

CHILDREN

Of all the letters that I have or will write to you, “Children” is one of the most pertinent to this collection of letters. I find that in all my experience and association, children are a gift from God and evidently represent what God had in mind for the character of man. *I tell you the truth, unless you receive Christ as a little child, you will never enter the kingdom of God.*

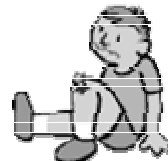


The playful spirit of children, with some measure of competitiveness, is one of my favorite attributes to watch and enjoy; oh, how children will give some games or sports a wide-open approach while painfully carrying out the less-challenging chores around the house.

They can begrudge taking a bath or shower one minute and bask in the pleasure and entertainment the next. They can explore the great regions of the world aside a globe and use their unlimited imagination to travel great distances without a single step.



Children are needy at times and may even be very frequent to ask for help, to reach out and to take a hand. They appreciate and value help, often expressing their appreciation with words but through the understanding that they are vulnerable and, therefore, require protection and support even when they may not be aware or conscious of such needs.



They can be destructive and constructive at the same time and, if entertained or satisfied, can repeat this combination many times in the same hour without any sense of failure, frustration or regret in the course. Small and incidental changes can set them off into an emotional melt-down reversed by only the distraction of their imagination or the comfort of a parent, family member, friend, family pet, teddy bear, blanket or anything else within each. Even with all these security options, the effectiveness of one or more working at anytime has no applicable rule or scheme – it is merely a God-sent.



Children can be mischievous and even cruel; but the instance is rarely preconceived or calculated with the intention of hurting; rather, the behavior is more along lines of experimental and adventurous.



Much more could be said about children, but consider Jesus' words: *Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for I tell you, the kingdom of heaven belong to such as these.*

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