<u>Series</u>: The Son of Man <u>Title</u>: The Childhood of Jesus <u>Text</u>: (Luke 2:21-52)

I. <u>The Parents of Jesus</u>: (Vs 21-24) A. <u>Faithful to God's Word</u>: (Vs 21-24)

(Vs 39) "All Things" - Joseph & Mary were faithful & Devout

(Vs 40) <u>Physical Development</u>: "the Child Grew" <u>Physically</u>: He was 100% God & Human Being (Vs 52) "increased in Stature" (Is 53:1-2)

Spiritual Development: "waxed strong in spirit"

W/o the Stain of Original Sin! (2 Cor 5:21) Did not Sin: (1 Pet 2:22) (Ch 1:80) John the Baptist (Eph 6:10) "*Strong in the Lord*" (2 Tim 2:1) "*Strong in Grace*"

Character Development: "Filled with Wisdom" (Vs 47, 52) (Is 11:1-5)(Is 7:14-15) A Humble life. (Jn 1:14) (Acts 4:33) The Apostles had Great Grace.

B. <u>Faithful to God's Worship</u>: (Vs 41-42) (Vs 41) "*Every year*" -Faithful, Dedicated. - 70 miles (Ps 122:1-2) (Lev 23:4-8) (Deut 16:1-6, 16)

(Vs 43-45) "when they had fulfilled the days"

II. <u>The Evidence of Character Training</u>; (Vs 46-52) Jesus continued to mature physically

Jesus continued to exhibit Godly character. (Prov 3:3-4) Samuel (1 Sam 2:26) David: (1 Sam 18:14-15) Christians: (1 Thes 2:10)(2 Thes 3:7-10)(Titus 2:7; 3:8)

III. <u>The Fruit of Character Training</u>: (Prov 22:6)

1. Jesus chose to Occupy His Time with Godly Pursuits.

2. Jesus chose to Occupy His Time with Godly People.

We see this in his Adult Life Also: Jesus was Faithful to Worship: (Ex 23:17)

Jesus Continued this practice as an adult. (Jn 2:13; 6:4)

Train your children by YOUR Faithfulness.

Jesus Was Faithful to Give Thanks before each meal (Lk 9:13-14) (Lk 22:17-20) (Acts 24:30-31) *You cannot Teach what you do not do!*

<u>Jesus had a Faithful Prayer Life</u>: (Mk 1:35)(Lk 6:12) (Ps 5:3)

Jesus was Faithful to Read the Scriptures: (Lk 4:16)

In the Children of Israel (Judges 2:8-13) How did this happen? (Joshua 24:15) Declared his house would serve the Lord. (Judges 2:10)

Children want to be Trained: (Prov 22:6)

<u>The other half is our Church Life</u>; "*ekklesia*", The center your Social life in the church (Heb 10:24-25) All in One Accord: (Acts 1:14)