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Introduction:

Every child born into this world was created to be a son or daughter to someone. Each of us was created with a capacity to receive love from a mother and father. Yet, many of us cannot say that we have been true sons or daughters to our parents or to spiritual fathers. We are born with a spirit of independence and want control of our own lives. This kind of orphan thinking affects our relationship with authority and Father God.



We do not cast out an orphan heart, but it must be **introduced** to a Loving Father and then be **willing to receive** the Father. If we do not allow ourselves to be fathered by the Father of Creation, it becomes very easy to be deceived by the father of lies, the first, Chief spiritual orphan.

We are then left living life as if we do not have a home and feeling like spiritual orphans – a feeling that we do not have a safe and secure place where we are affirmed and protected, where we find identity and a place of belonging in the Father’s love.

1. Hearts of the Fathers and Children

The Word teaches us that in the last days the hearts of the fathers will be turned to the hearts of the children and so also will the hearts of the children be turned back to their fathers.

Mal. 4:6 “6 And he shall turn and **reconcile the hearts of the [estranged] fathers** to the [ungodly] **children**, and the **hearts of the [rebellious] children** to [the piety of] their **fathers** [a reconciliation produced by repentance of the ungodly], lest I come and smite the land with a curse and a ban of utter destruction.”

What is a home?

warmth	tenderness
protection	valued gentleness
security	honored
affirmation	accepted
comfort	nature

A survey showed that 80% of a Christian’s thinking is negative thinking and in line with the Accuser of Brethren.

Two categories of Children of God.

1. Those living their lives knowing they have a home
2. Those living their lives as if they don't have a home – the **orphan heart** will always fight for that which belongs to the true sons of God.



The Orphan spirit can be a **demonic spirit** and also a **heart attitude**.

The orphan heart always feels like you're on the outside looking in.

- your heart
- your house
- your work
- your church
- your city

Can all have an orphan heart

Satan's job description according to **Is. 14:6** is to **weaken the nations**. He is always subject to his own mission

Submission, subjection is very important for sonship

Sonship understands the Father's mission – receiving His love and giving it away.

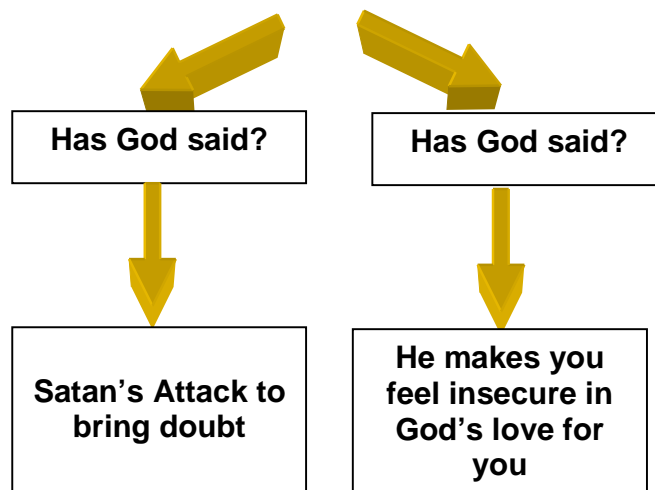
When I am subject to God's mission – I have life

When I am subject to my own mission – I end up in death ("I will")

Always remember: The Great Commandment comes before the Great Commission.

The Orphan heart is always envious of those who are in true relationship with God.

Satan's attack in the Garden of Eden:



Have you experienced doubt and insecurity in your walk with God? Whose voice have you been listening to?

The beginning of Orphan Thinking:

The first orphan ever was Lucifer when he was expelled from Heaven.

Eve was deceived into **orphan thinking**, “You will be like the Father”.
“Just do it the way you want to do it.”
“Eat of the wrong tree.”

Father God knew when Adam and Even had sinned. They went into hiding and did not want to fellowship with Him.

As parents we know when our children are lying to us. We know when they are hiding from us because they close off their heart to us.

The Father wants to cover you – God took an animal and made clothes from the skin.

Orphan thinking

- will not take responsibility (Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed satan)
- blame others

If you chose orphan thinking you have to leave the garden of the Father’s love.



Universal Problem:

Not one of us have **ever** had sonship. We are all born with an **orphan spirit**. We are all born as **orphans**. We can be born again, spirit filled, etc. but still have orphan thinking.

The turning point of 4000 years of history:

John 14:18-23 *“18 I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you.”*

Orphans have no faith for anyone to meet their need. The only thing they know is to **take** it for themselves.

