
1. Children (Mt. 19:13; Mk. 10:13), even babies (Lk. 18:15), were brought for hands-on prayer blessings (Mk. 10:16).

2. Every gospel record demonstrates the volition of the parents on behalf of their children in this activity.
   a. The parents were “bringing” their children. προσφέρω prospherō #1374 17s.
   b. This activity is paralleled in every gospel record as the children “coming.” ἔρχομαι erchomai #2064 630s.

3. The disciples rebuked the parents for unstated reasons (Mt. 19:13; Mk. 10:13; Lk. 18:15).
   ἐπιτιμάω epitima #2008 29x.

4. Jesus became indignant towards His disciples for more obvious reasons (Mk. 10:14).
   a. ἀγανάκτεω aganakte #23 7x (Mt. 20:24; 21:15; 26:2; Mk. 10:14,41; 14:4; Lk. 13:14). Also ἀγανάκτησις aganaktēsis #24 Hap (2nd Cor. 7:11).
   b. Indignation is an anger prompted by resentment (cf. 1st Clem. 56:2; 2nd Clem. 19:2).
   c. In the case of our Lord, we understand His indignation to be an anger without sin (Ps. 4:4; Eph. 4:26 cp. 2nd Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1st Pet. 2:22; 1st Jn. 3:5).

5. Jesus issues His disciples a twin imperative (Mt. 19:14; Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16).
   a. Permit them. Αor.act.imper. ἀφίημι aphiēmi #863 143x.

6. The Kingdom of Heaven (Mt. 19:14), Kingdom of God (Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16) belongs to such as these. τοιοῦτος toioutos #1056 50x (Mt. 19:14; Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16; Acts 22:22; Rom. 16:18; 1st Cor. 5:5,11; 7:28; 16:16; 2nd Cor. 2:6f; 10:11a; 12:2,5; Gal. 6:1; Tit. 3:11).

7. Child-like faith is required for salvation (Mk. 10:15; Lk. 18:17 cf. Mt. 18:3–6; Ps. 131; also 22:9).