

About Our Father's Business

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Thesis:

Is Your Optimal Goal in Life to Be Well Pleasing to the Lord? If so...Know Your Facts!

Introduction:

I. A Perfect Desire!

(Luke 2: 39 – 53)

39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.

40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.

43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it;

44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

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46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

What is your life's desire?

II. Know Your Facts!

A. Know Your Identity

Is God Your Heavenly Father?

(John 1: 12 – 13)

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Become Children

(Galatians 3:26)

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Sons of God

Be secure in Him.

B. Know Your Heart

(Matthew 6:33)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Seek His Kingdom

(II Corinthians 4:18)

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. Focus on Unseen Things

(Matthew 6: 19 – 21)

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Where's Your Treasure?

Be motivated by Him.

C. Know Your Father's Business

(Colossians 1: 16 – 17)

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

We Were Created For Him

(II Peter 3:9)

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Know God's Heart

(I Corinthians 15:58)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Give Yourself Fully

Be concerned about His work.

III. The Optimal Goal!

(Luke 3:22)

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.” Well Pleased

(II Corinthians 5:9)

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Well Pleasing to Him

Pleasing Him should be our optimal goal.

Conclusion:

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