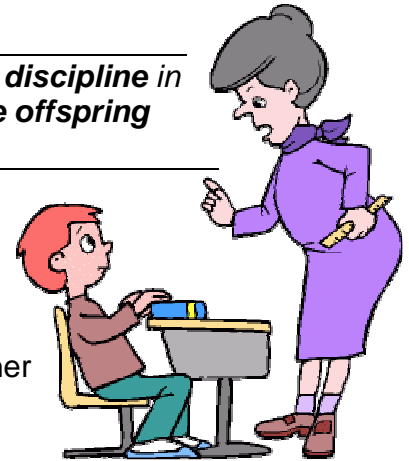
You may have been introduced to the Father but you can’t **receive** His love. You can legally be a son or daughter but still live your life as if you don’t have a home – you can’t receive the love.

Heb 12:7 *“7 You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline?”*

8 Now if you are **exempt from correction** and **left without discipline** in which all [of God's children] share, then you are **illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all].**"

So, if you **can't receive discipline**, correction, guidance then you become like an **illegitimate child / spiritual orphan**.

One of a father's duties is to help his child deal with his/her own heart – anger, bitterness, etc.



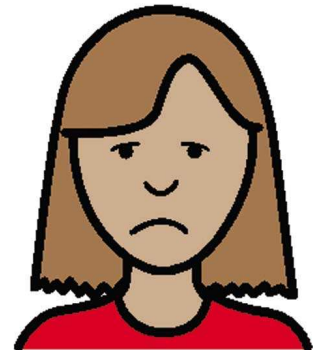
If a child experiences that there is something in them that is against their Father, we need to ask the following question: *“When did you cease from being the son / daughter of your father or mother?”* The day you rejected your father and mother because they hurt you so badly and from then on you stopped **trusting**.

2. The orphan spirit

You cannot cast out an orphan heart. You can only introduce the love of a Heavenly Father.

Twelve step progression to an Orphan Heart:

1. As a small child we focus upon the faults we see in parental authority. Hurt people hurt people. Parents are also hurting and then they hurt their children.
2. We receive their faults as disappointment, discouragement, grief, rejection, woundedness. How can you be a father if you were never a son, but a slave in your home? You treat your children as slaves as well.
3. Lose **basic trust** in parental authority. For example: I step accidentally on your foot – ask forgiveness – you still trust me as a person with integrity, etc. Next time I come by, you withdraw your foot.



You trust me as a person BUT you've lost **basic trust** and won't let me come too close – you will **withdraw**. Life is a life of pain and rejection. We lose basic trust in relationships. We have relationships but we've lost basic trust. You lose it by the time you are 5 years old. If anyone gets too close, you move behind your walls of protection. Don't trust, don't talk, don't feel. I don't trust you enough to allow you to get near my feelings.

Our relationships are superficial because of a **loss of basic trust**. Loss of basic trust in family structures, in relationship, in church. **Basic trust is the capacity to hold your heart out to another person**. You avoid people. Basic trust is not an issue between you and other people but it's between you and God.

For relationships to work they must be built on trust and initial respect. If I can't respect you there will be animosity in our relationship. If I can't trust you, there can't be a flow of relationship.

If we want to have Godly relationships we must never break relationships on a negative note. A blow up in relationships is a way to control things. Agree with your adversity. Enter into Father's rest – a place of meekness and gentleness. **Relationships blow up when I focus on what man thinks of me.**

When I enter God's rest and **know** what God thinks of me – that is **basic trust**. I live life like I have a home – I am secure. I do not need to take on the same spirit as the person that is attacking me. If I am subject to the Father, I am loved. Then God's grace comes in whatever the circumstances.



Basic trust: even when it hurts, you risk to become vulnerable and keep your heart open. If you are secure in the Father's love you can move beyond the weaknesses in others and you can release God's love in the situation. You move back into the Father's love in every situation – even if they come at you in full anger. Even if someone is misrepresenting the Father's love to you, you can still be secure.

4. When you lose basic trust you move into a **fear of submission** in receiving love, comfort and admonishing from others. "I'll just do it myself."

5. **Closed spirit** – you close your heart to others

6. You take on an **independent self-reliant attitude**. "I'll just do it myself – I can't rely on anyone to do it for me." Independence, self-reliance. You take care of everything, yourself included, so you can't cast your cares upon Jesus.



7. We start **controlling all our relationships**.

- Independence and isolation
- A fear of being hurt.
- A fear of being known.

