

“Let the Children Come to Me”

- A. Children are sometimes treated as a distraction, an afterthought, or a necessary inconvenience.
- B. Jesus, the Son of God, would have us to view and treat children in a better way.

I. Jesus in Relation to Children

- A. Jesus _____ a child (*Isa 9:6-7*).
- B. Jesus _____ a child of a Canaanite woman (*Matt 15:21-28*).
- C. Jesus cast a _____ out of a child (*Matt 17:14-18*).
- D. Jesus raised a child from the _____ (*Mark 5:21-24, 35-43*).
- E. Jesus used a child’s barley loaves and fish to _____ more than 5,000 people (*John 6:1-14*).
- F. When Jesus cleansed the temple, children cried out, “ _____!” (*Matt 21:14-17*).

II. Children in the Teachings of Jesus

- A. Jesus warned his disciples not to _____ children in coming to him (*Luke 18:9-17*).
 - 1. My _____ can hinder children.
 - 2. My _____ can hinder children.
 - 3. My lack of _____ can hinder children.
 - 4. My lack of planning, _____, and devotion can hinder children.
 - 5. My _____ can hinder children.
- B. Jesus put a child in the midst of his disciples to teach them about _____ (*Matt 18:1-6*).
 - 1. Children are innocent (*1 Cor 14:20*)
 - 2. Children are _____ (*Isa 64:8*)
 - 3. Children are humble (*1 Pet 5:6*)
 - 4. Children are _____ (*Rom 12:9*)
 - 5. Children are persistent (*Luke 18:1-8*)
 - 6. Children are _____ (*Matt 6:25-34*)
 - 7. Children are curious (*1 Pet 2:2-3*)
 - 8. Children are _____ (*Matt 6:14-15*)
- C. Jesus revealed that whoever receives a child in his name receives him (*Mark 9:33-37*).

Conclusion:

- A. May the Lord teach us this profound truth—loving children in the name of Jesus is loving God the Son and God the Father. Shaping young hearts for God is no trivial task and no small wonder.
- B. Do you need to turn and come to your heavenly Father like a child this morning? (*Rom 8:12-17*)