Mark 10:13-16 (ESV) 13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

What are the qualities of a childlike heart?

1. Simplicity

2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Has your life become cluttered with so many things that you have forgotten the simple things that make life worth living?

2. Teachability

Proverbs 9:9 (ESV) Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

Have you maintained a teachable heart?

3. Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Do you find it hard to trust others?

4. Forgiveness

Matthew 6:12 (ESV) and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Do you forgive others? Or are you holding grudges against other people?

5. Responsiveness

John 14:15 (ESV) “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

Are you responsive to God? Do you really desire to please him?

Mark 10:15 (ESV) “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”