8. Our relationships then become **superficial**. Keep people at a distance.

9. Now you form a **stronghold**:

“No-one will be there for me.”

Spiritual orphan – no-one is there for them. They’ve got to do it themselves.
Independent, self-reliant, rebellious, attitude.

10. Next you begin to **live life as spiritual orphan**. You don’t have a safe place. You will have to fight for everything, wrangle, argue.



11. Now you start chasing after **counterfeit affections**

- **Passions** of the flesh – you’ve got to bond to something. You were created for love so you will bond to something.
 - addictions – drugs / food
 - alcohol
 - porn
- **Possessions** – worldly gain
- **Position**
 - praise of man
 - striving to be seen
 - slaving away to be seen



Power and control of your own life and destiny. Do not be real or open to admit need. Do not need anyone or anything. It only results in someone hurting you, disappointing you, someone letting you down again.

12. **A life of oppression**

Heaviness, darkness. Great difficulty, cannot receive any love and admonition from God and others.



Rom 8:14 “14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

To come to the place of sonship you have to be led by the Spirit of God. Those that are being led by the **chief orphan spirit** are not sons. When you cut off intimacy in a relationship it becomes a cold love that defiles all other relationships – they all become **conditional**. Only those that act right, do right, talk right will you accept. Those who don’t agree with you, you keep them away from you.

You can be born again, living in the Father's house, spirit filled, BUT if you're not **led by a Fathering spirit (Heb 12:8)** you become more like an orphan and when the Holy Spirit begins to move, all you want is the POWER and the FIRE etc., but you can't receive the discipline of the Father. Anything in us that is not subjected to the Father's mission, must change. During the outpouring of the Father's Blessing in Toronto and else in the world, many were **touched** by the Father's love but did not **change**. Everyday you are either doing the deeds of the father of lies or Father of truth. We all want to be like Jesus – do not focus your life on Jesus – focus on what He focused on. Jesus was who He was (and is) because of His **Father**.



John 5:19 *“19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the **Son is able to do nothing of Himself** (of His own accord); but He is able to do only **what He sees the Father doing**, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].”*

We will be who we are depending on whom we are focused on. You must discern whose voice you are listening to. Every time the Father speaks He speaks out of love. The father of lies is a legalist. He deceives you. He questions / uses truth to try to deceive us. Every thought we allow determines our future. Every voice you listen to determines your inheritance. If you are a child of God, you are joint heirs with Jesus Christ.



Inheritance: love, joy, peace, meekness, patience, self-control, ability to trust, miracles, signs and wonders.

You must live in agreement with the Father of Creation, in submission to His mission: to receive love, and give it away!

Questions you need to ask yourself:

- Who are you subject to?
- Whose son / daughter are you?
- Who are you listening to?

Sonship	Orphan heart
The Comforter	Accuser of the brethren
Innocence	My gift and position
Gentleness	Let people see me
Meekness	Cannot submit to anyone
Openness	Take everything as personal

Humility	Criticizing, judging
Liberity	Track record of broken heart
Rest	Escaping humanity
Health	Fight for everything
Wholeness	Manipulate, control,
Mercy	wrangle trying to steal inheritance
Forgiveness	Undermining
Not just physical healing, falling down, laughing	Making others look bad so you can look good. Sucking up to people to get things and position. Never satisfied. Always wants more.

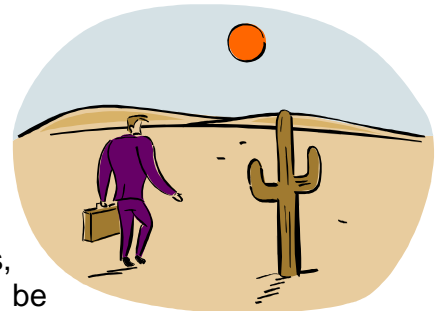
Heb 5: 8-9 *“8 Although He was a Son, He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered
9 And, [His completed experience] making Him perfectly [equipped], He became the Author and Source of eternal salvation to all those who give heed and obey Him,”*

Before you can **inherit** you **suffer!**

Inheritance is not for orphans – it’s for sons!
Conflict in relationships helps you see what you’re full of. It shows up the uncrucified areas in your



heart. Orphans are always looking for the high places, the places where you’ll be recognized, and the place where you’re stroked and patted. This is happening at the church, at your work – it’s every orphan’s thinking. Orphans walk with an intravenous drip in their hand, they run up to whoever is important in the building, stick in their intravenous drip – “just praise me, just value me, let me be the centre of attention.”

