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Scripture

**Matthew 19: 13-15**

Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away.

Our Scripture Reflection

So many are clueless as to why Our Lord put forth the child as a way of describing the attitude of the true disciple. In Jesus’ day, children were looked upon simply as property. Their value was found in their ability to help out with the family’s livelihood. It was unthinkable that anyone would dote over a child the way parents and grandparents do today! Because of this, the child was a perfect example for Jesus of “making oneself the least and servant of all.” A child was a symbol of one’s total dependence on God.

Food for your Journey

I now realize that only when I can enter with the children into their joy will I be able to enter also with them into their poverty and pain. God obviously wants me to walk into the world of suffering with a little child on each hand.


A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Help me to push my often over-inflated ego out of the way so that I can, hopefully, become humble before You. May I turn my life over completely to You and Your providential care. Amen