

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 18:15-17 “TIME FOR CHILDREN”** P. 1043 PEW BIBLE

*Just as a little child is passively brought to Christ, of such is the kingdom of God. A child has an unquestioning faith, but the emphasis is on their helplessness, not their whole-heartedness. Just like the tax collector declares his total unworthiness apart from God's initiative to forgive, so all who would enter the kingdom will be absolutely helpless apart from God's election and carrying. He that humbles himself will be lifted up by God. -J.McDermott*

**1- JESUS RECEIVES CHILDREN** - blessing

Luke 18:15 - Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

Psalm 127:3-5, 128:3-6 - blessing

Gen 1:26-28, 2:24 - divine design

Malachi 2:15 - for godly offspring

Matt 19:1-15, Mark 10:1-16 - marriage

*Why does God command sexual intercourse should occur only within the context of marriage? To guarantee that children will be born to a man and woman who are married to each other. -WA Grudem*

**2- 'CHILDREN' RECEIVE THE KINGDOM** - to such

Luke 18:16 - But Jesus called them to Him, saying, “Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

Deut 6:1-9 - diligently teach

Isaiah 28:10 - line by line

Matt 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16

2 Tim 3:14-17 - from infancy

*Let us regard children as a most important part of Christ's professing church: train them from the earliest infancy in godly ways, and sow the seed of Scripture in their minds, with strong confidence it will one day bear fruit. -JC Ryle*

**3- RESPOND WITH CHILD-LIKE FAITH** - whoever

Luke 18:17 - Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Luke 9:47-48 - least among you

Luke 13:5 - repent or perish

Luke 18:14 - humble yourself

John 1:11-13, 3:3-8 - receive

*Childish faith chooses to remain immature, but childlike faith is a simple, confident dependence on our heavenly Father, a trust born of humility, not arrogance. The Pharisee was a religious man, but not a justified man. He thanked God that he was so mature, but the tax collector became as a child in his faith. -RC Sproul*

**4- WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE TO JESUS?** - receive

Luke 18:17 - Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Eph 2:1-10 - by grace thru faith

Titus 3:3-7 - by the Holy Spirit

Acts 16:31 - believe on the LJC

1 John 5:11-13 - receive Christ

*We enter God's kingdom by being as a child and by receiving as a child - in helpless dependence upon Him. -RK Hughes*  
*We must not think a child cannot come to God until he is like a man, rather, a man cannot come until he is like a child. We must grow down until we become like a child. -CH Spurgeon*

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7-01 **John 1:11-13** - receive, believe

7-02 **1 John 5:11-13** - eternal life

7-03 **Eph 2:1-10** - grace thru faith

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

