

V1-V2 THE DISCIPLES QUESTION TO JESUS WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN JESUS GIVES THEM AN OBJECT LESSON HE CALLS A CHILD A TODDLER TO HIMSELF AND SETS HIM BEFORE THEM

V3 THEN JESUS SAYS TRULY I SAY TO YOU UNLESS YOU ARE CONVERTED AND BECOME LIKE CHILDREN YOU WILL NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

CHILDREN ARE TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THEIR PARENTS TO CARE FOR THEM 1PETER 5:5-7 CHILDREN TRUST THEIR PARENTS COMPLETELY TO CARE FOR THEM

HONOR COMES FROM HUMILITY THOSE WHO TRUST IN THEIR HEAVENLY FATHER COMPLETELY TO CARE FOR THEM WILL BE THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE CONVERTED

V4 THEY HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN OF THE SPIRIT JOHN 3:3 SALVATION PRODUCES HUMILITY AND WHOEVER HUMBLER HIMSELF AS THIS CHILD HE IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

THEY EXPECT THE FAITHFULNESS OF THEIR FATHER THEY TRUST IN HIS CARE FOR THEM THEY KNOW HE WILL NEVER LEAVE THEM OR FORSAKE THEM

V5 THEN JESUS SAYS WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE SUCH CHILD IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME MATT 25:31-46 TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE EVEN THE LEAST OF THEM YOU DID IT TO ME

V6 THEN JESUS WARNS THEM WHOEVER CAUSES ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVES IN ME TO STUMBLE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO HAVE A HEAVY MILLSTONE HUNG AROUND HIS NECK AND BE DROWNED IN THE DEPTH OF THE SEA

AS BAD AS IT WOULD BE TO HAVE A MILLSTONE HUNG AROUND YOUR NECK AND BE DROWNED IN THE DEPTH OF THE SEA THAT WILL BE NOTHING COMPARED TO GOD'S JUDGMENT ON THOSE WHO CAUSE HIS LITTLE ONES TO STUMBLE

WE ARE TO BE THE EXAMPLES CHRIST IS TO US TO OUR CHILDREN WE ARE TO HUMBLE OURSELVES AND LOVE THEM WITH THE LOVE OF OUR FATHER PUTTING THEM BEFORE OUR SELVES

JOHN 13:35 BY THIS ALL MEN WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

MATT20:28 JESUS DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY

IN THE WORLD THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST SERVANTS ARE CONSIDERED GREAT BUT IN GOD'S KINGDOM IT WILL NOT BE THE ONE WHO HAS THE MOST SERVANTS BUT THE ONE WHO SERVES THE MOST

JOHN 3:16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON LOVE GIVES THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

1 TIM 5:8 BUT IF ANYONE DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR HIS OWN AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD HE HAS DENIED THE FAITH AND IS WORSE THAN AN UNBELIEVER

NOT TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD ESPECIALLY YOUR CHILDREN IS TO DENY THE FAITH TO SAY YOU LOVE GOD AND NOT PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY IS PROOF THAT YOUR FAITH IS DEAD

THE WAY WE TREAT CHILDREN IS EVIDENCE OF OUR FAITH WE OUGHT NOT TO BE STUMBLING BLOCKS TO THEM BUT INSTEAD WE SHOULD BE STEPPING STONES LOVING THEM LIKE CHRIST LOVES US

PSALM 127:3 CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM GOD AND THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB IS A REWARD