

QUESTION: The Bible mentions having faith as a child. If we grow in our walk, how do we keep our child-like faith pure?

ANSWER: Nowhere in the Bible does it say we are to have the FAITH of a child; it says we are to have the **HUMILITY** of a little child. I believe this also means **an attitude of TRUST, INNOCENCE or PURITY, and a lack of** criticism and judgmentalism.

- **Matthew 18:2-4** "And Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever **humbles himself** as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'"
- **Matt. 19:13-14** "Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

How do we keep our childlike ATTITUDE of HUMILITY and purity? By obeying God and putting into practice what we read in His word, by doing all things with the motivation of God's love (see Romans 5:5), and by ALLOWING the Holy Spirit to fill us and take control of our lives, and to make us more like Christ (see Romans 8:29).

- **Ephesians 4:15** "But speaking the truth **in LOVE**, [we] may **GROW UP** in all things into Him who is the Head - Christ."
- **I Corinthians 14:20** "Brethren, do NOT be CHILDREN in UNDERSTANDING; however, **in malice be BABES**, but in understanding be mature."
- **I Peter 2:2** "As **newborn BABES**, desire the pure milk of **the WORD**, that you MAY **GROW** thereby (by it - by the word)."