

“GO FOR THE GOAL”
Mark 10:13-16

Somebody said that the true test of a society is how it treats children. In many places, children are often viewed as a nuisance, a bother, or a distraction. Things haven't changed much for 2,000 years since that's how Jesus' disciples viewed children. If we're to develop a healthy perspective on children, we must understand four principles Jesus revealed to His disciples.

1. The Passion of Jesus for children

“People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant.”
Mark 10:13-14a

“Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes Me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” Matthew 18:5-6

2. The Priority of Jesus with children

“He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them.’”
Mark 10:14b

Questions every child will answer:

- Who am I?

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.” Hebrews 11:24

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:14

- What is most important?

“He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.” Hebrews 11:25

- What will I do with my life?

“He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”
Hebrews 11:26

- Will I live by faith?

“By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.” Hebrews 11:27

3. The Protection of Jesus for children

“...For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 10:14c

“...I will go to him, but he will not return to me.” 2 Samuel 12:23b

4. The Pattern of faith Jesus saw in children

“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it” Mark 10:15

“He called a little child and had him stand among them. And He said: ‘I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 18:2-4

CONCLUSION

- How is my commitment to Christ?

demonstrated with children?

PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

“Four Questions that Lead to Godly Character” by Steve Gladen

“As A Child” by Donald Williams

“Little Children Come to Jesus” by Ralph F. Wilson

“Jesus Loves the Little Children” by John MacArthur