

CONDUCT FOR THE KINGDOM
Matthew 18:1-20

An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Luke 9:46 (NIV)

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Mark 9:33-34 (NIV)

Greatest: meizoon - greater (older) elder; more (Thayer's)

(v.2) Little Child: paidion - a childling (of either sex), i.e. an infant, (Strong's)

To enter the Kingdom of Heaven I have to be _____ (v.3)
Converted: strefoo - to turn, turn round (Thayer's)

Once converted greatness in God's Kingdom is found in childlike _____
Humility is the acceptance that I'm _____ (v.4)

With Childlike Humility as a Disciple I:

1. Treat His little ones like they _____ (v.5)

2. Handle His little ones very _____ (vv.6-7)

Sin: stumble - skandalizo ("scandalize") to entrap, i.e. trip up, stumble or entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure

3. Deal with myself _____ (vv.8-9)

*For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²²covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness:
Mark 7:21-22*

(v.10)

4. Don't despise (NASU) Look down on (NIV), think His little ones are worth nothing (NCV) for they have _____
Despise: katafroneoo - to despise, disdain, think little or nothing of (Thayer's)

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14

And that night the angel of the Lord went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians 2 Kings 19:35 (ESV)

(vv.12-14)

In Luke a similar parable is about unsaved who are _____
*...man...has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine...and go after the one which is lost
Luke 15:4-5*

This parable is about sheep (His little ones) who _____
because they've been scandalized (vv.6-7), despised (v.10) or their own _____ (vv.15-18)

(vv.15-20)

The one who strayed is called a _____ who _____

5. Will protect the Church and that sometimes means someone has to be _____
How did _____ sinners? (v.17)

The reason we are in agreement in this difficult decision is because Jesus is in our midst (vv.19-20)
(v.20) Agree: sumphoneo - to be harmonious

'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. Revelation 3:20-21