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"Jesus Grew in Wisdom"

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There's an old inspirational saying, "If you aren't growing, you're dying."

Our **Biblical** inspiration comes from no better example than **Jesus**.

Luke 2:52 ... "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

That single verse **summarizes** a life of **discipleship**.

Jesus grew in wisdom.

Growing in wisdom grows us deeper in our love for God.

We grow in wisdom like Jesus by **practicing** the spiritual **disciplines** like Jesus.

## **Prayer**

Luke 5:16

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

# Worship

Luke 4:16

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.

## Reading

Luke 4:16-17

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him.

#### **Fasting**

Matthew 4:2

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

#### **Memorizing**

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

### Serving

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

As we grow **closer** to our Father our **hope** will grow too.

Job 4:7-9

"At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant."

Commit to growing in one spiritual discipline in February.