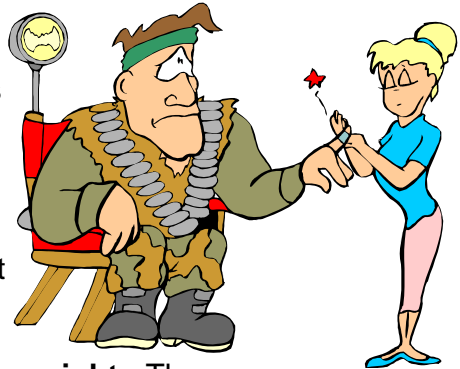


Orphan thinking – They try to get their unhealed needs of fatherlessness met. When the Father of Creation tells you that He loves you and values you and your needs are fulfilled, you don’t need to get other people’s approval. “I’m loved the way I am and not the way I should be”. The son only does what he sees the father doing – who’s son are you? Whose daughter are you? Suffering is denying yourself.

Orphans have relationships built on what you will do for them. You cannot measure sonship, faithfulness, and loyalty.

Question: What are your **reasons** for being loyal and faithful? What am I to get out of all this? Doing all the right things but never having the father's heart – older brother.

Orphan heart values the Father for what the Father will do for him – not for intimacy and love. The orphan heart is not subject to the Father's mission. They believe they are being used. When Father says "no" to what they want, the orphan heart **takes offence** – personal rejection. Orphans don't look to the future – "**what comforts my pain now?**" They have a "short-cut spirit. Their feelings of being right justifies their negative attitude. Orphans can't feel compassion. Everyone must meet **their** need. Orphans are always **right**. They justify, vindicate out of their rightness the amount of hurt they cause others. Criticizing and demeaning others.



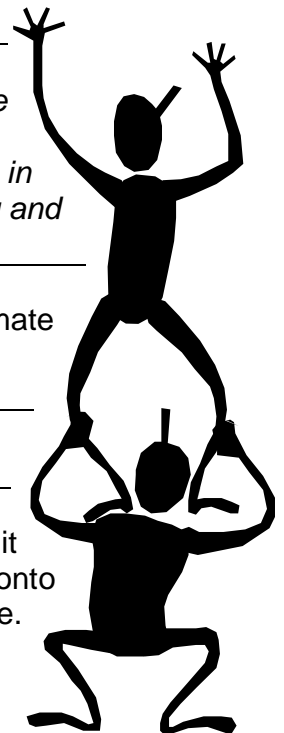
The Orphan spirit values authority figures for what they can get out of them. Even in marriage – "what can I get out of this?" Their children must meet their need. Orphans do all the right things for the wrong reasons. Orphans don't feel other's pain. All they know is they are right. "If someone else is hurting it's their problem." **Orphans consume the blessings of God upon their own lusts until one day their inheritance is all gone.**

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8 Now if you are **exempt from correction** and **left without discipline** in which all [of God's children] share, then you are **illegitimate offspring** and not true sons [at all]."

If you're not able to receive discipline / correction you are then illegitimate children / orphans.

The Word: Subject = submission
Underneath and push up and life flows through you.

Two people fall into a pit. For both to come out you will need to submit to one another. One will need to bow down for other one to climb onto your back. Then the one bowed down needs to push up. Both will live.



The weaker one is usually the one that should bend down. Submission = self-redemption.

Orphan heart

Be subject to your own mission and die. “I don’t have enough basic trust to submit to believe you’ll get me out of the pit”. If you’re not submitted anywhere you’ll go nowhere.

Rom 8: 16-17 *“16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.
17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we **must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.**”*

We are joint heirs with Christ, but we must first suffer then inherit.

Orphans say: “As long as you meet my need I will serve you.” But when you (my authority figure) have a need, a place of weakness and despair, then you will see what is really in my heart.

- The orphan’s heart will abandon.
- The orphan’s heart values more what you can do for him than intimacy, love and relationship.
- The orphan’s heart is in agreement with the accuser. “I will”.

When we are no longer submitted to the Father’s mission – death begins to come. Elisha said to Elijah – “My Father, my Father, I will not leave you”. If you stay with the Father, you will inherit. The sufferings of this present time can’t compare with the glory that lies ahead!

The enemy tried very hard to get Jesus to receive the orphan’s heart. He knew if he succeeded, we would never be saved. The orphan will never come into the glory that is yet to be revealed. First you must learn obedience through suffering as a son, then you’ll become a signpost towards eternal salvation.

