

Pleasant Hill  
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Church

# What We can learn from Kids

## Psalm 131



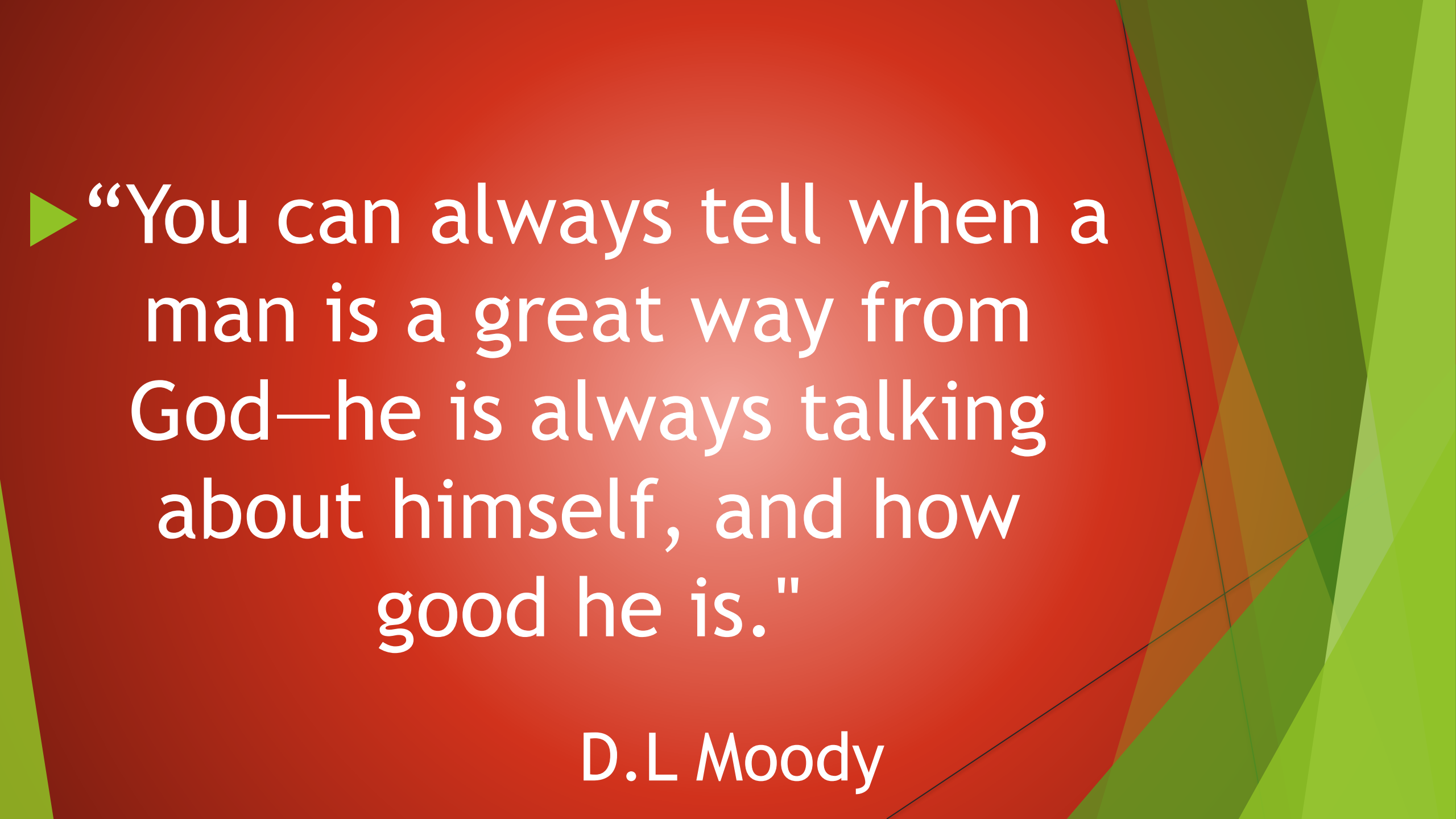
A photograph of two young children sitting inside a brown, open suitcase. The child on the left is wearing a brown leather aviator helmet with goggles and a blue and white striped shirt. The child on the right is wearing a tan pith helmet with goggles and a blue and white plaid shirt. They are both looking out of the suitcase. The background shows a white brick wall and a white shelf with some toys. A green geometric graphic is on the right side of the image.

