



# 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."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Please note that Jesus is not alluding to the "meekness" of children. In His day and culture children were looked upon as of little value. For instance, back then if a famine occurred and people were given some food to relieve their hunger from the government, the adults were fed first not the children. Jesus is calling His disciples to shrink their egos, to see themselves as of little value. Only then can one truly imitate Jesus and receive His Kingdom.

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**Food for your Journey**

"When UCLA's legendary basketball coach John Wooden introduced the fast break to college basketball, his team committed the highest number of turnovers and fouls in memory. But Wooden knew 'mistakes were part of learning.' He expected them, and 'knew that every opportunity for failure was equally an opportunity for success.' Wooden's teams went on to perfect the fast-break offense used today by nearly every team in the nation. His teams also won 10 national collegiate championships in 12 years, one of the most remarkable team achievements in all of sports history."

-Robert Kriegel,

If It Ain't Broke, Break It

(New York: Warner Books, 1991), 194.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, In our society we worship a skewed sense of true greatness. Arrogance, being "outspoken" and prideful are qualities that are prized it seems. Lord, I want to imitate You. I want to have your heart and Your mind. Help me to empty myself so that I may be filled up with Your Holy Presence. Amen