

Sunday, July 18, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Let the Children Come to Me!

Series: VBS Devotional & Worker Dedication

Text: Matthew 19:13 - 15

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation pray for and support the VBS ministry and to intercede for the children.

Introduction:

Review of July 11 devotional:

Vulnerability to Spiritual Warfare, 1

1. Device of Temptation, Mark 1:8 - 13
2. Device of Doubt, James 1:6

~ Story of D. L. Moody

~ Read Matthew 19:1 - 26

1. Divine Desire:

~ Matthew 19:13 - 15, "Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, (14) but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven. (15) And he laid his hands on them and went away."

~ Please notice the context of these three verses in Matthew 19!!!

~ Matthew 18:1 - 6, "At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? (2) And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them (3) and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you, will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (4) Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (5) Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, (6) but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

2. Divine Intent:

~ Genesis 1:28, "And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

~ Genesis 9:1, "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."

~ Ephesians 1:3 - 4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, (4) even as he chose in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."

Consider the events with children under Pharaoh, Pilate and the politics of our day!

3. Divine Command:

~ Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

~ Genesis 18:19, "For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

4. Devine Heart:

~ John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

~ Matthew 28:19 - 20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Conclusion:

Prayer for the VBS workers and the children.



July 19 - 23 - 9 am to 12 noon