

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING
with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown
DAY 15 - SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

The Kingdom Children

Matthew 18:1-6, Mark 10:3-5

Reflection: If you follow the ministry of Jesus, you will surely notice His passionate love for children. Jesus constantly uses the attitude, faith and heart of children as the gold standard for everyone in the kingdom. In Matthew 19:14, "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

He made perhaps his strongest statement about children when he says in Matthew 18:6: "If anyone causes one of these little ones--those who believe in me--to stumble, 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" No doubt children occupy a very important place in the kingdom of God. They teach us and we teach them. From our children we learn pure childlike faith (Matthew 18:3). We learn true humility. (Matthew 18:4). We learn what pure praise is (Matthew 21:16). Our children are both our present and our future. As parents, we called to be their role model, to train them in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6), discipline them, love them and give them good gifts. (Matthew 7:11)

PRAYER FOCUS:

- 1. Thank God for our youth and children in SBCOD; for their love for God and desire for His word. Philippians 1:4**
- 2. Pray that our youth and children will be taught of the Lord and be obedient to His will. Pray that God will put His laws in their hearts, and write them on their minds. Hebrews 10:16**
- 3. Pray that our children will experience God's peace, assurance and tranquility in this increasingly troubled and violent world. Isaiah 54:13**
- 4. Pray that they will live their lives blameless and pure as children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation and they will shine among them like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:14-15**
- 5. Ask God to give our youth and children in SBCOD the courage to take a stand for Christ and refuse to be intimidated by the world and its system.**
- 6. Pray that God will fill our children and youth with the spirit of excellence and cause them to excel in their studies. Daniel 6:3**
- 7. Pray for our youth in college that God will give them the grace, strength and tenacity to cope with the pressures of college life as they balance class attendance, assignments, studying and other activities.**
- 8. Pray that they will be unwavering in their faith in Christ even as they encounter philosophies or theories that are contrary to their beliefs. Colossians 2:8**
- 9. Ask that God will keep our youth and children safe in this increasingly unsafe world. That He will protect them from physical, spiritual, cyber harm and wickedness. Psalm 91:1-**