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JESUS THE YOUNG PERSON 2

Last week we started looking at the life of Jesus at twelve years. We realized three things about Jesus the young person. We saw that at age twelve, He

- i) Knew the Father
- ii) Knew the scriptures
- iii) Knew His purpose.

Today we want to focus on the second point. Jesus knew the scriptures at age twelve. If you are already older than twelve know that you have no excuse not to know the scriptures.

Luke 2:46

"And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions."

The young Jesus was addicted to the Word of God to the extent that He spent three days with elderly people discussing the word of God. Now wait a minute, you would say, "oh sure, that was Jesus. He was the Son of God". But Jesus didnt know the scriptures supernaturally. He had to make time to learn as everybody else did. He had formed certain good habits from childhood. One of them was not missing Bible lessons in the synagogue. Check this out:

Luke 4:16

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up in order to read."

Did you see that? It was His custom, habit and practice to always attend Church to hear the Word.

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As a young person, you have no excuse. Start taking interest in the Bible. The Bible itself has said a lot of things about that. First of all, the only way to live effectively as a young person and avoid certain mistakes that can cost you dearly is to take heed to the Word.

Psalms 119:9

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to your word."

The Word of God in you will help you to live pure. It will help guide you through life.

The second thing is that it will make you wise. Have you heard of the phrase "young and wise" before? Well, taking interest in the Word of God will make you young and wise.

2 Timothy 3:15

"And that from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Let me now give you some practical things you can do to know the scriptures. First of all, own a Bible. Get a Bible for yourself. If possible save to buy a very nice one. Write your name on it and keep it well.

Secondly, get coloured pencils or highlighters and mark out scriptures that have really spoken to you personally on certain issues. You may want to memorize those scriptures.

Thirdly, draw a timetable for Bible reading. Don't rush to read through quickly. Take your time. Start from Genesis to Deuteronomy. Jump to the Gospels. After that come back to Joshua and continue to 2 Chronicles. Continue from Acts to Jude. Come back to read from the Psalms to Malachi. After Malachi read Revelation. Know that it is not strange to read the entire Bible as a young person. Our Lord did it as a young person.

Fourthly, be interested in small group bible discussion.

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Fifthly, write some notes when listening to teachings at church or christian meetings. Go over your notes in your spare time.

If you take the scriptures seriously, you will always be ahead of your peers in terms of wisdom. You will avoid many mistakes in life and it will lead to the third thing Jesus knew as a young person: **GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE. BLESSINGS!!!**