

Sermon Notes & Scriptures for:

Like a Child

Matthew 18:1-4

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BE LIKE A CHILD:

- MATTHEW 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

WHO IS THE GREATEST:

- 1 John 2:¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.
- “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

TURN

- 2 Corinthians 7:10 -For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.
- “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

- Philippians 2: Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
- MATTHEW 18:3 “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”



CONSEQUENCES – Disqualification

- Matthew 7:21
- Matthew 5:20
- Enthusiasm-EPH. 6:7 -Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man
- Effort – COL. 3:23 - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men
- Joy – Psalm 118: 24 -This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it

GODLY CHILDLIKE QUALITIES

- Humility – James 4:6
- Dependence – John 15:5
- Trust – Isaiah 26:3-4

WE NEED JESUS

- Luke 9:23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
- Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.



Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Proverbs 13:15 KJV says “...*the way of the transgressor is hard.*” How do you think that might apply to these two verses?
 - a. *⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,*
 - b. *¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

2. What circumstances or challenges make your life hard? What things in your list can you control? What things in your list are out of your control?

3. To whom do your bodies belong? (The Lord Jesus Christ who bought them with His blood.)

4. In light of belonging to Jesus why should we flee sexual immorality?

5. How can we glorify God with our bodies?

Remember leaders: these are only suggested questions and ideas. Trust the Lord to guide and direct you, because He loves you, in any way the Spirit leads!