

## APPLICATION: *Remove the Hindrances* <sup>1</sup>

1. The first hindrance is \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 23:12**, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted

**Matthew 18:4**, “Whoever humbles himself like **this child** is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

2. The second hindrance is \_\_\_\_\_

3. The third hindrance is \_\_\_\_\_

*“Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon the Grace of God, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the great truths of the Christian faith, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?”*

4. The fourth hindrance is \_\_\_\_\_

**John 3:3**, “Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**Matthew 18:3**, “and [He] said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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<sup>1</sup> The Application is adapted from the sermon, “Let the Children Come to Me” by Dr. John Piper, Pastor Emeritus, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN, 9/16/84, [www.desiringGOD.org](http://www.desiringGOD.org).

Let me recommend the booklet, [How Our Children Come to Faith](#) by Rev. Steve Smallman, the former Pastor of McLean Presbyterian Church.



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Mark 10:13-16

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## *“Young and Old”*

The 30th Sermon in a series on The Gospel of Mark entitled  
*“The King and His Cross”*

### **Mark 10:13-16**

*“And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.”*

### **INTRODUCTION: *The Age Conversion Quiz* <sup>2</sup>**

**Genesis 1:27**, “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them.”

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<sup>2</sup> Statistics come from a Gallup Poll commissioned by the Southern Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

**Psalm 127:3-5a**, “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!”

**vs. 13, 16: THE CHILDREN ARE \_\_\_\_\_** <sup>3</sup>

“And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ... <sup>16</sup> And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.”

**Mark 9:35-37**, “And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup> And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, He said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

**Mark 9:42**, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”

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**3** The Exposition of the text is adapted from my sermons, “What Jesus said about Children and Faith” 9/15/02, and “Difficulty in the Kingdom” 3/16/14, both preached here at Potomac Hills. **And the sermons**, “Children in the Arms of the Loving God” by Dr. Mike Milton, Provost, Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, SC, [www.preaching.com](http://www.preaching.com); “Christ and the Children,” by Dr. Frank Barker, Pastor Emeritus, Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL. **And the books**, Encounters with Jesus by Dr. Richard Phillips, pages 119-134; Preaching the Word: Luke, (Volume Two) by Dr. R. Kent Hughes, pages 197-202; Preaching the Word – Mark (Volume Two) by Dr. R. Kent Hughes, pages 54-60.

**v. 14: CHILD-LIKE \_\_\_\_\_** <sup>4</sup>

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**v. 15: CHILD-LIKE \_\_\_\_\_**

“Truly, I say to you, whoever does not **receive** the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

- **Unmitigated Trust** <sup>5</sup>
- **Untutored Humility**

**Luke 18:11-12**, “The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’”

- **Untarnished Receptivity** <sup>6</sup>
- **Unabashed Love**

**1 John 4:19**, “We love because He first loved us.”

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**4** Parts of this section are adapted from The Gospel According to Luke, Volume Two by Dr. Joseph Fitzmyer, page 1194. Dr. Schweizer quote is taken from his book, The Good News According to Mark, page 207.

**5** Dr. Sproul quote is taken from his book, A Walk with Jesus, pages 293-294.

**6** Part of this section is adapted from According to Luke by Dr. David Gooding, page 295.