

## Watch and Learn

***“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you change and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of Heaven”*** (Matthew 18:3).

Over the past week, I have been watching my delightful grandchildren in various situations. It's funny what we can learn from watching children. After watching them, it got me thinking how there is nothing in the Word by coincidence. There are always multiple purposes behind written Word. I believe there are numerous reasons behind today's passage and why Jesus said we must become like little children. However, right now, I am going to talk about three things standing out to me.

- (1) They love unconditionally and want to please those they love.
- (2) They tend to make the wrong choice without thinking about the consequence.
- (3) They can either benefit from the experience, or make the mistake again with greater consequences.

Not one person is free from being responsible for their own words or actions. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 2:11 that "We are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices" and in Ephesians 4:27 warns us about giving the enemy a foothold. A child makes many mistakes and can learn from each one. By learning from each mistake, it helps to avoid worse things happening in the future.

It is during times of pressure that you tend to make more mistakes. You can grieve the Holy Spirit by how you react to difficult situations. If you give the difficulties the power to control you, this gives the enemy a foothold into your life. A foothold gives one a position usable as a base for further advance.

The Word is full importance and emphasizes how you are to live. If you have certain issues you need to deal with them quickly or else they will become a foothold used against you. Furthermore, resolve in your own heart why something upset you, hurt you or made you angry. If not, you can guarantee the enemy will use this as a foothold to hinder or harm you.

You have been given His authority over the enemy! You don't have to fall victim to the enemy's tactics! You can say, "No, I am not going to do this! And defeat him before he even gains a foothold!!!"

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