

STRUGGLES IN CHARACTER

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." Lk. 2:40

God wants us to experience full-rounded growth. While illness or weakness may come in the providence of God, we can know that physical strength is a major factor in our life. The mind grows through the acquirement of knowledge and the development of wisdom. God wants us to be wise. We can develop social attitudes that help us to gain the good will of our fellowman. This is also part of God's plan and the condition for the most effective witness for him. And God wants us to be spiritually mature, morally sensitive, and Christlike in character. This does not come without a struggle. The development of character calls for the severest struggles against evil temptations and the application of one's life to what is right morally in truth, purity and unselfishness in our daily walk.

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