

“TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS”

(Luke 2:40-52)

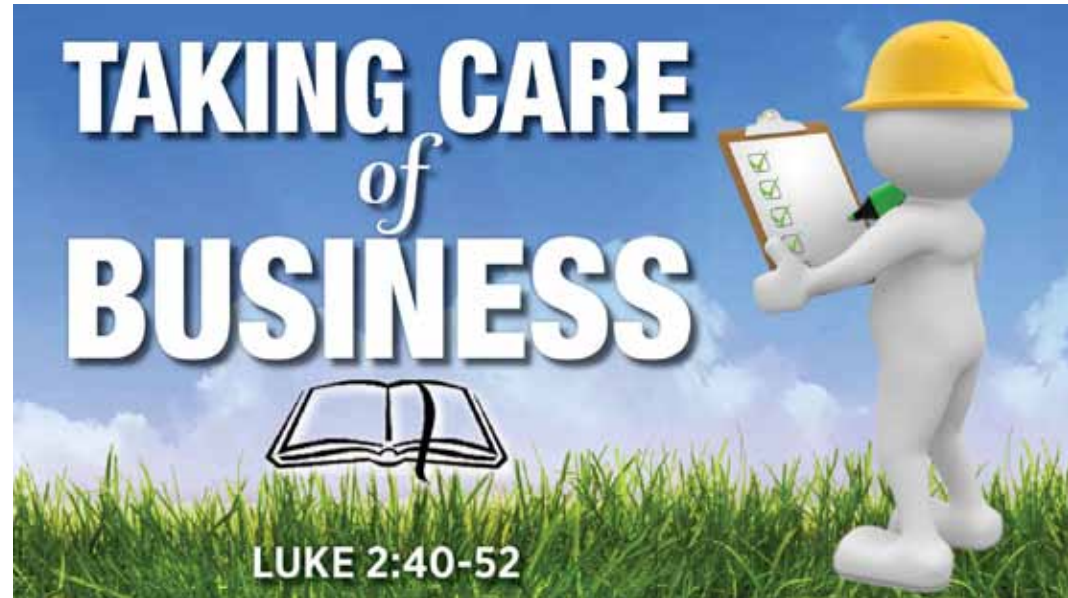
INTRODUCTION: *The meaning of “taking care of business” OR “mind your own business”*

I. BEING A PARENT MEANS TAKING CARE OF SOME IMPORTANT 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. Remembers the “prodigal son”? (Luke 15)
 - 2. Where are our children spiritually?



III. JESUS TAKES CARE OF SOME IMPORTANT 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: *We are thankful Jesus is handling some important business: taking care of us!*