

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Becoming Like a Child

Matthew 18:1–10

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Basic terminology: Humility, humble

ταπεινός *tapeinoō*

Literal: “low lying, brought low”

Came to mean: “someone of low degree, low estate, weak, insignificant, poor”

From that it was used metaphorically:

“someone of lowliness of mind, humble”

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Aspects to Humility

- 1. Humility is submission to authority**
- 2. Humility is not asserting your own rights, or seeking personal status or position for its own sake.**

Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Luke 14:11, “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Matt. 18:1, “At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’

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2 Pet. 2:1, “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 Pet. 2:2, “And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.”

Matt. 18:11, “For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”

Matt. 18:14, “Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

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Matt. 5:20, “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matt. 7:21, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

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στρέφω *strophō* aor pass subj 2 plur to
turn

Both ESV and NET correctly translate this.

**Unless you turn, change course, and
become like children.**