet

Transformation verse - *"Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."* Philippians 1:27

Main Themes

- ~ The Lord Jesus humbled Himself as the God-man and while on earth He completely obeyed the Father and submitted to His will. (John 5:30, 8:29 and 12:49)
- ~ Our obedience to God reveals that we love Christ as Lord (John 14:15), it matures (perfect) us (Hebrews 5:8-9), it leads us to honor Christ in our relationships (Hebrews 5:13-14) and it gives us heavenly rewards (Mark 10:29-30).

#1- Reviewing This Past Sunday

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1. Read Hebrews 5:7-14 and discuss the message with someone.
2. How has obedience over the years matured in your walk with Christ?
3. In what specific ways will obedience to God and gaining His rewards benefit us now and in heaven? (Matthew 6:1-4, 33, Matthew 10:41-42, Matthew 25:28-29, Mark 10:29-30, Luke 14:12-14, Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Timothy 6:17-19 & Hebrews 11:6)
4. Every reward means we experience more of God and His character. Pray!

2 - Preparing for Next Sunday

Following Jesus: Spirit Led and God Glorifying Relationships John 3:1-8

1. Read John 3:1-8. Pray to understand the passage.
2. Observe - What does the passage say? (read it several times)
3. Interpret - What is the meaning of the passage, the main thoughts or points?
4. Application - How do the truths revealed here impact my relationship with God? How do the truths impact my relationship with others? How do the truths impact my daily walk in discipling others? Is there something for me to believe? To confess? To give thanks? To avoid? Use the text and pray.