

# Little Children

Matthew 19:13

## Blessing

- little children were brought to Jesus
  - for him to place his hand on them and pray for them
- request for a blessing from Jesus

## Blessing

- the disciples rebuked them
- Jesus said
  - let the little children come to me
  - do not hinder them

## Blessing

- for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these

## Blessing

- Jesus welcomes the children and blesses them.

## Blessing

- Children are a blessing from God and should be treated as such.

## Blessing

- God blessed them and said,
    - Be fruitful and increase in number;
    - fill the earth and subdue it.
- Gen. 1:28

## Blessing

- Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children are a reward from him
    - like arrows in the hand of a warrior are sons born in one's youth.
    - blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them...
- Psalm 127:3-5

## Blessing

- Love gives birth to life.
- God delights in his children.

## Patience

- God is not in a hurry.

## Patience

- For you created my inmost being;
    - you knit me together in my mother's womb.
    - I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...
- Psalm 139:13-14

## Patience

- Development, growth, and maturity take time.
- Slow down, and let God grow you.

## Care

- Be free from worry.

## Care

- Matthew 6:25-34
  - do not worry, saying
    - what shall we eat...drink...wear?
  - ...your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

## Care

- Matthew 6:25-34
  - seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
  - and all these things will be given to you as well.

## Care

- Depend on God.
- Do what he says, and let him take care of the rest.

## Little Children

- Receive little ones as a gift and reminder of God's blessing, patience, and care.