

Children of God.

Luke 18:15-17

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The Little Children and Jesus

15 People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. 16 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. 17 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”





why
children?
lets findout.

SUBMISSION.

Although we have earthly parents but we are all called to look and lean on that mighty God as our father just as Jesus Christ taught us through his disciples in the lord's prayer. our father, who is in heaven. But not all are considered children as easy as the earthly ones but by our love for him when we obey his commands. The only way we become children of God and not those of the evil one is to honor his will. This is free will, he does not force us or biologically tied to him.

Why does Jesus say these words;

Matthew 19:14

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14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

NOTE:

The characteristic that Jesus meant was the posture of submission and dependency. The nurturing the holy spirit does is meant through his empowerment which is grace to live to know Jesus Christ is his ways, the truth and life. Just like he says am the true vine;





John 15:1-17

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Jesus, the True Vine

15 “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.



KINGDOM HAS A CONSITITUITION.

Just as every home has rules, the kingdom of God has a constitution which is part of the will of the father. In the Old Testament they had the 10 commandments and Jesus summarized them into two;

Matthew 22:36-40

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36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”
37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[b] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

James 2:10-11

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10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. 11 For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,”^[a] also said, “You shall not murder.”^[b] If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.



DISCIPLINE.

Just as children are expected to be taught morals and virtues by parents before they go out in the world so does the kingdom of God teaches us how to relate with others, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
Just as its written;

Proverbs 13:24
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24 Whoever spares the rod hates their children,
but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.

Hebrews 12:5-6
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5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,
“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”^[a]

PROTECTION, WISDOM AND GUIDENCE AND PROVISION.



Just as parents offer direction, wise knowledge in the best interest of their children. The whole book of proverbs offers wisdom. Further as James also says:

James 1:5

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5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

how we live in wisdom.

Matthew 4:3-4

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3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

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Do Not Forget the Lord

8 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. 2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.



NOTE: living by every word that proceeds out of God's mouth means we consult God through prayer on daily things or just tell him what your intentions are in a day and while you are still carrying out your routines and he put some change or advise in your routine you need to change to what he is saying. Actually, this is done by the spirit of truth.

Psalm 37:23-24

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23 The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;

24 though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.



Matthew 6:25-34

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Do Not Worry

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[a]?”

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



You do not own anything.
Just like children, they know that their only way to survive as children is under the care of their parents, it's the same for us as children of God. Unlike the earthly children where they out grow the dependence on their parents in the kingdom of God the more, we grow spiritually, the more the holy spirit requires us to depend on him because its intense in the spiritual ram the devil wants us to fail. Secondly, just as our parents give us inheritance, God promised us inheritance too, unlike the inheritance after the death of the parents, our heavenly father gives the inheritance to those who die to themselves to live for him.

Matthew 5:33-37

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Oaths

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'

34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.[a](#)

Finally, God calls us to love one another just as parents love to see their children get along. When we read the scriptures, we realize though revelation God is calling us to live in agape love.

