

Humble Trusters

Matthew 18:1-9

1. A VERY UN-DISCIPLE-LIKE QUESTION: _____?

Mt 18:1 *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"*

2. TO BE GREAT ONE MUST BECOME _____.

Mt 18:2-4 *He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you **are transformed** and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Ezekiel 36:26 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

"We cannot free ourselves from pride and selfish ambition; a divine rescue is absolutely necessary." —C. J. Mahaney

3. THE CHURCH IS TO _____ ALL HUMBLE TRUSTERS.

Mt 18:5 *"And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

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Mt 18:6-9 *"If anyone **scandalizes** one of these little ones—those who believe in me—it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of its many **scandals**. Such **scandals** are inevitable, but woe to the person through whom the **scandal** comes! If your hand or your foot **scandalizes** you, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye **scandalizes** you, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell."*

σκανδαλιζω = to cause to stumble/sin

5. LET US ALL PRAY FOR _____ AND _____ IN THE LORD.

Psalm 51:10 *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

"The Enemy (God) wants to bring the man to a state of mind in which he could design the best cathedral in the world, and know it to be the best, and rejoice in the fact, without being any more (or less) glad at having done it than he would be if it had been done by another. The Enemy (God) wants him, in the end, to be so free from any bias in his own favor that he can rejoice in his own talents as frankly and gratefully as in his neighbor's talents... or in a sunrise, an elephant, or a waterfall. He wants each person, in the long run, to be able to recognize all creatures (even himself) as glorious and excellent things." —CS Lewis, Screwtape Letters, ch. 14

1. Remind ourselves daily of the Good News of GRACE!

2. Daily time with the Lord to fill your cup, so you won't try to fill your own!

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*