

## **Luke 18**

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### **Application:**

When Jesus tells us to receive the kingdom of God like a little child, does He mean we should be simple or gullible or naive? I don't think so. We live in a culture of self-reliance. We all seem to rely on our abilities, talents and treasures to get us where we think we need to be. It only takes a glimpse of our society to see how that has worked out. I was born in Augusta, Georgia, but when I was five (5) we moved to Texas. Every year at Christmas break and at some point in the summer we would make the long, eighteen-hour drive from Houston, Texas to Waycross, Georgia. I was a child, and although I knew where we were going, I didn't know how to get there, but my father did, and I always drew comfort in knowing that my father would get us to where we needed to be no matter what. Likewise, our heavenly Father will get us to where we need to be if we will quietly rely upon Him and let Him take the wheel and get us to the place He has prepared for us.

### **Respond:**

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