What is the suffering?

In Luke 2 we read the story of Jesus as a twelve year old teaching in the Synagogue. It was during the time of the feast of Passover – He had to submit to parents who did not understand what He was doing. Years later Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. For 18 years He went back home and made furniture. He submitted to His earthly father and mother.

Verse 51: continued in **subjection** to them, underneath and pushing up.

Jesus showed us through His example that He had to do His earthly father's mission first before He could do His Heavenly mission. **First the natural then the spiritual (1 Cor. 15:46).** He was given **favour**, acceptance, kindness, thanks, gratitude, grace, without expectation of anything in return.

Gal. 4:6-7 "6 And because **you [really] are [His] sons**, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, **crying, Abba (Father)! Father!**
7 Therefore, you are **no longer a slave** (bond servant) **but a son**; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] **an heir by the aid of God, through Christ."**

John the Baptist

Jesus was in submission to the law and the authority that ruled during the time that He walked on earth. He submitted to be baptized by John that Baptist. He had to receive from man to be able to receive from God. **How can you minister to others if you are not receiving ministry from others?** Willing to be subject to man brings humility and brokenness. Dying to the flesh.

What is very important to understand is that this submission does not mean you must submit to ABUSIVE AUTHORITY OF CONTROL AND MANIPULATION.

1 John 4:20 "20 If anyone says, I love God, and hates (detests, abominates) his brother [in Christ], he is a liar; **for he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, Whom he has not seen."**

How can you love God who you can't see if you can't love man who you can see?

First Relationship then Ministry:

"This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus was first **affirmed** by the Father's love **before** He started His ministry.

First the Great Commandment before the Great Commission!

After you receive the Father's love you are led into the wilderness to make sure that all you need is really only the Father's love. Satan will do everything to try and steal from you your sonship. He will come to you with **orphan thinking**.

When satan tried to tempt Jesus in the wilderness, he attacked Him on all 3 levels where Adam and Eve failed.

Has God said?

- 1 The **passions** of the **flesh** – "turn these stones into bread";

2 position - “cast yourself down” – self reliance;

3 and possessions – kingdom of this world;

All are counterfeit affections. After the temptations in the wilderness, satan departs from Him for a season. Angels come and minister to Him. First the revelation about the Father’s love, then the wilderness experience.

What equips us for ministry?

- Being subject to the Father’s mission.
- Subject to someone else in the ministry.
- Overcoming temptation in wilderness (moral failures).



Then you are ready for your ministry.

Luke 4:18-19 “18 *The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],*
 19 *To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound.]”*

Abusive authority – Saul

David had to get away otherwise he would die. Even when he left, he still stayed submitted and honored Saul. There **are** many Sauls in the land. But that does not change the Godly principle about sonship.

The orphan heart is dependent on his gifts, talents and anointing to make it in the ministry. But the son is completely dependent on the Father. Qualifications for being able to minister: “I can’t do this without the Father”. We pride ourselves to being independent but it is ungodly.



SONSHIP	ORPHAN HEART
It’s not about TRUTH – it’s about love	Lives by the love of law . Their relationship with God is based on TRUTH.
He is at peace with the Father.	Constantly insecure striving, trying to act right and do right, no peace.
Not dependent on performance but on what the Father has done and on what Jesus has done on the Cross.	Dependent on the praise of men – fear of man, approval of man – then you’re in trouble – you pull away from God.

The Orphan heart:

What is the motivation for Christian disciplines like prayer and fasting, etc.? Sense of acceptance is based on his human effort. It is not by **grace**.

What we see taking place in the natural is often a reflection of what is beginning to occur in the spiritual (**1 Corinthians 15:46**). The **spirit of Ishmael** (the orphan heart) warring against the **spirit of Isaac** (the spirit of a son) seems to be the dominating spirit upon the earth today. The same spirit that is releasing terrorism upon the earth is also prevalent within all of society. **Rivalry, envy, and jealousy** produce **violence** within both the natural and spiritual realms as we compete with one another for the hearts of people and seek to establish our own land. Our search for **acceptance, significance, and identity** often results in a wrestling match as we grasp for what we deem is rightfully ours. It is evident within politics, the workplace, the entertainment and sports industries, and sadly, even within the Church. The result can be a “holy war” unconsciously proclaimed by those with an orphan heart as they struggle with their brethren for **position, and authority, and inheritance**.

