

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment .

I'll never forget the time Karen and I invited a couple over for dinner one Sunday afternoon. We'd been trying to connect with them for a while, and finally the day came that both our calendars were clear. Karen wanted things to be “just so.” The house was immaculate, dinner was wonderful, and the table looked beautiful. Normally at our house we eat at the kitchen table, but this time we were eating in the dining room with the special china and the special silverware.

One variable we couldn't have anticipated was our youngest son, Bryndan. He was five at the time. Well, Bryndan sits down and blurts out, “Boy this is something! We don't eat like this every day. Mom, where did we get these new plates from, what about this silverware, the knives and forks?” Karen didn't think it was as funny as I did. I just chalked it up to the honesty of a child. Bryndan didn't mean any harm by what he said, he was being an honest, innocent five-year-old. He didn't know enough to try to impress those people.

There's something compellingly beautiful about childlike innocence. I was thinking about this the other day as I read 1 Corinthians chapter 14 verse 20. It says, “Brethren, do not be children in your thinking. Yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be mature.”

Do you catch the paradox? Our minds should be alert, aware, growing and mature, but in our hearts he says we should be reliable, responsible, pure and dependent on God, much like innocent children.

Here's what I want you to remember today. We need to ask God to help us discern and avoid evil. Let's ask God to help us to be dependent babes, pure and honest when it comes to our motives. And when it comes to evil, let's be children.