



*First Baptist Church of Cypress*  
**How To Be Godly Parents**  
*Luke 2:40-52*

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Today, let us learn how Mary and Joseph had to rely on God's goodness, power, and control; the Lord also equips us to live a godly life. This is the only passage recorded about the child/teenage life of Jesus. Therefore, we need to make much of this passage and see what we can learn. Being a parent is one of the most important and demanding jobs ever.

**Luke 2:40-52,**

*"And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."*

## 1. Jesus' Parents were Active PARTICIPANTS of Godly LIVING. (v 40-42)

Actively living a godly life is found when:

### 1) The LIFESTYLE is exemplified in SPEECH, LIFE, and PURITY. (v 40)

*"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."*

**Ephesians 4:29**

*"But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."*

**Colossians 3:8**

*"So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves."*

**Galatians 5:16**

### 2) The HOUSEHOLD is kept Pure in LOVE and FAITH. (v 40)

*"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."*

**1 Peter 3:8**

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

**James 4:7**

*"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."*

**Joshua 24:15**

### 3) The ATTENDANCE with Other BELIEVERS is Consistent. (v 41-42)

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

## 2. Jesus' Parents Depended on the PRACTICE of Godly PARENTING.

(v 43-51)

*"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."*

**Psalms 20:4**

- a) The MOTIVATION of a Child's Independency should originate from the DEPENDENCY on God.
- b) The Greatest Gift given to a child is the example of a GODLY INFLUENCE.
- c) The Consistent TEACHING of God's Word affects the adult LIFE of a child.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." **Proverbs 22:6***

Mary & Joseph did not fully understand Jesus' spiritual maturity in being "God's Son", but their godly parenting was trusting in God's word. So, what we instill in our children now is so important for the future of family and the future of the church! Let us live out a godly influence both personally and publicly, hold fast to the Scriptures, and treasure in our hearts the blessing of parenting.