

**Majoring on the Majors!**  
**Part 9: Kid Connection & Caution!**  
*Slide Notations*

We're talking through having kingdom-of-God fullness in our lives... Recognize there are hindrances, five major ones, to having it... Money as god! **Lk 16.13 Mt6.33 1Tim 5.9,10** "No fullness there!" Not knowing God! **Eph 3.12-18** "NFT!" Marriages that don't "One-Up!" **Gen 1.26 & 2.7-25 E5.15-35** "NFT!" Kids who don't see the Kingdom! Friends who don't know how to be!

**Left off...** Asking ourselves what do we believe? Do we believe God's word is true and doable – or is it just a preferred value? "we would love it to be true but it's doubtful that it will happen for us!" Word is doable, no matter how impossible it seems for us, if we partner up w/God... And actually live by the faith of: "w/men it is impossible but w/God, all things..."

**His word is true and doable whether talking about two-made-into-one marriages... Or training up our children in the Godly way they should go – in a society gone so far away!**

**Left off...** Asking ourselves why we have accepted less than God's norm for marriages? Marriages that are intentional! Marriages that honor words of promise! "In our power to say a thing or not, but if we say it, do it or die trying!" **Ps15.4** Marriages without strife/arguments! Unless it's something God fights for! "He will make you a sure house..." **1S25.28**

Not sure what I said... But "sex" came up after service last week! People fight about sex all the time! (Only) must stop fighting against @other! We should fight over the issue because God would fight over the issue of sex! He has spoken clearly/in His word! H/W should be sexually satiated/safe! (Singles: ONLY sexually expectant!) Defend all enemies/distractions! Dealt with topic in "Reset!"

**Left off...** Sharing the story of our marriage... Uselessness of fighting over non-eternal, therefore inconsequential, things! All arguing that is not about things God would argue for – is solely for the pleasure of our strife-loving enemy! The consequences of fighting over things God is not fighting for! Every evil work, on every soft target! Striving for the high mark we have in Christ; loving one another like He loves us!

**And what we believe and strive for as H/W's is the number one influencer of our children!  
If we really want something better for our kids we will choose and live on God's ways and values!**

**Scenario #1** "You send your teenage daughter into Giovanni's to pick up the pizza you ordered for dinner... and there I sit... breaking the **1T3, Titus 1, E5** leadership ways and values... "C'mon over Susy, have a seat and talk with your old pastor buddy while you wait..." How do you feel about that mom? Dad? Looking for a new church yet?

**Scenario #2** You're at Walmart, shopping with the kids, when you hear a commotion up front. You can tell someone is not happy by the volume and the choice of words that are ringing throughout the store... You move forward and see it's Randy breaking **Mt5, Jam5, Col4.6** ways... How do you feel about that mom? Dad? "Oh honey, he's just being a man!(!)"

**Are you concerned for your kids? Why do you feel so strongly about our behavior?  
Christian leaders? Who are you... if not your child's premier Christian leader?**

**Scenario #3** You're in the car on your way home after church. And dad who was all smiles and glad hands is swearing up a storm about a guy he saw from work! How do you feel about that mom? Dad?

*Do you feel that, mom and dad? Want something better for your kids? Want better leaders/models for your kids? Do you see credibility dissipation light blinking?*

**Number one defeat of children's faith is parents mal-practice! Number one reason for success is parents who *practice* genuine faith!**

**Dealing w/disciples Jesus illustrates a generational connection and caution!**

**Matt 18.5-14** “Whoso receives a little child in My name receives Me. But whoso offends one of these little children who believes in Me, it would be more profitable for him to have a millstone hung around his neck and be thrown overboard! They’ll be offended in the world, but woe to the one by whom the offense comes! If what you’re reaching for, if what you’re walking toward, is going to be an offense, cut it off – it would be better to be lame, maimed and alive, than to stand in judgment, whole! If it’s the desire of your eye that makes you indifferent, pluck it out – better to enter into fullness of life with one eye rather than stand in judgment w/both! Be careful that you don’t disesteem one of these little children... let Me remind you that in heaven their angels are always before My Father who is in heaven! The Son of man has come to save what was lost... and like a shepherd leaves all else behind to find one lost sheep, so is the will of God that not one of these little ones would perish!”

**Disciple-notes:** Helping/serving/loving a “little one” believe, in His name, is h/s/l Jesus! **v5** What an incredible blessing is waiting for people willing to teach/model/sacrifice their own lives/lusts for sake of “little!” *Parents... and teachers, workers, helper’s, food prepper’s, hall and parking lot monitors... WOW!*

**Disciple-notes:** Living a lifestyle, making choices, that cause little ones to stumble/disbelieve/ fail morally, not good! **v6** Txt: “better to not live, to save another’s soul than to be guilty of destroying them!” Better for you to live “hindered!” Millstone drowning reserved for greatest criminals! This is a serious offense! *The “outcome” of their lives becomes safety rails for yours!*

**Disciple-notes:** Little ones, our kids, will have plenty of opportunities to sample selfish life because they are still in the world...! **v7** Unholiness abounds: people are people; the devil is working; planet is broken... But woe to the one by whom offensive opportunities come! **v7b** Responsible for the sin we introduce! *Consequences for not loving enough to die to things that cause them to fall!*

**Disciple-notes:** If whatever you are wanting, setting your course to obtain, seeing and perceiving is condemning, cut it off! **v8,9** Avoid things, that cause you to fail... and little ones to fall... Avoid people, if their presence, actions, habits, cause you to sin... others to follow... Avoid self-inflicted pain by self-denial! *“Better to live bridled than feel the heat of that dreadful fire!”*

**Disciple-notes:** (Now He gets real focused) “Take heed... that you despise not one of these little ones... **v10** Don’t lightly hold the presence of even one! The minute care of God! They can’t judge/understand/ won’t know/won’t be affected... To do/say/reach for unseemly things in kids presence is to lightly esteem them! *Ruffling angels and countering God’s purpose!*

**Disciple-notes:** This is what the Son came for... **v11** Not to schmooze w/like kind, righteous, but to bring sinners to repentance! **Mt 9.13** Not to destroy men’s lives but to save them! **Lk 9.56** Not to condemn but save the world! **J3.17** Not to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many. **Mk10.45** To seek and save what was lost! **Lk 19.10** To save what was lost! **Mt18.11**

**Disciple-notes:** Like a shepherd, who leaves everything else behind, so is the will of God that you follow in His footsteps and leave stuff un-done (‘all things are not expedient’) to redeem even one little

life! **V12** Lost little sheep don't find their way home on their own! We have a generation of children who must know the way to share with their own generation! Parents are the primary leaders!

**Time to remember this whole discourse answers the question: 'who is the greatest in heaven?'  
Who is the "megas" in heaven! The biggest, the greatest, the fullest... those who get the  
connection and caution between us and the next generation!**