

**Watchers**  
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**Matthew 18:1-19**  
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Malachi 4:5-6 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Remembering the watching children will help you understand that:

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- **Pride** must be deflated – verse 18:4
- People must be **valued** - verse 18:10
- **Problems** must be reconciled – 18:15
- **Pardon** must be dispensed – verse 18: 21-22, 35
- “Putting away,” must be **put away**. 19:3-6
- **Prayer** must be a priority 19:13-15

Take this with you:

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- Turning your hearts toward your children **brings blessings.**
- Turning your hearts away from your home **brings a curse.**
- Communicating how to handle the real life issues is more **caught by observation** than it is taught by education.