

# BACK TO SCHOOL

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## Talk It Over August 6-7, 2022

*“At that time the disciples came up and asked Jesus, ‘Who then is [really] the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?’ And He called a little child to Himself and put him in the midst of them, and said, ‘Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the Kingdom of Heaven [at all]. Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And whoever receives and accepts and welcomes one little child like this for My sake and in My name receives and accepts and welcomes Me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in and acknowledge and cleave to Me to stumble and sin [that is, who entices him or hinders him in right conduct or thought], it would be better (more expedient and profitable or advantageous) for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be sunk in the depth of the sea.’” - Matthew 18:1-6 (AMPC)*

Our Bible is a book about children. Almost 2,000 times the words child, children occur upon its pages.

The words “son” and “daughter” are from an original root meaning “to build.”

As His property, but loaned to godly parents to love and care for, children should be taught that they belong to God as well as to their family and must grow up and live as those who are His children.

Parents often would bring their children to Jesus that He would teach them, hold them, and lay His hands upon their heads to bless them.

Jesus’ most severe, stern rebuke was aimed at those who would “offend, become a snare, a stumbling block to children.”

We may cause them to stumble –

- by living inconsistently before them
- by neglecting to bring them to church
- by criticizing them
- by failing to pray with and for them
- by failing to encourage them.

Instead, we are to “diligently teach them God’s Word.”

What are the characteristics of a child we need to recapture if we are to enter His Kingdom?

- They are to accept things as they are.
- They believe everything they see or feel in their hearts to be true.
- They believe in and trust God and feel no need for Him to be explained.
- They have a love of adventure. They act spontaneously and simply.
- They are easy to forgive others.

Children only have to learn – not to unlearn. They only have to do – not to undo. They are teachable, loving, trustful, but also simple, free from mental pride. The future of our nation is in the hands of our children.

**Additional Scriptures:** Genesis 18:19 (AMPC); Luke 18:15; Matthew 18:3 (TPT); Ephesians 6:4 (TPT)

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