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## March Forth

**F**riday is March 4<sup>th</sup>, which is the only day of the year that is a “command.” On this day we are told to “March forth.” As members of the Lord’s body, we are to continually march forth and onward ever growing in the Lord and spreading the borders of the Lord’s kingdom.

Luke 2:52 is a verse regarding Jesus when He was a young man that exemplifies the growing and marching onward we need to have as Christians. This verse says, “*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*”

As we “march forth” through our journey here, let’s do as the Lord when He was a young man and increase and better ourselves in these four areas:

1. **Wisdom** — The primary definition of “wisdom” according to the American Heritage Dictionary is “Understanding of what is true, right, or lasting; insight.” The second definition simply states, “common sense, good judgment.”

We all know what wisdom is, but also know it’s hard to practice. Solomon had wisdom above all other people, but he did not always

utilize it. To have wisdom and not use it is analogous to having a hammer with you, but using a rock to drive a nail. You might as well not have the hammer if you never use it. Likewise, wisdom, unused, is wasted.

How does one obtain wisdom? Certainly, we learn from our past as we go through life. By sheer experiences, we learn not to repeat certain courses of action, but the child of God has another way to obtain wisdom— ask for it. We are told in James 1:5, “*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*”

The fifth, and final definition, of “wisdom” in the particular dictionary I used just simply states, “Bible. Wisdom of Solomon.” Study those whose experiences are recorded in the pages of the Bible to learn from them and grow in wisdom.

Wisdom can keep us out of trouble, keep us on the right path in life, and ultimately, help us obtain a home in Heaven. Let’s pray for wisdom often as we **march forth** toward our eternal destiny.

2. **Stature** — Stature is the physical growing of one’s body. The Lord has given us bodies to be able to live in this physical world. We are certainly obligated to take care of it as much as is within us. Granted, there are many things beyond our control, but so many damage their bodies with activities that are completely within their control.

Paul wrote in I Timothy 4:8, “*For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*” Although bodily exercise does profit little, note that he did not say that it is of no profit. Although bodily exercise profits little when compared to the eternal scheme of things, there is still some profit in it.

A sound body helps one’s attitude and outlook on life. Let’s do all we can to take care of the vessel the Lord has given us. Let’s **march forth** toward a more healthy existence here.

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# News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, and Vicki McDaniel.**

—**Jean Coffey** has asked that we continue to remember her with prayer. She has two broken vertebrae in her back and is in extreme pain.

—**Alroy McDaniel**, father of Kerry McDaniel, has been diagnosed with advanced cancer and we have been asked to remember him in prayer.

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**3. Favor with God** — As Jesus was growing up, He increased in favor with God. At the tender and formidable age of 12, He was found in the temple discussing advance spiritual matters. His interest in the work of the Lord began early. Even though He was the son of God, no doubt, the way his earthly parents reared him made a real difference.

Make sure your children are at the worship services, Bible classes, and are exposed continuously to the teachings of God's word. Though secular education is of vast importance, and I recommend as much education as possible, make sure they are first and foremost educated in the Lord.

With television, the Internet, and peer pressure, there will be worldly influences pulling at them from every side. Make sure their spiritual strength is stronger than other influences pulling on them. Proverbs 22:6 states, "*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*"

Granted, many things are beyond your control, but do all you can to make sure your children can **march forth** throughout their lives serving the Lord and then ultimately obtain a home in Heaven.

**4. Favor with man** — Jesus also increased socially. He was a likable person. He healed others, He talked with the friendless. Simply stated, Jesus was a kind and gentle person. Many did not like him, but it was because his teachings disrupted the status quo.

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Sunday, February 20, 2011		
Classes	13	Mark 10:25-40
Preaching	19	Numbers 22 (Balam)
Contribution	\$347.00	
Evening	10	Daniel 6:1-28
Wednesday, February 23, 2011		
Classes	19	Numbers 7:1-47

—There is no Bible quiz this week—  
due to the length of the article.

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Jesus was the kind of person we would want to be around. When we strive to be more like Jesus, we will grow in favor with man. Many will disagree with us spiritually, but there is never a cause to be unkind and argumentative.

Don't be the kind of person who always has to get in the last word or who is always right. You don't always have to prove your point, even if you absolutely know you are right. No one likes a "know it all." Nobody knows it all, and even when we do know something, we don't necessarily have to show it.

Be kind, gentle, and soft spoken. As you **march forth** throughout your life, you will increase in favor with man.

—Marty Edwards❖

## —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)