

Jesus increased in wisdom  
and in stature  
and in favor with God and man



## Takin' Care of Business (Luke 2:40-52)

Introduction: *The Canadian Band [B.T.O.] song – “Takin' Care of Business”*

- I. BEING A PARENT MEANS “TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS”
  - A. Providing for your child's physical needs (1 Timothy 5:8)
  - B. Providing for your child's spiritual needs (Proverbs 22:6)
  
- II. AS WE TRY TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS, THERE ARE CHALLENGES
  - A. We can become physically separated from our child
    1. Mary & Joseph became separated from young Jesus (Luke 2:44)
    2. There is no more hopeless feeling than to have a lost child...
  
  - B. We can become spiritually separated from our child
    1. Remember the “prodigal son”? (Luke 15)
    2. Where are our children spiritually?
      - a. More than a few of you here struggle with this
      - b. A good recent book – *Already Gone*
  
- III. JESUS TAKES CARE OF BUSINESS
  - A. Jesus takes care of His Father's business (Luke 2:46-50)
  - B. What was His Father's business at the cross?
  - C. What is His Father's business now in & through the Church?
  - D. What is His Father's business in the future & in eternity...

Conclusion: *Thank God that Jesus is `takin`care of business!*