

TREASURE QUEST

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE DEARE

Like a Child

Think about the way a child gives. When a child gives a gift, they hover over you as you open it. They can't wait to point out the little details about the gift that drew them to it. Their eyes search your face for the approval and excitement that they want you to feel. They give with such great joy.

This passage of scripture tells us that we have to receive the Kingdom like a child. As we have discovered on this treasure quest, a big part of receiving the Kingdom is giving up what we hold dear. Right after Jesus makes this statement, he is approached by a "mature adult." The man wants to know how to have eternal life. He goes away sad because he doesn't like Jesus' answer. Why? Because he has attached himself to his possessions and wealth. Such an incredible illustration of the point Jesus was making.

As you consider your pursuit of the treasure, you have to decide which treasure you are really going to seek. If you aren't sure look at the joy of a child as they give. This is the heart Jesus seeks.

Questions to Think About

- Why do you think a child's heart is the example Jesus holds up for us?
- Read the rest of this passage in Luke. Why do you think Jesus answered the man the way He did?
- Think about how you approach God. Is it more like the rich man, or like a child?
- When a child gives, does he or she take pride in the actual cost of the gift or how much it means to them to give it?



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

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