Ishmael (meaning “whom God hears”), was the first-born of Abraham to Hagar, the handmaiden of Sarah, Abraham’s wife. At 16 years of age, Ishmael was forced into the wilderness, away from his father, because of jealousy and rivalry between the two women over whose son would have rights to the inheritance of Abraham (**Genesis 21:9-21**). Arabic historians divide the Arabs **into two races**:

- (1) Pure Arabs, descendants of Joktan; and
- (2) Mixed Arabs, descendants of Ishmael.

The prophecies from **Genesis 16:12 and 25:18** are now and have always been true:

*“And he (Ishmael) will be a wild donkey of a man, **his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand will be against him...** He settled in defiance of all his relatives.”*

Since the moment Ishmael experienced rejection from his father through the next 3900 years, many of Ishmael’s descendants’ attitudes, dispositions, manners, habits, government, or dress have not changed.

What also has not changed is the tension between the one who lives life as if he does not have a home (the spirit of an orphan) and the one who is secure in his father’s love and heart (the spirit of sonship).

Often within the church, it is difficult to tell whether a person walks in the heart attitude of an orphan or a son (this includes daughters). **Outwardly**, a person may have a pattern of service, sacrifice, discipline, and apparent loyalty, but you do not know what is inside a person until he or she gets bumped. Then the attitude of the heart overflows at a time when they feel they are not getting the recognition or favor they deserve.

Somehow the difference lies in the **motives and intentions of the heart**. Let us look at the following chart and see what is revealed as we put definitions to the terms “spiritual orphan” and “spiritual son” and place them side by side in contrast with one another.

Hebrews 12:7-9 *“It is for discipline that you endure; **God deals with you as with sons**; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather **be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?**”*

With the chart and scriptures listed, let’s define the **orphan spirit and the spirit of sonship**. The **orphan spirit** causes one to live life as if he does not have a safe and secure place in the Father’s heart. He feels he has no:

- place of affirmation,
- protection,
- comfort,
- belonging,
- or affection.

He is:

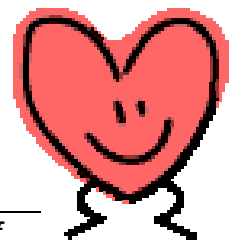
- Self-oriented,
- lonely,
- and inwardly isolated,
- he has no one from whom to draw Godly inheritance.

Therefore, he has to:

- strive,
- achieve,
- compete,
- and earn everything he gets in life.

It easily leads to a life of anxiety, fears, and frustration.

The **spirit of sonship** is all about having a **heart attitude of submission** – being subject to another’s mission.



Jesus Himself said in **John 5:19** *“The Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.”*

In **Hebrews 12:9**, “**Be subject**” is also the word “submission.” In the Greek, this word means “to get underneath and to push up.” So to have the spirit of sonship is to put yourself underneath another’s mission and do all you can to make them successful, knowing that as a son/daughter, there is an inheritance that lies ahead.



Sonship is about:

- security,
- significance,
- identity,
- patience,
- basic trust,
- faithfulness,
- loyalty,
- humility,
- and being others-oriented.

After reading through the contrast chart and definitions, you probably are saying to yourself, “Woe is me!” You may fit into only some of the categories, but most likely you will have some bleed-over between the two. Now perhaps you can see why walking in healthy relationships with God and/or others has been so difficult for you or someone you know.

THE SPIRIT OF AN ORPHAN		THE SPIRIT 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!

The orphan spirit is not something you can cast out because it is ungodly beliefs and/or attitudes of our flesh that has been developing over a lifetime. It has become part of our personality and character. It must be displaced (put to death) by a personal experience in the Father's love and a revelation of the spirit of sonship. This will require a re-positioning of our life.



Many people have been given words that God will use them mightily to minister to others. Yet, it seems the day and the hour of the Lord's release in your life has been delayed. Others have wondered why they have prayed every prayer known to mankind for deliverance or healing of emotional pain, yet they still battle frustration, anxiety, loneliness, and fears. We have to address the hidden, unconscious issues of the spiritual orphan.

Heb 13: 5 *"5 Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]"*

I am at home with the Father!

- If God had a refrigerator, He would have your picture on it.
- If He had a wallet, your photo will be in it.
- He could live anywhere in the universe He wants, BUT He chose to live in you!

ADDENDUM B: 3. How do we go from Orphans to Heirs?

“Become as a little child.” This is not a list of “do’s or don’ts”

1. Forgive parental authority for misrepresentation of the Father’s love. This is non-negotiable!!

Matt 18 – Tormentors are released.

