

It's SEPT 2020

I continue to be overwhelmed, and a little consumed –  
by the condition of our nation today

the extreme level of polarized opinions,  
and violent demands, and flat-out violence

the unbelievable entitlement  
justifying the destruction of people's lives,  
looting, destroying, physical attacks – & murder

The incredible levels of HATE

& the unbelievable level  
of MIND-CONTROL in the Media

That Makes us THINK & FEEL & DO  
exactly what they tell us - to

Especially the DARKEST  
& most powerful Media of them all – SOCIAL MEDIA

& I want us so badly to be  
part of the SOLUTION, & not part of the PROBLEM

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But – I don't need to REVIEW  
the DIRE STRAIGHTS our culture with you - today

EVEN if you're trying to LIMIT your intake  
of the MindControl Media

You still are very aware – of the Unprecedented Trouble  
that we are in – as a Nation

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So – All I really need to do today  
is APPLY God's Word to OUR LIVES

& to ENCOURAGE & EXHORT us

to Personally & Genuinely  
APPLY God's Word to our Lives

Fortunately - the VERY NEXT set of Vs's  
in our vs-by-vs study of Mark

Is Perfectly Applicable - to our Need TODAY

Isn't that Awesome?

Let's Pray

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We're just going to Jump Right In today . . .

**Mark 10:13(a) (NLT)**

***13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them . . .***

We love children, don't we?

It is so important that we regularly, genuinely  
**CONNECT** with children

**Because** It may be our only HOPE  
to **NOT LOSE** the Childlike Qualities

**that Jesus** himself says - are **REQUIRED**  
for us to - **RECEIVE** the Kingdom of God - into our lives

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**Children** are incredible –  
their VIEW of Life is incredible

**Their Wonder** of the World,  
**Their Questions** about things around them

**Their Excitement** & Awe & Wonder  
of things that we've long sense Forgotten

**Their Transparency** in their feelings  
& their Humility in their view of themselves

**AND most of all**  
Their Absolute Trust - in their Parents

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The TRUST of a child – in their Parents  
is ultimately, the perfect picture

of the TRUST that is required  
for us - TO RECEIVE the Kingdom of God - into our lives

Jesus is going to tell us today

if we don't have the trust in HIM  
that a child has in their parent

then we CANNOT Receive the Kingdom of God - into our lives

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AND - Jesus is about to tell us

If we don't Receive the Kingdom of God  
With Childlike Traits

Then we will Never Enter – the Kingdom of God

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(again) Mark 10:13(a) (NLT)

*13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so  
he could touch and bless them . . .*

This is like us bringing  
the Children's Ministry - into the sanctuary

when the most important pastor  
we could think of - was here

Which causes the disciples to respond  
like many of US might

**Mark 10:13(b) (NLT)**

*. . . But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.*

Whoa, what are these KIDS doing in here?

Don't you realize

we're doing some important spiritual things here?

Don't you realize who this is?

What are you doing bringing the kids in here?

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& maybe Jesus would respond to US

the SAME WAY he responded to the Disciples

**Mark 10:14(a) (NLT)**

*14 When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples . . .*

Jesus was ANNOYED - he was INDIGNANT

He was ANGRY at the disciples

**& so - Mark 10:14(b) (NLT)**

*. . . He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."*

The NKJV says, "*Jesus was greatly displeased*"  
with the actions of the Disciples

& so - after Scolding the Disciples  
Jesus says

***14 . . . Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children***

Just THINK about - how Jesus feels right now

Jesus KNOWS the children have the SECRET  
To Receiving the Kingdom of God

They have the Secret  
that we need to Learn – From Them

& So - How does Jesus feel – watching the Disciples  
trying to KEEP the Children From Him?

v.14 tells us how Jesus felt – He was ANGRY

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Guys - We Can't RECEIVE the Kingdom of God

without learning the SECRET  
that the children know - Instinctively

& please believe me when I say  
This is ALSO The SECRET

to how we can RISE ABOVE  
all that is So Wrong in our Culture today

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& So - Jesus giving the Disciples  
this Wake Up Call Just ONCE – wasn't enough

So Jesus tells them again – in Mark 10:15 (NLT)  
15 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the  
Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

will never enter it ?