# I. Humility

Psalm 131:1

Psalm 131:1a

LORD, my heart is not  
haughty, nor mine eyes  
lofty:



► “You can always tell when a man is a great way from God—he is always talking about himself, and how good he is.”

D.L Moody

▶ “Because Christ Jesus came to the world clothed in humility, he will always be found among those who are clothed with humility. He will be found among the humble people.”

AW Tozer

# Psalm 131:1b

...neither do I exercise  
myself in great matters,  
or in things too high for  
me.

# ▶ II. Simplicity

Psalm 131:2



Surely I have  
behaved and  
quieted myself,  
as a child that is  
weaned of his  
mother: my soul  
is even as a  
weaned child.

Psalms 131:2



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 18:3



- ▶ I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;
- ▶ I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
- ▶ I asked for health, that I might do greater things;
- ▶ I was given infirmity, then I might do better things.
- ▶ I asked for riches, that I might be happy;
- ▶ I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
- ▶ I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.


Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among men, most richly blessed.

# ▶ III. Integrity

Psalm 131:3



The background image shows a hand reaching upwards towards a bright sun, with a rainbow visible in the sky. The scene is overlaid with a dark blue geometric shape on the left and green geometric shapes on the right.

Let Israel hope  
in the LORD  
from  
henceforth  
and for ever.

Psalm 131:3

# ▶ A Letter to Jesus

- ▶ Dear Jesus,
- ▶ I've written a lot of "Thank Yous" lately, but this is my first one to you. Until now I didn't appreciate your gifts to me these past several months.
- ▶ Thank you for taking Don home to be with you. Now I'll never be concerned with what the future holds for him. His days are guaranteed. Thank you for giving him such a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for making his birthday last Sunday his best ever.
- ▶ Thank you for putting me in the hospital three weeks after he died and showing me the way you could use his death in my life. I wasn't always sure how to approach others with the Gospel. But now you have given me so many openings, I can hardly handle them all.
- ▶ Thank you for my most recent surgery and for the lessons it taught me. Especially for showing me how much I needed you. Thanks for letting me see what it is like to face surgery and suffering without you as I watched the difference in the lives of my roommates.

# ▶ A Letter to Jesus

- ▶ Thank you for the lessons Becky and Lori (her daughters) have learned from this. I could never have taught them the way you did. That's because of the great Teacher you are. I can't wait to see what you give them on their heavenly report cards.
- ▶ You know, Jesus, I wouldn't have planned my life this way. In fact, I would have planned it just the opposite. I would have sought to avoid death's knock. I would have ducked out on the surgeries and tried to pretend that Christians were kept well by you all the time. But I would have missed out on so much.
- ▶ The kids are sorry they couldn't be with their daddy on Father's Day, but we were glad he could be with both his earthly and Heavenly Father this year.
- ▶ Oh, I could go on with this letter, but I could never cover everything I have to thank you for. So I'll send more, but for now please accept this as a beginning.
- ▶ Gratefully yours,
- ▶ Lois



A New  
Way to  
Count  
Your  
Blessings

► Thanksgiving is only four days away. We ought to be the most thankful people on the face of the earth. May our days be marked with humility, simplicity, and integrity. Let us be thankful not only for the things we have but also for the things we no longer have to have. And let the people of God hope in the Lord both now and forevermore. Amen.

- ▶ For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:
- ▶ And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
- ▶ After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

▶ 1 Corinthians 11:23-25