Ps 45: 10-11 *“10 Hear, O daughter, consider, submit, and consent to my instruction: **forget also your own people and your father’s house;**
11 So will the King desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, be submissive and reverence and honor Him.”*

Let go of your identity that has been formed in your father and mother’s house that was not in line with the Father’s heart. Focus your life on the Father. (The son will only do what he sees the Father do. **(John 5: 19, 20)**)

Let go of the expectation for your father and mother to make it right with you. We all would want our parents to come and say they are sorry and then go into the detail of where they failed us. Somehow that would justify our reactions against them like rebellion, etc. If they will take all the blame – the ownership... BUT we must let go!

We can’t reach up for the Father’s love and still keep my other hand around my parent’s throat until they make it right with me! Give them what they do not deserve – your forgiveness! Many of our parents were orphans.

Realize that when you rejected your earthly parents you rejected your sonship and you remained in the position of being an orphan. Now you must be introduced to a loving Father. We are not talking of rebonding to an earthly father and mother. We are talking about letting go of the pain we suffered in our father and mother’s house, so we can reach up to our Heavenly Father and receive Him as our Father meeting the deepest needs of our lives.

2. There may be a need for you to seek forgiveness from your mother and father / step parents or parental authority.

For orphans to only forgive people may not be enough. Often we need to practice the ministry of restitution.

If our attitudes, behaviour, actions, have hurt another person we may need to go to them and ask them to forgive us.

Orphans only know of their own pain. They do not see the pain they cause others.

Orphans have a need for everybody around them to say the right things otherwise they put their inner walls up and keep people out there – you cut them out of your life.

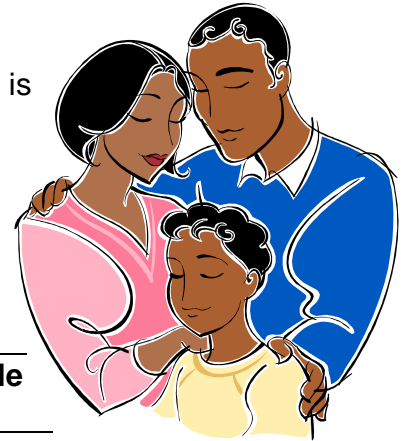
As an orphan you can still be honouring your parents, you can stop judging them, you can say the right things, etc. BUT you still have uncrucified areas in your heart.

You honour them, say good things to and about them, BUT you keep them out of your heart.

The reason why you keep your heart closed for your parents is because there is NO basic trust – your walls are up.

When did you reject being the son/daughter of your father and / or mother?

Cold / guarded love will stop your growth in the Lord.



Pride: When you are more convinced about what people think than what God thinks.

Orphans do not have enough basic trust in the Father's love to meet their needs when they are being attacked.

- ❖ They attack,
- ❖ justify,
- ❖ blameshift,
- ❖ get the focus off me,
- ❖ separate,
- ❖ close their hearts to the attacker

Where there is NO BASIC TRUST, there is no revelation of the Father's Love.

Even if you have forgiven, there can still be a need for the ministry of restitution in your life, i.e. when you realize the pain **you** have caused others. Orphans do not see that but sons do.

Orphans justify keeping their loved ones out of their hearts because of their negative attitude and criticism.

Orphans are not subject to anyone else's mission, but only their own mission.

Orphans justify staying away from their parents because they are so critical!

Sometimes parents cannot remember what they did to you in your growing-up years. When you get underneath them and submit and truly honour them, God will bring the restoration as they may start to remember what they did in the past to you, and ask your forgiveness.

Their criticism can turn into praise.

Sonship means when you are in the presence of important leaders and there is no more sweat and fear as to what will they think of you!

You are secure in the Father's love. Your basic trust is in what the Father constantly says about you.

What you sow in your parents is what you will reap in your children.

When you go to ask forgiveness, it's not about **their** sin, it's about your responsibility for the pain you caused your parents.

Maybe you can write them a letter if you cannot talk to them personally. Let someone of spiritual maturity read it to make sure that there is no trace of justification or vindication. You take ownership for what **you** have done – no matter what they have done!

You cannot cast out the dark – just turn on the light!

You can't cast out an orphan heart – it is an empty heart – empty of what you were created for, namely: for love.

Rom. 8:15 *“15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but **you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!**”*

You have been placed in the Father's Presence. Fill the empty heart with the Father's Love.

