



Innocence

Luke 18: 15-17
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From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. (Psalm 8:2 NIV)

People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. 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. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Luke 18:15-18 NIV)

CHILD-LIKE TRAITS WE SHOULD EMULATE

1. A CHILD-LIKE _____

I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. (Romans 16:19 NIV)

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22 NIV)

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV)

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27 NIV)

2. A CHILD-LIKE _____

As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. (Mark 9:15 NIV)

3. A CHILD-LIKE _____

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1 NIV)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6 NIV)