

Children in the Church

I Thess. 2:9-13

**Children in Church create
some hilarious situations**



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LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME





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"Unless you change and become like children, you shall never see the Kingdom of Heaven" Matt. 18:3



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"no longer be immature like children... tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. " Eph. 4:14



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**There is a difference
between being spiritually
childish and having a child-
like faith.**



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**Today we are looking at the
phase of childhood in the
normal Christian growth
toward maturity.**

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- **Spiritually Dead**
- **Spiritual Infant**
- **Spiritual Child**
- **Spiritual Young Adult**
- **Spiritual Parent**



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**Characteristics of
Spiritual Children:
1. Self-Centeredness**





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**Self-Centeredness:
More concerned about
their own spiritual
needs than others**



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**Characteristics of
Spiritual Children:
2. Idealism**



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**Idealism:
"Black and White"
Thinking leads to
judging others.**



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**Characteristics of
Spiritual Children:
3. Over- OR Under-
confidence**



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**Over- OR Under-
confidence:**

Overconfidence – pride

Underconfidence – defeat



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**Helping Christians through
the childhood phase
requires “labor, hardship,
day and night,” as we
proclaim the Gospel**






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**Children respond to
authenticity and they spot
insincerity or inconsistency
“our behavior was devout,
upright, blameless”**



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**Fathers to Children:
Exhort
Encourage
Implore**





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**Encourage - inject courage,
cheer on**





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**Fathers to Children:
My Goal – that you walk in
a manner worthy of your
God and His Kingdom.**



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**A Father conveys that this
truth is not his truth, but
God's Truth that can take
over and change us!**



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**Are you willing to be a
"Father" who exhorts,
encourages and implores
Spiritual Children?**

