

DON'T DESPISE THE LITTLE ONES

Matthew 18:10-14

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is
Truth"
John 17:17

I. Introduction

II. The Father's warning to His disciples concerning His other disciples. 10a

A. The nature of a true child of God.

B. God cares for common people.

C. We are also not to despise any of God's children.

1. One way we can despise one of these little ones is by flaunting our liberty.

2. A second way we can despise one of these little ones is by showing favoritism to some over others.

3. A third way we can despise one of these little ones is by withholding what they need when it's in our power to give it.

4. A fourth way we can despise one of these little ones is by ridiculing someone's physical features, or mocking their appearance or the way they speak.

5. How about gossiping to others about others in the church?

6. Another way would be to simply write off a person who gets caught up in some sinful behavior.

7. We despise one of these little ones when we reject those who confront our sinfulness.

8. We despise one of these little ones when we use someone for our own selfish gain.

III. The reasons why we are not to despise one of these little ones. 10b-14

A. The first reason we're to not despise these little ones is because of their relation to the angels.
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B. The second reason we're not to despise these little ones is their relation to Christ.

C. The third reason we're not to despise these little ones is their relation to the Father. 11-14

IV. Conclusion