



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 18: 1-5, 10

The disciples approached Jesus and said,
"Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?"
He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,
"Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,
you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.
Whoever humbles himself like this child
is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.
And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.
"See that you do not despise one of these little ones,
for I say to you that their angels in heaven
always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus uses a little child to make His point on the necessity of the virtue of humility as a prerequisite for true discipleship. How hard it was for the disciples to practice humility before Calvary took place. After Calvary they lived the way of humility to the extent of laying down their lives for The Lord.

Food for your Journey

We have to give ourselves wholeheartedly to God, and if we fail, we must give ourselves again. We all need daily forgiveness for our sins and failures.

But what matters is whether we want to be faithful -- faithful to the end of our lives. This means surrendering everything -- our self-will, our hopes for personal happiness, our private property, even our weaknesses -- and believing in God and in Christ. This is all that is asked of anyone. Jesus does not expect perfection, but he wants us to give ourselves wholeheartedly.

--J. Heinrich Arnold in *Discipleship: Living for Christ in the Daily Grind*, quoted in *Christianity Today*, January 11, 1999, 80.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I pray for the Grace of humility so that I can imitate You in all things. Amen.