

Introduction

- I. Jesus teaches His disciples and us that we learn from our children - learn humility.
- II. We learn why this lesson was needed from the question found in vs. 1.

Learning Greatness from Our Children

I. Learning What

A. Greatness in the kingdom is described as a life of conversion, a daily life of turning from sin and to obeying God. When we do this, we are like a little child.

B. Jesus addresses a serious sin from which we must be converted: pride.

C. Jesus calls us to humility when He calls us to become as little children (vs. 3, 4).

II. Learning How - we learn about the greatness of humility from our children.

A. Looking at our children cuts down our sinful pride because the basis of what Jesus says is that children are included in the kingdom, covenant, and church of God.

B. We learn this humility from the example of our children in two ways.

1. Young children do not view themselves as better than others.

2. Children trust the Word of God when instructed.

C. There is a higher example from whom we learn - Jesus Christ.

III. Learning Expressed

A. The evidence that we have learned is found in how we view our children (vs. 5, 6).

B. We are called to live a life of conversion in front of our children on a daily basis.