**“I Must Be About My Father’s Business”**

**(Luke 2:49)**

**On this first Sunday of the new year we will be challenged by the first and only recorded words of Jesus before the age of 30. These words provide a great example, showing us . . .**

 **I. His Passion** *(“I* ***MUST*** *be about…”)*

 *(Luke 4:43; 9:22; 19:5; John 4:4; 9:4-5)*

* A Passion for Preaching (Lk.4:43)
* A Passion for Personal Work (Lk.19:5; Jn.4:4)
* A Passion for Performing Miracles (Jn.9:4-5)
* A Passion for Obedience in face of Suffering (Lk.9:22)

 **II. His Person** *(“…****MY FATHER’S****…”)*

 *(John 1:14, 34, 49; 8:19, 28, 38, 49, 54; 19:7; 20:31)*

* A Play on words (vv.48-49)
* His favorite description of God the Father
* His Uniqueness (Jn.1:14; Heb.11:17)

 **III. His Pursuit** *(“…My Father’s* ***BUSINESS****…”)*

*(Luke 2:46, 51; Matthew 3:15; 5:17; Mark 3:14; 10:45)*

* To Listen, Ask Questions, and Grow (v.46)
* To be an obedient teen-age son (v.51)
* To live a righteous life (Mt.3:15; Heb.4:15)
* To train the 12 disciples (Mk.3:14; 2 Tim.2:2)
* To suffer and die for sin (Mk.10:45)

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**I will be about MY Father’s business in 2018 in the areas of:**

 \* My Devotional Life: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \* My Church: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \* My Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \* My Work / School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \* My Witness: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_