

Being About My Father's Business **Luke 2:41-50 (12/27/09 AM)**

Seemingly, before the last present is opened and the final holiday guest is gone, our thoughts turn to a New Year. Ok, what next? While 2009 may have been a good year (or bad) for us personally; we still hope that 2010 will be *better*. If we continue to do *the same things the same way and expect different results*, we're not thinking clearly (or we're stupid!). The lone portrait of Jesus in His adolescence gives us incredible insight into how to change our focus from *the temporal to that which is eternal – God's business!*

1st He was *after* His Father's Heart – Waiting (49b)

“Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?”

- *How will you invigorate your devotional life in 2010?*

2nd He was *attending* His Father's House – Worshipping (46a)

“They found Him in the temple...”

- *How will you improve your worship attitude and attendance in 2010?*

3rd He was *applying* His Father's Word – Weighing (46c)

“Sitting in the midst of the teachers both listening...and asking ...”

- *How will you increase your study of the Scripture in 2010?*

4th He was *among* His Father's People – Walking (43)

“The boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem...”

- *How will you influence lives through fellowship in 2010?*

5th He was *about* His Father's Work – Working (49a)

“Why did you seek Me?...”

- *How will you invest your life in His Church in 2010?*

6th He was *advocating* His Father's Message – Witnessing (47)

“All who heard Him were astounded at his understanding...”

- *How will you introduce others to Christ in 2010?*

Application to our lives: When you come to verse (52) we can conclude that the Father was *pleased* with the life of the Son. Jesus increased in *wisdom, stature and favor* with God and man. Before we

conclude that this was only possible because of *Christ's Deity*, we should remember "*He made Himself of no reputation taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*" *Phil 2:7*. The example Jesus set at age twelve is both *desirable and attainable*. What better motivation for the New Year and our lives than *To Be About Our Father's Business*.