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## Childlike

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1 Cor. 14:20 “Brethren, **do not be children** in your thinking; yet in evil be **infants**, but in your thinking be **mature**.”

- **Childish**: immature, wanting what we like rather than what we need
- **Childlike**: innocence

1 Pet. 2:2 “like **newborn babies** long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation”

- “long for” – **crave!** – must grow (**2 Pet. 3:18**)
- “pure” – free of guile / no bias or slant

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- **Simple** – Naïve; willing to actually accept and believe **God!**

**Ps. 119:130** *“The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the **simple.**”*

- “needing” [Brown-Driver-Briggs] / “inexperienced” (CSB)

**Ps. 116:6** *“The LORD preserves the **simple...**”*

- Not a lack of intelligence, a lack of understanding (**Eph. 4:17-19**)

*“... I was brought low, and He saved me.”*

- But they “learned” Christ (**Eph. 4:20-21**)

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### The Kingdom of God is for the simple

- *“At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to **infants.**” (Matt. 11:25)*
- Kingdom life will not appeal to worldly “intellectuals” **(1 Cor. 1:26-27)**

### The simple are satisfied with simplicity

- *“But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray **from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.**” (2 Cor. 11:3)*

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## Receptive

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- **Receptive** – malleable; not hardened; willing to listen and change

**Job 22:22** *“Please **receive** instruction from His mouth and establish His words in your heart.”*

- Bereans (**Acts 17:11**) *“more noble-minded”/“more **receptive**”* (ISV)

**We must accept the word for what it really is (1 Thess. 2:13)**

**Prov. 15:32** *“He who neglects discipline **despises himself**, but he who **listens** to reproof acquires understanding.”*

- self-loathing / guilt – those who ignore God’s will

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**We must grow into a Childlike trust in the LORD**

- *“O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty; Nor do I involve myself in great matters, Or in things too difficult for me. Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; Like a weaned **child** rests against his mother, My soul is like a weaned **child** within me.”*  
**(Ps. 131:1-2)**

**1 John 2:1 ‘My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.’**



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