



Positioned for Such a Time

Esther 4:14

Introduction:

Christmas is the time that we celebrate Jesus taking on human flesh. He truly was the God-man. He was born of a virgin and was not tainted with the curse of sin. He was perfectly holy! What a wonder His birth was (Luke 2:16). The next time we see Jesus is at the age of twelve when He was in the temple listening to and asking questions of Rabbis (Luke 2:46). Then we see Him at His baptism at the age of thirty (Luke 3:21-23). What was Jesus doing during those eighteen years?

1. He was _____ to His

Parents ⁽⁵¹⁾

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

DEFINITION—SUBJECT: to be submissive; to be or become inclined or willing to submit to orders or wishes of others or showing such inclination.

NOTE: This is the perfect God-man willingly submitting Himself to imperfect parents in order to fulfill God's purpose for His life.

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Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Ephesians 6:1–2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

1 Timothy 2:1–2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Ephesians 4:11–12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

2. He was _____ for His Purpose

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Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

DEFINITION—INCREASED: to advance; to develop further

JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM — _____

JESUS INCREASED IN STATURE — _____

JESUS INCREASED IN FAVOR WITH GOD — _____

Luke 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

JESUS INCREASED IN FAVOR WITH MAN — _____

Mark 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

Titus 2:11–12 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

QUOTE: These years teach us the importance of preparation and training, the need for patience, and the value of common work. They warn against the temptation to jump from spiritual birth to public ministry. Those who do not have a normal spiritual childhood and adolescence court disaster in their later life and testimony. —MacDonald

Conclusion

Prayers:

Lord, help me to **submit** first to your Word and also to those you have placed over me in my life.

Lord, help me to **develop** in every area of my life so that I can fully fulfill your purpose for me.

