

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 5, 1986**

**Causing a Christian to Sin
Matthew 18:5-9
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We are zealous for the spiritual welfare of our children. You cannot separate what one does to a child from the parent. **1 John 5:1**, To love the Father is to love the child. **Psalm 105, Genesis 12:1-3**

Verse 5: Inseparable link between God and His children. What child is Jesus referring to? He is talking about the one who has humbled him self and believes in Him.

So as we treat fellow believers we are treating Christ.

Verse 6: First, God addresses the negative side of treatment of His children. This is because of the previous conversation of the disciples of “who is greatest.”

Our behavior in every way affects believers around us, especially our own children.

To put a stumbling block before His children is to provoke the Lord.

Drastic action must be taken to change behavior that could cause a brother to stumble.