Does that give us the Motivation

to LEARN – What it means

To Receive The Kingdom of God – Like a child?

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The "Kingdom of God"

is BOTH a PRESENT and FUTURE Realm

When we RECEIVE IT – Like a CHILD

The Kingdom of God COMES into our lives  
with ALL the Blessings and Promises of God

AND ALL the Responsibilities – of being  
CITIZENS of the Kingdom where JESUS is our KING

The Kingdom of God – is Eternal Life

But - The Kingdom of God is also

Where We Walk

in The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – TODAY

The Kingdom of God - is WHERE

*Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,  
Faithfulness, Gentleness, And Self-Control – ALL RESIDE*

& we RECEIVE the Kingdom of God into our Lives

For Eternal Life

For ALL the Blessings and Promises of God

AND For ALL the Fruit of the Holy Spirit

The Kingdom of God

is a Present & Future Description

of GOD - Being with US

& US - Being with GOD

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& RIGHT NOW

More than EVER in My Life

I Believe - WE NEED To Genuinely & Truly

RECEIVE the KINGDOM of GOD – INTO Our Lives

IN ORDER TO - Rise Above

the Rapid Decline of the CULTURE around us

In order to NOT get sucked into

the Craziness

& the Polarized Opinions

& the HATE



In order to **NOT** get **Sucked Into**  
what the **MEDIA GIANTS** want you to **believe**

& In order to **Rise Above** it **all**  
& **Be Part** of the **Solution**

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We **MUST LEARN** – To **Truly Receive**  
The **Kingdom of God** into our **lives** – **Like a CHILD**

& in **vs.16** - We **See A Picture**  
of **HOW** Jesus **responds**

**When we DO - Receive** the **Kingdom of God**  
**LIKE a Child**

**Mark 10:16 (NLT)**

***16 Then he took the children in his arms and placed his  
hands on their heads and blessed them.***

**That's What** we **Want** -  
**For Jesus** to **Lay** his **Hand** on **our Lives**

& **for him** to **Pour His Blessing**

**Into** our **Lives**  
& **THRU our Lives** to **others**

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**Isn't it SHOCKING**  
**how simple** Jesus **Makes it?**

**Receive the Kingdom of God – Like a CHILD  
& We Receive his Hand of Blessing on our Lives**

**So – the ONLY Question HAS to be  
HOW DO WE**

**Receive the Kingdom of God - LIKE A CHILD ?**

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**I want to credit - DeeperDevos.Org  
for some of my inspiration here**

**Let me give you just THREE  
Child-Like Qualities**

That **ENABLE US** – to **Receive** the **Kingdom of God**  
**LIKE a CHILD**

**& let me say just once – I'm talking about  
a Healthy Parent-Child Relationship  
(the way God designed it to be)**

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## **#1) Childlike Dependence**

A **Child** has a **Natural, Unquestioning**  
**Dependence** on **their Parents**

**They are Full of ADORATION - FOR their Parents  
& they have Confident TRUST - IN their Parents**

They HUMBLY Depend on their Parents  
For ALL things Necessary for their Lives

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God wants Us to have  
that Childlike Dependence – ON HIM

Hebrews 4:16 says (NLT)

*16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

But – Do we tho – Really?

Do we come to God  
FULL of Adoration & Confident Trust

Knowing that ALL we need - Comes from Him -  
From His Mercy & His Grace?

Or – Have we kind of taken things  
into our OWN Hands?

Are we Makign up our Own Mind  
Without even coming to God

Have we Taken Sides ?

Or Have we Become Polarized in our opinions?

