

Title: **"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME"**

Text: **Luke 18:15-17**

**(I) A BAD MISTAKE**

**1. Mistake made by the Disciples of Christ**

They attempted to forbid mothers and fathers from bringing their infants to the Lord (**Luke 18:15**)

**2. Understanding why they did that**

a) Out of Concern and love for Jesus

- i) Jesus had an extremely full ministry each and every day
- ii) He did not have to have extra work put on His shoulders

b) Out of ignorance concerning Christ's theology of children

- i) They must have thought that infants did not understand
- ii) They must have wondered how infants would benefit from being brought to the Lord Jesus for His blessing

**(II) ADDRESSING BAD MISTAKES**

**1. Immediate Attention**

Jesus had to rebuke His disciples

- a) Immediately
- b) Publicly

**2. Containment of the Problem**

a) By addressing the issue openly and directly Jesus contained the problem

b) If He had not addressed the problem swiftly

- i) Many could have been stumbled
- ii) The Disciples would not have learned about the importance of ministry to children
- iii) The future development of any ministry to children would have been seriously and adversely affected

### **(III) A BEAUTIFUL BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

**1. Little children (literally “infants”) must never be prevented from being brought to Jesus (Luke 18:16a)**

**2. They belong “to the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:16b)**

- a) Providentially
- b) By God’s grace and mercy

**3. Our Challenge**

- a) To love our children even more
- b) To make every effort to bring them to the Lord Jesus for His blessing
- c) To develop a strong ministry to children in our church