

Deacon's Beacons

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At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:1–4

Remember that children had little standing in the culture of Jesus' time. That is the point here. It is not about being childish. It is not really even about being innocent. It is about being dependent. Children require full care and rely on others for that care. We should view our relationship with God in the same way. Maybe our relationship with our parents was not the best. But God is perfect and He will always care for us. Surrender to God and allow Him to both guide and provide for you. But that does not relieve you of the responsibility to work for your own keep. There is dignity in work as long as work does not become a god in itself.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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