



“CLUES YOU ARE A HEALTHY KINGDOM CITIZEN, PART 1”

Series: “RELIGIOUS OR CHRISTIAN?”, Part 2 of 4

Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 18:1-4

Big Idea: “Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:4)

Matthew 18:1, At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 Samuel 22:36, “You give me your shield of victory; you stoop down to make me great.”

Matthew 18:2-4, He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

1 Corinthians 13:11, “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.”

As disciples of Jesus, we should grow out of childishness and into childlikeness.

I. A CURIOSITY TO LEARN.

Deuteronomy 29:29a, “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever.”

Acts 3:9-10, “When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”

II. A WILLINGNESS TO RISK.

III. A LIFE OF HUMBLE DEPENDENCE.

Matthew 18:4, "Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Psalm 18:27, "You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty."

Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."