



Receiving the Kingdom

One of the common threads in many of the Kingdom parables is the action of Receiving.

- Sower & the Mustard seed: the soil received the seed
- Treasure in the field: recognized and took the treasure
- Pearl Merchant: found (received) the great pearl

The Kingdom belongs to those whose hearts are open, humble and receptive

A. Mark 10:15 Jesus contrasts receiving the kingdom to the nature of a child

- in many ways this does not fall under the technical nature of a parable
- in many of the parables Jesus uses objects such as seeds, soils, treasure, pearls. Here the Lord uses a living soul—a child

1. Context: Mk 10:13-16 Two major dissatisfactions

- the disciples were dissatisfied with the _____ bring children to Jesus (13)
Luke reveals that they were bringing "babies" to Jesus (Lk 18:15)
Why would this upset the disciples?

- Jesus became "indignant" with the disciples (14)
What does indignant mean?

What are other translations or wording of that expression?

- Twice Jesus brings up the "kingdom of God"
Kingdom of God belongs to such as these (14)
Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it (15)
- the section ends with Jesus holding the children and blessing them (16)

B. Receiving the kingdom "like a child"

Mt 18:3 tells us to be converted like a child?

Like a child does not mean:

Demanding
Immature
Selfish
Ignorant

Seven Positive Attributes of a Child

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What must I do to become more “Childlike” as the Lord intended?

Why are these things hard?