

Being Innocent

Luke 18:15 People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 17 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

An Overview of the Passage

"People were ALSO . . ."

"Bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. . ."

"Thy disciples rebuked them . . ."

The Message of Jesus

1. Jesus _____ the children to _____.

Mark 10:16 And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

2. He _____ His disciples. "Allow the children to come to me!"

3. He said that people "such as these" _____ His kingdom.

-- Those who _____ easily.

-- Those who bring _____ in achievement or accomplishment.

-- Those who make no _____.

-- Those who we view as _____.

4. He _____ the _____ of this teaching.

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Luke 21:3 "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others.

Luke 21:32 "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

Luke 23:43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

5. He said that _____ who wanted to be a part of His Kingdom must receive it as a _____ would receive it.

Of The Many Qualities That Jesus May Be Referring To In This Statement, Let's Look At Innocence:

Who In This World Is, Or Has Been Innocent?

_____? _____!

Eph. 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Psa. 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

_____? _____!

Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Only _____!

Matt. 27:4 "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

Matt. 27:19 While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.

Being Innocent Doesn't Mean You Are . . .

1. _____

1Cor. 4:4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

2. _____ or _____

Rom. 16:19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

3. _____

Jesus was saying that we should have an _____ of innocence.

As Christians, We Should Strive for that Attitude . . .

1. In the _____ ways and its _____.

2. In life's _____ and _____.

3. In our _____ in God.

Consider: