

DON'T YOU DARE!

Text: Matthew 18.5–9

Theme: Jesus calls us to act humbly toward one another in the church

INTRODUCTION –

First, let's hear Jesus tell us why we need to act this way.

I. BECAUSE OF THE BLESSING

1. Who are these “children”?
2. They are to be received
3. Because you'd do this to Jesus
4. Doing it in His name to Him

In v. 6, Jesus tells us to act humbly toward others...

II. BECAUSE OF THE WARNING

1. Don't be a stumbling block to them
2. Isn't this a bit harsh?

Then, in vv. 7–9, Jesus moves to dealing humbly with your own sin...

III. BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN

1. Jesus needs to heighten our awareness of sin in our lives
2. Personal holiness matters
3. Just one contrast with something Jesus said earlier

CONCLUSION—these are matters of the heart