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As the disciples were looking at this little one, the Lord made His point: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (*Matt. 18:3-4*).

A little child is without pretension, not seeking or claiming to be anything other than what he is. He has no great ambitions; he does not dream of being the CEO of a prestigious company. He doesn't seek positions of power, and he has no mania for glory. He is not self-seeking and does not hold an exalted view of himself. He is just a child being a child and enjoying his childhood.

A king's child has no problem playing in the sand with a beggar's child, and neither feels above the other or beneath the other. How trusting is this little one and so dependent upon others. When his parents tell him something, he simply takes them at their word and has an unquestioning trust.

May we be as a little child. May we have a childlike faith, a childlike dependence and a childlike humility. By faith we became children of God (*John 1:12*), and our Christian journey is to continue as it began, with a childlike faith and humility (*Col. 2:6*).

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