

THINK ON  
THESE  
THINGS

**PHILIPPIANS 4:8**

Unless You Are  
Converted



# THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

**Mt. 18:1-5**

- **A Question: Who is the Greatest?**
  - **Discussion Among the Disciples** **Mk. 9/Lk. 9**
  - **Who Was Omitted?** **Zech. 9:9/Mt. 21:1-5**
- **The Answers of Jesus**
  - **Become As Little Children** **Matt. 18:3**
  - **The Humble** **Mt. 18:4; Mk. 9:35; Lk. 9:48**



# THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

**Mt. 18:1-5**

- **To Be Converted**

- **Turn**

**Jas. 5:19**

- **Change of Direction & Thought**

**Mt. 18:4; 19:13, 14**



# WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **Man Often Gets Things Mixed Up**

- **Desiring to be First**

**Mark 9:34, 35; 10:42-45**

- **Earthly vs. Spiritual**

**John 18:10; Acts 1:6; John 18:36**



# WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **We Must Be Truly Converted**
  - **The 'Doorway' to the Kingdom!**

**Matthew 18:3**

- **God Demands Repentance**

**Acts 17:29-31**



# WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **Humility is Necessary**
  - **Plainly Stated: The Greatest**  
**Matthew 18:4; John 13:13-16**
  - **Emphasized in Scripture**  
**James 4:6, 10; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5, 6; Colossians 2:11**



# WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **We Must Know Where We Stand**
  - **Christ as Head; We Are Subjects**  
**Eph. 5:23, 24; Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22, 23**
  - **He Alone is Preeminent**  
**Colossians 1:18**



# WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **We Should Exalt Others, Not Self**
  - **Christ Is Most Worthy**

**Revelation 5:11, 12**

- **Others Are Worthy**

**Philippians 2:3-8**





# WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **Forgo Self-Exaltation Altogether**
  - **Leave That to Others**

**Proverbs 27:2; 25:27; Matthew 5:16**

- **Better Yet, Leave it to God**

**James 4:10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:18**