Which is Exactly What those Driving  
The Destruction of our Cultural - WANT

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**Childlike Dependence** – is **Coming** to **God** –

For **everything** we **Need** – to **get us thru** this **difficult time**

It's **coming** to **God** in **Confidence**

**Trusting** that **he** will **Lead & Guide us**

& **then GLADLY** – **Receiving** our **Direction from HIM**

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The **SECOND WAY**

we **Receive** the **Kingdom of God** – Like a Child - is

## **#2) Childlike Humility**

**When Referring** to - “**a childlike trait**”

The **Best Definition** for **Humility** is:

***A Correct Assessment of yourself***

As **Romans 12:3** says: ***not thinking of yourself more highly than you ought to think***

**Just** in the **Prior Chapter** in **Mark Ch 9**

**The Disciples** were **arguing**

**about which** of **them** was **the greatest**

**Jesus** tells **them**

***“If anyone wants be first, he must be last & least of all”***

& **then Jesus** put **a Child** in the **middle** of **them**

**as his example** of the “**Last & Least of all**”

Here's why

A Child (at least a well-behaved child) – KNOWS

He's NOT in charge

He's NOT calling the shots . . . DAD IS

Dad's in Charge

Dad's Calling the Shots

We're going where Dad Says

We're doing what Dad Says

& that is the Exact Humility Required

To Receive the Kingdom of God

Our Heavenly Dad – is in Charge

Our Heavenly Dad – is calling the shots

We're going where HE says

We're doing what HE says

We are NOT in charge – our Heavenly Dad is

& because of our

Adoration, & Trust, & Dependence on Him

We come to him

Grateful that HE is in charge – & not us

Childlike Humility – is WANTING God to be in Charge

& Happily Following His Lead

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& Finally – the #3 Childlike Quality

we must have – to Receive the Kingdom of God - is

### #3) Childlike Trust

Trust comes – from Childlike Dependence & Humility

When we've MADE ourselves

DEPENDENT on God - for ALL things

& When We have SURRENDERED our SELF-WILL

& are Humbly Glad – that God is our God

& that HE is in Control

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Then - the HIGHEST Trait Necessary

For us to RECEIVE

the Kingdom of God into our life

AND for us

to RISE ABOVE the TURMOIL of our day

Comes - EASY

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The Highest Trait Necessary – is Childlike TRUST

Our Heavenly Father

is Completely - 100%, - in Every Way - Trustworthy

**He is More Trust-Worthy than we can ever know**

He **Created us** – He **Formed us** –  
**He knows** - **ALL** our **Days**

**HE** goes **Before us** & **Behind us**  
He **Hems us in** on **all sides**

**HE** is **AT WORK** for **our Good** – In **ALL things**

**He** has **Guaranteed** – to **complete** the **Good work**  
**that he** has **begun** in **us**

& **Nothing, Nothing, Nothing**

**Can ever separate us from** the **Love of God**  
**which** is in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**

We **can Have** – **Complete TRUST** in **God**

& **Having** that **Absolute**  
**Complete TRUST** in **God**

**IS What** Will **ENABLE US**  
To **RISE ABOVE** – the **Troubles of our Day**

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**Guys** - We **Desperately NEED** to **Receive**  
**ALL** that the **Kingdom of God** is

**In order** to – **RISE ABOVE**  
The Troubles of **THESE Days**

& Jesus says

the ONLY WAY to Receive the Kingdom of God

Is with Child-Like TRAITS

Childlike DEPENDENCE

Childlike HUMILITY

Childlike TRUST

Guys – Let's RISE ABOVE

ALL of the Darkness – IN our Culture Today

& Let's Receive the Kingdom of God

INTO our life - LIKE a CHILD - DAILY

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Let's COMMIT – Every Day

to Childlike - DEPENDENCE, HUMILITY,  
and Absolute TRUST in God

& we will RECEIVE the Kingdom of God - Today

That comes with

New Life - The Blessings & Promises of God

AND The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

& We WILL be Able to RISE ABOVE it ALL

Let's Pray