

Trust Like a Child
Luke 9:46-48





Tennessee
Children's Home



Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

3 John 1:4 - I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Becoming as Little Children

- Luke 9:46-48

46 An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. 47 But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side 48 and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

Becoming as Little Children

- Matthew 18:1-4

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

We can not Literally Become Children Again

- John 3:3-7 – Jesus and Nicodemus

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ”

Children come into the world relying on others for their security and their needs

- Once we enter the Christian life, we continue to rely on Christ daily.
- Job 24:23

He gives them security, and they are supported, and his eyes are upon their ways.

Children Begin to Grow at Birth

- We enter Christ and begin to grow from that point forward.

- 1 Peter 2:2

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation...

- 2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

- 2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Children delight in bringing about happiness in
their parents.

- Children desire to please their parents . . . Should we not desire to please our Heavenly Father?

- Philippians 3:16

. . . Let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

(NKJV)

Children try to walk in the footsteps of their parents

- Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Children have pure expectations

- Matthew 25:13

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.” (NKJV)

Children have love because they are loved

- Children let you know that they love you
- 1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

- How long has it been since you told your Heaven Father that you really love Him?

Little children are honest - Their thought
processes are pure

- Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Little children are not afraid to ask questions for fear of sounding stupid

- Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- Matthew 7:7-8

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

Children have trust . . . They have that “Child-like faith.”

- Romans 10:17

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- 1 John 5:4

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Adults Must Decide Their Eternal Destiny

- Romans 5:9

9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

- Romans 5:10

10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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- John 10:9

“9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”

- Galatians 3:27

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.