

Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 & Luke 2:39-52
Singing: 425:1, 4 – 141:1 – 49:1-3 – 309:1, 3 – 238:1-3

Jesus' Commitment to His Father's Business

- A. Members of a church family are like *partners* in a business
1. No body part is simply a 'member' on the body
 2. Every body part is a partner to the whole body
For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office (function) (...) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given us. (Romans 12:4, 6)
 - a. avoid being a *parasite partner*
 - b. avoid being a *cancer partner*
 - c. strive to be a *symbiotic partner*
- B. Jesus at age 12 is fully conscious of His Father's business (Luke 2:49)
1. What is His Father's business?
 - a. To do His Father's will (must): Luke 4:43; 9:22; 13:33; 19:5; 24:7
 - b. Jesus is fully conscious of His mission on earth: are we like Him?
 2. What is His commitment to His Father's business?
 - a. What is commitment?
 - *Commitment is to be devoted or dedicated to a cause or person to which you pledged yourself*
 - b. Jesus' commitment:
 - *I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my Heart. (Ps. 40:8)*
 - *O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. (Matt 26:39)*
 - c. What does commitment to God and His Church mean to us?