

Become As Little Children



"Then Jesus called a little child to
Him, set him in the midst of them,"

Matthew 18:2

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- Who is Greatest In The Kingdom of Heaven?
 - Matthew 18:1-6
- NT Greek ~ “PAIDON” - a young or infant child.
- Used of what we should be: *Children of God*
 - John 1:12
 - Philippians 2:15
- And what we should NOT be: *Spiritually Immature*
 - 1 Corinthians 3:1
 - Hebrews 5:13

The Best of Age and Youth

- Obviously we should NOT be Foolish as children
 - Proverbs 9:6; 22:15; 24:9
- Instead, God exhorts us to be wise
 - Matthew 10:16
 - Colossians 4:5
- *Be As Little Children In:*
 - Humility - *Matthew 18:4*
 - Lack of Malice - *1Corinthians 14:20*
 - Receiving The Kingdom - *Mark 10:13-16*
 - Praise - *Matthew 21:14-16*

Be Humble As A Little Child



- Christ Set The Example
 - John 13:14-15
 - Philippians 2:5-11
- Paul Set An Example As Well
 - 2 Corinthians 11:5-9
 - Philippians 4:12
- We Must Follow The Example
 - Philippians 2:3
 - Colossians 3:12-15

In Malice Be As Babes

- **1 Corinthians 14:20** *"Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature."*
- **Ephesians 4:31** *"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."*
- **Conclusion** ~ *"The goal is to combine the best of age and experience with the best of youth and innocence."*