



## LET'S GET BUSY! / JANUARY 1, 2023

**LUKE 2:49 NKJV – (49)** And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

The aim of this message is to encourage people to believe in Christ and to be committed to His business. What Jesus said here, at age 12, has an impact on all our personal lives and our family relationships. Jesus claimed that He must be about His “father’s business.” What was His Father’s business? When His parents saw Him, He was “sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.”

Jesus was in the Temple as a thoughtful learner, not as a teacher. When the rabbis taught, they asked a lot of questions. Students would answer and ask their own questions. It was very interactive. At the time, the business of the Father for Jesus was to be a learner. The full nature of “Father’s business” would become clearer later in the ministry of Jesus.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom, He healed the sick, He cast out devils, He proclaimed release to the captives, and He set free those who were downtrodden. The more political aspects of this proclamation will be fulfilled in a greater way when He returns to rule over the earth. The ultimate consummation of His Father’s business is still ahead. Jesus even said in **John 14:12**, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

As Jesus obeyed God, stayed focused and with His full attention to God, **LUKE 2:40** tells us the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him and in (**verse 52**), Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Therefore, like now and never before, “**Let’s be about our Fathers business.**”

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 4:10-11**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Don’t focus on the size of your business, focus on the size of your God.