



Matthew 18:12 NIV

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## Matthew 18:13-14 NIV

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## Matthew 18:2-4 NIV

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2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and **become like little children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the **lowly position** of this child is the **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven.



## Matthew 18:6 NIV

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“If anyone causes one of these **little ones**—  
**those who believe in me**—to **stumble**  
[σκανδαλίζω | *skandalizō*], it would be better  
for them to have a large millstone hung  
around their neck and to be drowned in the  
depths of the sea.



Matthew 18:10 AT

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See to it that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I say to you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.



## Luke 15:1-3 NIV

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1 Now the **tax collectors and sinners** were all **gathering around to hear Jesus**. 2 But the **Pharisees and the teachers of the law** **muttered**, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 Then Jesus told them this **parable**:



Luke 15:7 NIV

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I tell you that in the same way there will be more **rejoicing in heaven** over **one sinner who repents** than over **ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.**





Matthew 18:12 AT

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What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep and one of them has **gone astray** [πλανᾶω | *planaō*], won't he leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go and look for the one that **went astray** [πλανᾶω | *planaō*]?



## 1 Timothy 6:10 NIV

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For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have **wandered** [ἀποπλανᾶω | *apoplanaō*] **from the faith** and pierced themselves with many griefs.



1 Peter 2:25 NIV

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For “you were like sheep going astray [*πλανάω* | *planaō*],” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



2 Peter 2:15 NIV

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They have **left** the straight way  
and **wandered off** [πλανάω |  
*planaō*] to follow the way of  
Balaam son of Bezer, who loved  
the wages of wickedness.



Matthew 24:11 NIV

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and many **false prophets**  
will appear and **deceive**  
[πλανᾶω | *planaō*] many  
people.



## Matthew 13:20-22 AT

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20 As for what was sown on the rocky ground, this is the one who hears the message and quickly – with joy – accepts it. 21 Yet such a person has no root in themselves, but is **fleeting**. So when hardship or persecution comes because of the message, that person quickly **falls away** [from the faith] [σκανδαλίζω | *skandalizō*]. 22 As for what was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the message and the concerns of daily life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the message – and it becomes unfruitful.



## Matthew 7:15-18 NIV

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15 “Watch out for **false prophets**. They come to you in **sheep’s clothing**, but **inwardly** they are **ferocious wolves**. 16 **By their fruit you will recognize them**. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.



Matthew 7:19-20 NIV

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19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is **cut down and thrown into the fire.** 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.





Matthew 18:13 AT

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And if he happens to find it,  
truly [lit. Amen] I say to you  
that he rejoices over it more  
than over the ninety-nine that  
have not gone astray.



Matthew 18:14 AT

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In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these **little ones** should perish.



## 1 Peter 5:2-4 NIV

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2 Be shepherds of **God's flock** that is under **your care, watching over them**—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but **eager to serve**; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being **examples to the flock**. 4 And when **the Chief Shepherd appears**, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.



## Matthew 18:15-17 NIV

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15 “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.