

**“May God Bless The Children”
Matthew 19:13-15
Mother’s Day, May 10, 2015**

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The 5th Commandment, Exodus 20:12

“Give me children, or I’ll die!” Genesis 30:1

Psalm 127

Our passage is also recorded in Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

The Thought Of Our Passage: “Jesus Says Adults Need To Be Like Children If They Are Going To Enter The Kingdom Of God.”

4 Facts Concerning God Blessing Children:

Matthew 19:13

“Then” – The context is that Jesus has just spoken about “Marriage and Divorce” in Matt 19:1-12.

God’s divine order is Marriage Then Procreation.

“some children” – “little one, infant” or could be of a more advanced child.

Mark 10:13 – young children; general word “an infant, or a half-grown boy or girl.”

Luke 18:15 – “babies” – “babe, (young) child, infant.”

1. Verse 13 – Parents Should Bring Their Children To Jesus: “children were brought to Him”

How does one bring their children to Jesus? 3 ways:

1. Through Prayer – Philippians 4:6-7

2. Through Teaching – Proverbs 1:8

Proverbs 6:20

Prov 3:21-26

Paul wrote to Timothy – 2 Timothy 3:14-15

3. Through Example – 2 Timothy 1:5

Single Mothers: A Mother can make a significant spiritual impact on her children with or without the help of a father.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

2. Verse 13 – Children Need Jesus: “so that He might lay His hands on them and pray;”

Mark 10:13; Genesis 48:14 – when Jacob laid his hands on Joseph’s sons to give them a blessing.

“and the disciples rebuked them.” – rebuked – “to reprove, censure severely, reprimanded them, charge one with wrong”; As the waves of children and parents were coming to Jesus, the disciples were systematically chewing them out!

Why did the disciples do this? 2 suggestions:

1. Disciples were attempting to protect Jesus.
2. Children were looked at as having little importance – Romans and the Greeks put little value on children.

Matthew 19:14

Mark 10:14 – Only Mark Notes Jesus’ Emotion Of Anger!

“But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant” – Literally “much grieved, to be very grieved.”

3. Verse 14 – Encourage Children To Come To Jesus: “But Jesus said, “Let the children alone,”

Matthew 18:6

Jesus performed many miracles on children: Jairus’ daughter, the demon-possessed boy, Canaanite woman with the demon-possessed daughter, widow’s son that Jesus raised from the dead.

“and do not hinder them from coming to Me;” – Literally “always let them come to me.”

Why is it that sometimes we adults are so dense? They had just forgotten what Jesus said. Matthew 18: 1-6

Children belong in the arms of Jesus.

Nehemiah 8:2

Term understand, understood is used 6X in the first 13 verses.

4. Verse 14 – Children Have An Elevated Position In God’s Kingdom:
“for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

What a verse for “Child Evangelism” – “The kingdom of heaven”

“belongs to such as these.” – Whole category, whole class of beings to which these babies belong. Literally, “The Kingdom of God belongs to these kind, babies, infants, little children.”

Matthew, Mark and Luke all follow up this incident with the story of “The Rich Young Ruler”. Mark 10: 17 – “what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Babies Are A Powerful Illustration That Salvation Is By Grace.

“to such as these.” – What are some of the things we learn from children that we are to follow? (Matthew 6 – Consider the birds or “study or be a bird watcher!”)

“Children don’t need to be adults to come to Jesus, but adults must become like children to come to Jesus.”

What can we learn from children?:

1. Humility.
2. Children are more receptive than adults.
3. Acceptance of Authority.
4. Wonder – Children can be captivated by some of the most simple of things.

Matthew 19: 15

Mark 10: 16

Isaiah 40:11

Application:

1. Mothers Need To Be Convinced Of Their Own Salvation.
2. Mothers Be Committed To Being A Godly Wife – (If married) – Being a godly mother involves being a godly wife.
3. Mothers Be Committed To The Bible – The Final Authority.
4. Mothers Be Committed To Making Your Children Disciples Of Jesus.