

Characteristics of Son vs. Orphan

ORPHAN HEART		HEART OF SONSHIP
See God as Master	IMAGE OF GOD	See God as a loving Father
Independent / Self-reliant	DEPENDENCY	Interdependent / Acknowledges Need
Live by the Love of Law	THEOLOGY	Live by the Law of Love
Insecure / Lack peace	SECURITY	Rest and Peace
Strive for the praise, approval, and acceptance of man	NEED FOR APPROVAL	Totally accepted in God's love and justified by grace
A need for personal achievement as you seek to impress God and others, or no motivation to serve at all	MOTIVE FOR SERVICE	Service that is motivated by a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by God
Duty and earning God's favor or no motivation at all	MOTIVE BEHIND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES	Pleasure and delight
"Must" be holy to have God's favor, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt	MOTIVE FOR PURITY	"Want to" be holy; do not want anything to hinder intimate relationship with God
Self-rejection from comparing yourself to others	SELF-IMAGE	Positive and affirmed because you know you have such value to God
Seek comfort in counterfeit affections: addictions, compulsions, escapism, busyness, hyper-religious activity	SOURCE OF COMFORT	Seek times of quietness and solitude to rest in the Father's presence and love
Competition, rivalry, and jealousy toward others' success and position	PEER RELATIONSHIPS	Humility and unity as you value others and are able to rejoice in their blessings and success
Accusation and exposure in order to make yourself look good by making others look bad	HANDLING OTHERS' FAULTS	Love covers as you seek to restore others in a spirit of love and gentleness
See authority as a source of pain; distrustful toward them and lack a heart attitude of submission	VIEW OF AUTHORITY	Respectful, honoring; you see them as ministers of God for good in your life
Difficulty receiving admonition; you must be right so you easily get your feelings hurt and close your spirit to discipline	VIEW OF ADMONITION	See the receiving of admonition as a blessing and need in your life so that your faults and weaknesses are exposed and put to death
Guarded and conditional; based upon others' performance as you seek to get your own needs met	EXPRESSION OF LOVE	Open, patient, and affectionate as you lay your life and agendas down in order to meet the needs of others
Conditional & Distant	SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE	Close & Intimate
Bondage	CONDITION	Liberty
Feel like a Servant/Slave	POSITION	Feel like a Son/Daughter
Spiritual ambition; the earnest desire for some spiritual achievement and distinction and the willingness to strive for it; a desire to be seen and counted among the mature.	VISION	To daily experience the Father's unconditional love and acceptance and then be sent as a representative of His love to family and others.
Fight for what you can get!	FUTURE	Sonship releases your inheritance!

ORPHAN CHART

	An Orphan's View	A Son's View	Mixed Up Orphan/Son View
God	Stern Judge Sense of Disapproval	Loving Father who accepts and approves	Grandfather/ understanding/ detached
Sin	GUILTY Powerless Depressed Penance Defensive	Forgiven and righteous Free to repent-change	Better than others- Resigned to failure- Lowers the standard
Prayer	Difficult Results based on performance	First resort is to ask Father to fulfill His will	Vague and Unfocused Unanswered
Others	Judgmental/Controlling Distrustful	Free to Love Confident of Spirit's Power	Self-Centered/ Self-Protective
Obedience	Self-righteous/ Basis of God's discipline/Determination/ Unlimited Obligation/Joyless/Must look good at all cost	Joyfully confident of the Spirit's power to enable through grace	Weakness/Partial and rationalized/Self-Indulgent/Careless
Ministry	Independent/Self-reliant/Driven and Burned Out/Boastful	Believe God's Spirit works through Teams to advance His kingdom	Evasive/Unable to endure
Suffering	Good=blessed Bad=punishment	Believes God orders life to transform us into Christ-likeness	Survival/Numb or Run
Motivation	Success-Failure/Reputation/Law-Keeping/Approval	Grace/God's undeserved love	Feelings Desires Pleasures