

Childlike Faith

What does it mean to have faith like a child? Let us see what we can learn from a popular movie:

Wonka: How did you like the chocolate factory, Charlie?

Charlie: I think it's the most wonderful place in the whole world!

Wonka: I'm very pleased to hear you say that because I'm giving it to you. That's all right, isn't it?

Grandpa Joe: You're giving Charlie the--?

Wonka: I can't go on forever, and I don't really want to try. So, who can I trust to run the factory when I leave and take care of the Oompa Loompas for me? Not a grownup. A grownup would want to do everything his own way, not mine. That's why I decided a long time ago I had to find a child. A very honest, loving child to whom I can tell all my most precious candy making secrets.

Excerpts from "WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY," (transcribed by Aaron Villa). The Movie Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Copyright 1971 by Warner Brothers.

Now let us look at what the Bible has to say:

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." *Galatians 3:26*

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." *Romans 8:15-17*

"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 18:1-3*

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;" *Ephesians 5:1*

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." *1 John 4:4*

In conclusion, it is clear from the Scriptures that we need to act like who we are...the Children of God!