

"Upon this rock I will build my church"

Matthew 16:18

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IMITATE JESUS' MANHOOD

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The topic assigned is thought-provoking and beneficial, also one of some difficulty.
 - 1. Thought-provoking because: consider the example of Jesus, since it relates to the important role of man in God's plan.
 - 2. Difficult because of: the comprehensive nature of the example of Jesus, necessity of selection, etc.
- B. Consider three topics concerning this subject.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE DECLARATION OF HIS EXAMPLE (I Peter 2:21).

- A. The context of the passage.
- B. The figure in the term "example."
- C. The insight provided.

II. THE DIMENSIONS OF HIS EXAMPLE.

- A. Development to manhood (Luke 2:52).
- B. Learning to earn a living (Mark 6:3).
- C. Development of a deep religious faith. Note: Verses in several places which stress this truth.
- D. Jesus knew and was involved in a family life and the events which were important to that life.
- E. Jesus knew the events in the world around Him.

III. THE DECISION TO IMITATE HIM.

- A. To receive the instruction Jesus gave, in word and deed.
- B. To guide ourselves and others by this instruction.
- C. To mature more fully as we learn more and live better after His example.

CONCLUSION:

This example of Jesus in growing to manhood and living such a life as he did should encourage and guide us to be better and stronger in our lives, both as men and women.

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