

# “Parental Protection”

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Matthew 18:1-9

## PART 1

### INTRODUCTION

- humility...  
...a character quality of Christ  
...a character quality of healthy relationships in Christ's church

Ex. 3:11ff; Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:3-4

“Humility is not denying the power that you have, but admitting that the power comes through you, not from you.”

– Fred Smith

“People with humility don't think less of themselves...they just think about themselves less.”

– Norman Vincent Peale

### 1. A lesson on how not to be a humble person (18:1)

Lk. 9:46; Prov. 16:18

### 2. A lesson on humiliy (18:2-4)

- a. Every person who enters God's family comes in as a

\_\_\_\_\_.

Mt. 5:3

- b. Every person part of God's family \_\_\_\_\_  
those who newly come into God's family.

## PART 2

### INTRODUCTION

- the natural protection parents give to their children

### 1. Christ's zeal for His children (18:5-6)

- you can't separate Christ from His kids  
Lk. 10:16; Acts 9:4; Mt. 25:34-40

- we can *directly* lead others into sin

- we can *indirectly* lead others into sin  
Rom. 14:13-15; 1 Cor. 8:13

### 2. The children's caution to build up one another (18:7-9)

- a. I have a responsibility to live what I believe, for

\_\_\_\_\_.

- b. It's important that I grow in my \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
needs, perspectives, and immaturities of others.

- c. It's important that when I'm caused another to stumble  
that I quickly seek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- d. God's call for every believer is not to be a \_\_\_\_\_  
stone, but a \_\_\_\_\_ stone.

“There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go  
if he doesn't mind who gets the credit.”

– plaque on President Reagan's Oval Office desk