

MOVING ON FROM BETHLEHEM—4

“It is concluded with the Rearing a Child”

Luke 2:52

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

Introduction. During the 18 years of solitude after His appearance in the TEMPLE, Jesus evidently made headway and progressed in ways that are outlined in FOUR DIFFERENT ASPECTS. Note them:

- I. **FIRST OF ALL, JESUS GREW AND PROGRESSED IN INTELLECTUAL _____** (Luke 2:52a) *“And Jesus increased in wisdom . . .”*

- II. **SECONDLY, JESUS GREW AND PROGRESSED IN PHYSICAL _____** (Luke 2:52a) *“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature . . .”*

- III. **THIRDLY, JESUS GREW AND PROGRESSED IN SPIRITUAL _____** (Luke 2:52b) *“ . . . in favour with God . . .”*

- IV. **FOURTHLY, JESUS GREW AND PROGRESSED IN SOCIAL _____** (Luke 2:52c). *“Jesus increased . . . in favour . . . with . . . man.”*

CONCLUSION:

Application: The truth is that apart from the indwelling Holy Spirit, we are all UNLIKELY candidates to accomplish WHATEVER it is that God has called or appointed us to accomplish, the FOUR ADVANCEMENTS of Luke 2:52. This would be a great time to focus our attention, our energy, and our prayers that . . .

1. We might _____ an understanding and application of God’s Word to our lives.
2. We might _____ ourselves to accept the responsibilities of whatever the Lord has placed us.
3. We might _____ our walk alongside of God our Father.
4. We might _____ grace and integrity to those who live around us.