Mark 10:13-16 Little Children and the Kingdom of God

13 Then they brought young children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16 And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- The parents wanted their little children to be blessed by Jesus, that He would lay His hands on them and pray for them. [Matthew 19:13, Mark 10:13, Luke 18:15]
- The disciples thought it a waste of time, an interference or a distraction, and rebuked them.
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Jesus viewed it differently, and the little children were precious to Him.
 - ♦ "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven (Kingdom of God)." [Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17]
 - ♦ Assuredly, I say to you, Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. [Mark 10:15, Luke 18:17]
 - → Jesus had previously used a humble little child as an example of the humble requirement
 for anyone who desired to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. [Matthew 18:1-14, Luke 9:46-48]
 - ♦ Jesus took the children in His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them. [Matthew 19:15, Mark 10:16]
 - ♦ Afterward He departed. [Matthew 19:15]