



Childlike or Childish?

Luke 7.31-32

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people,¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went away.

- Matthew 19.13-15

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,

⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

- Matthew 18.3-6

"To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like?

32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'"

-Luke 7.31-32

*"For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'
34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'
35 Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."*

- Luke 7.33-35

Why are we prone to
be childish?

It could be the
expectation we have.

It could be the
personal problems we
endure.

It could be the
message we hear.

*for all have sinned and
fall short of his glory.*

-Romans 3.23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 6.23

*But God shows his love for us
in that while we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.*

-Romans 5.8

*If you confess with your
mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.*

-Romans 10.9