

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#71 – “Counsel Given to the Rich Young Ruler” – Luke 18:15-27

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The importance of children

1. Important, yes, but often marginalized
2. Harry Chapin
3. Pastor Don’s experience growing up and today

##### B. Today’s text: Luke 18:15-27

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 18:15

1. Children, especially babies, can be noisy.
2. Greek word – BREPHĒ – very young

##### B. Luke 18:16-17

1. Teaching opportunity
2. Age of accountability?
  - a. John MacArthur
3. Children have a sin issue from birth.
  - a. Psalm 51:5; 58:3
4. Children do possess something that adults find difficult to acquire.
  - a. Believability

##### C. Luke 18:18

1. “Ruler” – He was a man of means, verse 23.
2. “What must I do?” (Works)

##### D. Luke 18:19

1. “Good teacher” – probably flattery.
2. Wrongly interpreted to mean no deity in Jesus.
  - a. Deity asserted – John 5:17-18; 8:58; 10:30-32

##### E. Luke 18:20

1. Jesus deals with a works-driven sinner.
  - a. Gal. 3:12

##### F. Luke 18:21

1. Confident in his law-keeping
2. J. C. Ryle

##### G. Luke 18:22

1. The scalpel is now applied to the man’s cancerous dead heart.
  - a. Exodus 20:3

##### H. Luke 18:23

1. He walks away back to the “good life.”

##### I. Luke 18:24-25

1. Do not diminish Jesus’ comment while looking for a plausible earthly explanation.

##### J. Luke 18:26-27

1. Those present understood.
2. First century health and wealth

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. Jesus’ comment “whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all” reminds us of our utter dependence upon God.
- B. Surrendering to Christ means putting everything on the table.
- C. Can Camels go through an eye of a needle? No, they can’t.
- D. God is the God of the impossible.