



THE PRECIOUSNESS OF A CHILD

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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO UNDERSTANDING THIS STORY

MATTHEW 19:13-15; MARK 10:13-16

- ❶ Why did the disciples seek to _____ the parents from bringing their children to Jesus?
 - The prevailing perception in the first century was that children were simply not that _____.
 - Children were _____ — to be a child was, in many ways, to be _____.
 - Infanticide, _____ and _____, often by exposure, was the primary means of getting rid of unwanted children.
- ❷ Why did Jesus react so _____ to their efforts to hinder the children from being brought to Him?
 - For the disciples to hinder children's access to Jesus was a _____ of the gospel itself.
 - To this day, wherever the gospel of Christ is accepted and proclaimed, the _____ of children rises.

- ❸ What is the specific _____ of child-likeness to which our Lord is referring, which is necessary for anyone _____ into the Kingdom?
 - NOT: _____ — children, like their parents are _____ sinners and are not _____ humble.
 - PROBABLY NOT: _____ — we are told that children are, _____, trusting; but is it more that they are _____, not knowing who to trust? PROVERBS 14:15; 27:12
 - YES: _____ — we can only come to Christ in our truly _____ state, looking to Him and to His grace _____; the thing which _____ children (or anyone) to Christ is their helplessness, not their goodness.

THE IMPACT OF JESUS' ACTIONS ON OUR CULTURE

- ❶ Don't _____ the personal worth of children.
- ❷ Don't _____ the daily pressure on parents.
- ❸ Don't _____ the spiritual decisions of children.