

Let the Little Ones Come!

(*Christian Education Sunday*)

Mark 10:13-16

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Introduction...

- Today marks the beginning of a new Sunday School year and so it is fitting to that we consider what our Savior has to say about children.
- The greatest responsibility and privilege of every Christian parent is to bring them up to know who their Savior is and what He has done for them.
- It may seem that this topic only involves a small percentage of those gathered here today but since we are a “church family” with Christ as our head this applies to us all.

Part I – The Basis for Christian Education.

- Too often this story is viewed in sentimental way but today we find Jesus providing us the basis for Christian education.
- Jesus said: “let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them.”
- Children are important to Jesus...
cf. Mark 9:37, 42
- The Kingdom of God belongs to children too. The comfort we gain from knowing we are children of is for our children too.
cf. Romans 8:16-17
- The basis for Christian education is also found in the fact that our children are no longer belong to this world.

- The fact that children are in need of a Savior is another basis for Christian education. Jesus came to save children too and that is why He became so angry when the disciples tried to turn them away.

Part II – The Responsibility for Christian Education.

- The responsibility for Christians education falls to the parent first and is to take place in every aspect of life.
cf. Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Psalm 78:4-6, 7, Ephesians 6:4
- Again, we have a responsibility to teach children because they are part of the Kingdom of God. Not only a part of the kingdom but an example of the kingdom.
- Christian education is the privilege of those whom God has placed in the lives of His children. By faith we look to Him and His Holy Spirit.
- In God’s wisdom He provides parents with the assistance of fellow believers in the Church. Think of the home and the church as the two legs that form a solid foundation of education.
- Christian education is also a matter of the example parents and teachers model in their lives.
- The church provides much appreciated assistance to the faithful parent in training their children.

Conclusion/Review...

- Today we turn to God with child-like faith trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us as we teach our children, with words and action, about our wonderful Savior.

(*tuck these notes in your Bible for review and encouragement*)