

REVIVAL!
(It Starts in the Home)
Luke 2:39-52, NKJV
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Luke 2:40 - And the Child *grew* and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:52 - And Jesus *increased* in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

The child grew in his first 12 years.

In physical growth, the will has no place and no power. It is passive development. It just happens!

The boy advanced in his second 18 years.

The word advanced is an entirely different word than grew.

The word is derived from pioneers, cutting down trees in the pathway of an advancing army.

It means to lengthen out by hammering as a smith forges metal.

It means to chop away, to beat forward, to hack on!

The idea of the word advanced is that of strenuous activity rather than passive development.

Romans 12:1-2, NKJV - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

GIVE TO GOD YOUR BODY!

1 Corinthians 6:18-20, NKJV - ¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, NKJV - ²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*. ²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1 Corinthians 10:31, NKJV - Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

GIVE TO GOD YOUR MIND!

Ephesians 4:17-24, NKJV - ¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

GIVE TO GOD YOUR WILL!

Romans 7:18-25, NKJV - ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

PRACTICAL STEPS IN GETTING FIT AND STAYING HEALTHY

Exercise daily.

Watch less TV or spend less time playing computer or video games.

Eat healthy meals, more fruits, vegetables and dairy products.

Drink 64 ounces of water daily.

Stop drinking or drink fewer regular soft drinks.

Eat less junk food and fast food (they're often full of fat, cholesterol, salt and sugar).

Get 7 to 9 hours of sleep every night.

Say no to smoking cigarettes.

Say no to drinking alcohol.

Say no to drugs.

1 Thessalonians 5:23, NKJV - Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3 John 2, NKJV - Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

NLC's verse for 2020

²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*