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Jesus' Model for Growth and Service



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Introduction

How many of you are parents?

What specific ways are you concerned about your children's development from the day they are born?



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Introduction

Children's Development

- All the appropriate body parts
- Healthy, functioning internal organs
- Ability to hear, speak and understand
- Ability to learn – read and write
- Ability to relate to other children
- Obedient to parents



Key Verse

**And Jesus grew
in wisdom and stature, and
in favor with God and men.**

Luke 2:52



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Key Verse

Discovery Questions

- **Who do you think were examples of the most developed persons in human history?**

Key Verse

Discovery Questions

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- **Who was the most developed person?**



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Discovery Questions

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- Was Jesus' development immediate, or a process?
- **What are implications for the church?**

The Conditions of Jesus' Development?



- **Political**
- **Economic**
- **Employment**
- **Educational**
- **Social status**
- **Family**
- **Spiritual**



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- **Political – foreign occupation**

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- **Economic – working class**

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- Economic – working class
- **Employment – skilled laborer**

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- **Educational – lower secondary/
high school**

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- **Spiritual – highly developed**

Basic Requirements for Growth



- Loving relationships, models of values
- Adequate food
- Adequate housing
- Adequate clothing
- Meaningful work
- Income that provides for basic needs
- Ability to read
- Access to God's Word



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**What are the implications of these
basic requirements of development
for your local church?**

Definition of Human Development



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- **Movement from where we are, toward God's purposes for us.**

What is God's purpose for us?

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- To be like Jesus

Definition of Human Development



- Movement from where we are, toward God's purposes for us.

Or

- **Growth toward God's intentions**



Key Questions

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For what purpose was
Jesus developed?

For what purpose do we
need to develop?



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Supporting Verses

The Purpose of Jesus' Development

- John 12:49-50; 14:31
- Luke 4:18-19
- Mathew 4:23-24; 9:35-36
- Matthew 20:25-28



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 - **To do His Father's will**

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- **Matthew 20:25-28 – To Serve**

What is the Purpose for Our Development?



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Jesus' Disciple's Development

- Matt. 10:5-8
- Mark 9:35
- John 14:15,21,23,24
- John 13:34-35

Our Development

- I John 5:3
- Phil. 2:5-8
- Matt. 28:18-20

Where Does Development Begin?

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**Development or growth
begins with ME!**



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Reinforcement

- **List at least five basics a child in your culture needs for biblical/wholistic growth.**

Reinforcement



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- **List at least five basics a child in your culture needs for biblical/wholistic growth.**
- **What is your church doing to ensure the presence of each of those basics?**



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Key Ideas

- **Jesus grew in wisdom, physically, spiritually, and socially**



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- Development, or growth, is a process
- Jesus developed perfectly in less-than-perfect circumstances
- **We need the same basic conditions Jesus had for our development**



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Key Ideas

- **The church should work toward providing basic requirements for development for those in our community**



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- **God's purpose for Jesus: Reveal the Kingdom, Obedience to God, to Serve**



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- **Service's purpose:
Help others develop**



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- Service's purpose: Help others develop
- **Development: Moving toward God's purpose**



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Personal Application

- **Reflection:**

My Personal Development Ideas



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Personal Application

- Reflection
- **Commitment**
 - **New: Grow beyond current lifestyle**



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 - **New: Grow beyond current lifestyle**
 - **Realistic: A small step to take within a short period of time**



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Specific: What, who, when, where

Shared: Tell and pray in pairs

Personal Development Action Plan

Write a specific plan for one step you will take this week to grow in one of the four areas

<i>Circle area</i>	What:
Wisdom	
Physical	When:
Spiritual	
Social	Where:

Application – Serving my Family



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■ Reflection:

**Serving Others
SO they will grow toward
God's intentions for their lives.**

Application – Serving my Family



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In each of the following areas, list one example of a place where you can serve in order to help someone in your family move toward God's intentions in each area.

- **Wisdom:**
- **Physical:**
- **Spiritual:**
- **Social:**

Application – Serving my Family

Loving service that helps others grow



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	Examples:
Wisdom	Find a Proverb on wise use of money and share it with my kids
Physical	Walk 15 minutes with my wife
Spiritual	Pray for each of my extended family
Social	Take my spouse on a date

Serving my Family Action Plan

Write a specific plan for one step you will take soon to lovingly serve one family member.

<u>Circle area</u>	What:
Wisdom	Who:
Physical	When:
Spiritual	Where:
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Application – Serving my Family

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**Share your application with
another participant and pray
for each other.**

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Trainer Name
Ministry

Jesus' Model Review Questions



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- **What are the four areas of Jesus' growth?**
- **Is God concerned with the same areas in our growth?**
- **Define human development.**
- **What are some of the basic requirements for our growth?**
- **What is the purpose for our growth?**