

# The Measure Of Greatness

## Matthew 18:1-14

*“I know of NO GREAT man or woman except those who have Offered GREAT service to the NEXT GENERATION...”*

**WHAT MAKES A CHRISTIAN GREAT? (Matthew 5:19)**

*To become GREAT, Jesus tells us we must...*

- 1. CHANGE & BECOME LIKE CHILDREN (vv.2-3)**
    - Many today are so Heavenly Minded they're NO Earthly Good.
    - “Convert” means to Turn from your Conduct & way of Thinking.
    - We are NOT to be ChildISH in how we Act & Think...But we ARE to be ChildLIKE in the way we Think & Relate to God & others.
    - Jesus teaches we're to “GROW” to be like “Children.”
  - 2. BE HUMBLE AS CHILDREN (v.4)**
    - True Humility Avoids two extremes...thinking LESS of yourself than you ought & thinking MORE of yourself than you ought.
    - Jesus wants you to Identify with children
    - We must have the MIND OF CHRIST. (Philippians 2:5-8)
  - 3. CONNECT WITH CHILDREN (v.5)**
    - “Receive” means to “take by the Hand,” “to become Friends with,” “Listen to,” “to Embrace,” “to Bear with.”
    - Jesus “Received” little children in this way. (Mark 10:13-16)
    - Whatever is done for the Child is Accounted as if done for the Master.
  - 4. BE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR CHILDREN (vv.6-9)**
    - Anyone who Tempts a child to sin incurs Enormous Condemnation.
    - To Lead a child into sin, Destroy his innocence & Corrupt his mind is Inexcusable!
    - If we Want our kids to go to heaven, we better Lead them there...BY EXAMPLE.
  - 5. WE MAKE CHILDREN OUR PRIORITY (vv.10-14)**
    - Jesus Warns us NOT to Turn our backs on children.
    - ...Jesus came to Save that which was LOST.
    - If children are important enough to engage Angels, the Lord Jesus & God the Father, then Clearly they should be important to US...
- **TODAY IS C.I.A. Commitment Sunday... Can GOD COUNT on YOU?**