

Jesus Grew in Wisdom

Luke 2:52

Proverbs 9:10

James 3:13-17

We all want to grow, but how often do we actually take steps in the right direction? Luke 2:52, lays out a simple path to growing like Jesus. If Jesus can grow in wisdom, then we can too. There is nothing more valuable to our personal growth than wisdom (Proverbs 4:7). Wisdom is valuable, costly, and also continuous.

Leaders are learners and we never stop learning. The wise person is not a know-it-all but a learn-it-all. Wisdom also brings blessing. Proverbs 3:13 (NIV) says, “Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.”

Wisdom starts with the fear of the Lord; therefore, it is **spiritual**. It comes through understanding and obeying the teaching of the Bible. If we want to be wise, we must see the Bible as our manual for life.

We can grow in wisdom as we guard our minds from worldly influences which means that wisdom is **pure**. We can also grow in wisdom as we choose the right friends which means that wisdom is **relational**. As Proverbs 13:20 (NLV) says, “Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”

Jesus grew in four main areas; stature, wisdom, favour with man and favour with God. By studying each one of these through the life of Jesus we can start the journey of growth to become more like Jesus and ultimately the people God has called us to be in Him.

Points for Discussion

1. What is the beginning of wisdom and why?
2. What is wisdom from above characterised by?
3. How can we practice this kind of wisdom e.g. at home cell/ work/ home?