

CHILDREN: The Heritage of the Lord
Psalm 127:3

Heritage = possession; property; heritage/inheritance
*portion assigned by God

- I. WHY we emphasize Children Ministry so much
 - A. Because of their position in God's Kingdom - Mt 18:2-5
 1. Children represent the innocence and faith of God's Kingdom in our hearts now and in heaven later
 - B. Because Jesus warns us not to cause them to sin - Mt 18:6
 1. Our action ~ or lack thereof ~ can cause children to stray from the Lord
 - C. They are the future of all we believe in - Joel 1:3; Deut 32:7
 1. God's truth passed from one generation to the next is the hope of the Church
- II. The VALUE in Children's Ministry
 - A. We honor what God honors - I Cor 10:31
 - B. We preserve what we believe in - Prov 22:6
 - C. We reflect God's Kingdom - Mt 18:1,2
 - D. We populate the Kingdom - Mk 10:14,15