

Made In God's Image – Parenting

Introduction: Made in God's Image
Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13

Matthew 18:1-6; 19:13-15
(Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16; Luke 9:46-48; 18:15-17)

1. Receive Children (18:5)

- a. In Jesus' name
Psalm 127:3-5
- b. As they are
- c. No child sacrifices
Leviticus 20:1-3

2. Don't Cause Children to Sin (18:6)

- a. By example
- b. Don't provoke to anger or discouragement
Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21

3. Let Children Come to Jesus (19:14)

- a. Priorities and commitments
- b. Giving our kids choices
- c. Don't use Jesus as discipline

Journal Questions

1. How does God want me to receive my children? What of his image has he placed in them? How can I help them become more like Christ and more like Christ intended them to be?
2. How does God want me to discipline my children? Is there anything in the way I treat them or discipline them that might cause them to sin? Does the way I discipline provoke anger in my children? Do I give my children "input" in a way that discourages them?
3. How does God want me to help my children come to him? What example does he want me to set? How does he want me to make it easier for them to come to Jesus? What barriers does he want me to remove?
4. What does God want me to pray for my children?