

Title: LESSONS FROM JESUS ABOUT CHILDREN

Text: Luke 18: 15 - 17

I CHILDREN ARE A GIFT AND A BLESSING FROM THE LORD. (Psalm 127:3)

- ✓They are a part of God's purpose in *creation*. (Gen. 1:28)
- ✓Every child has *purpose* (Psalm 139:13-16)

II PARENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO JESUS. (15)

- ✓Begin when they are "*babies*."
- ✓*Encourage* them with your *talk* (Psa. 122:1; Josh. 1:8)
- ✓*Exemplify* them by your *walk*. (Josh. 24:15; Eph. 6:4; Jas. 1:22)

III PARENTS SHOULD DESIRE THAT THEIR CHILDREN BE TOUCHED BY JESUS. (15)

- ✓*Pray* for and *work toward God's* purposes for your children being fulfilled, more than *your* purposes for them. (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17; Matt. 6:33)
- ✓Being "touched" (**blessed=Mark 10:16**) by Jesus is the *greatest* thing that can happen with your child.

IV PARENT'S SHOULDN'T HINDER THEIR CHILDREN FROM COMING TO JESUS (15-16)

- ✓The *disciples* were seeking to do so. (15)
- ✓Jesus was *angry* at the disciples for doing so. (16; Mk. 10:14)
- ✓As parents, *clear away* the things that may "*hinder*" your children from coming to Jesus.

V CHILDREN ARE ILLUSTRATIONS OF WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. (16-17)

- ✓The characteristic of *humility* (1 Pt. 5:6)
- ✓The characteristic of *dependence* (Prov. 16:20; 28:25-26; 3:5-6; Romans 12:1-2)
- ✓The characteristic of *faith* (Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2:20)

Application:

1. Parents, are you "*bringing*" your child/children to Christ?
2. Parents, when it comes to letting your children come to Christ, are you an *encourager* or a *hindrance*?
3. Have you *received* Jesus Christ as a *child*, and if not, will you do so *today*?
4. Parents, do you *read the scripture* and *pray* with your children, and if not, will you begin doing so *today*?