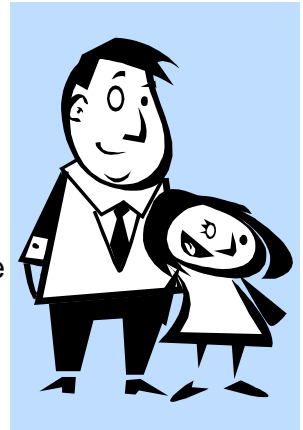
You introduce the orphan heart to a loving Father but then the orphan heart must make a choice – TO RECEIVE THE FATHER'S LOVE.



3. We need to acknowledge our need to be a son or daughter to someone. We need to acknowledge our need to submit to a physical father / mother before we can have a spirit of submission to a spiritual Heavenly Father.

How can you have a heart of submission to God who you can't see if you do not have a heart of submission to man who you can see?

Remember what Jesus taught us: The Son learns obedience from the things He suffered.



If you want to have an influence on the community around you, it will not happen if you focus on being a leader, or being a good father, or a good spiritual father for others.

Jesus focused on the Father and watched the Father. He focused on being a **Son**.

Focusing on being a father / leader can lead you to become authoritative and controlling.

When I start **trying** to be a good father or leader I lose rest.

That can lead to aggressive striving.

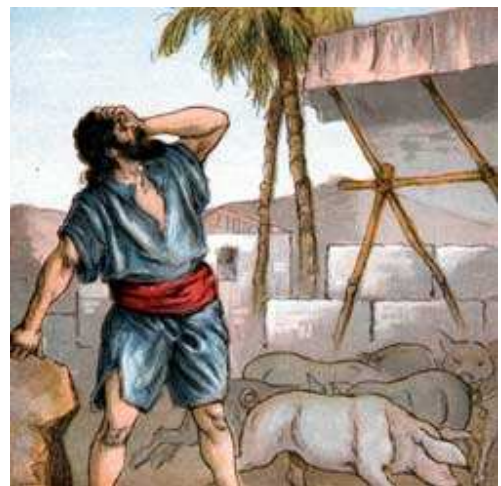
Remember, Jesus said: *“My yoke is easy, My burden is light.”*

So therefore, I do not need to perform.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son:

When he ended up in the pigsty, he came to his senses and then wanted to become a son again in his father's house.

We need to acknowledge our need to **be a son** in a father's house.



Heb. 13:17 *“17 Obey your spiritual leaders and **submit** to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for **they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing and groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either].”***

“Subjection, submission” = underneath and dependency.

“Be subject to the Father’s mission for they keep watch over your souls.”

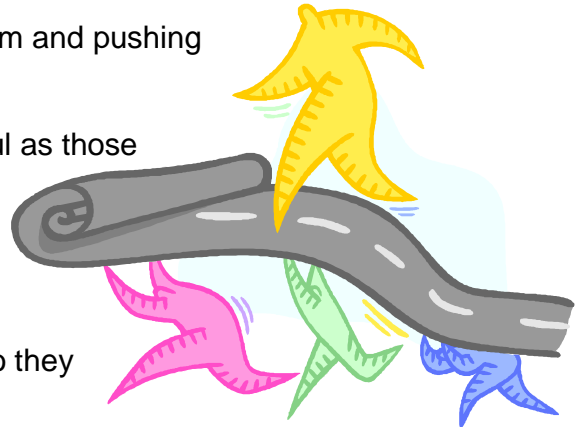
The question we need to ask ourselves: Whose son / daughter am I?

Who are you submitted to, coming underneath them and pushing up?

Whose mission are you looking to make successful as those who will give an account?

Let them do this with joy and not with sighing and groaning for that will not be profitable to you.

When your leaders / boss think about you, what do they think? Are you profitable to them or not?



Remember: No inheritance for orphans!
What you sow now, you will reap later.

You measure loyalty on what you say about another person when they are not around.

How you relate to your leaders now will determine what you will reap in the future.

Six Things to help motivate you to repentance.

1 Pet 5:5 *“5 Likewise, you who are younger and of lesser rank, **be subject to the elders** (the ministers and spiritual guides of the church)—**[giving them due respect and yielding to their counsel]**. Clothe (apron) yourselves, all of you, with **humility** [as the garb of a servant, so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you, with freedom from pride and arrogance] toward one another. For God sets Himself against the proud (the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful)—[and He opposes, frustrates, and defeats them], but **gives grace** (favor, blessing) **to the humble.**”*

Repentance is not an act performed but repentance is an **attitude performed**.
It’s the principle of weakness.

“Blessed is the meek for they shall rule the earth”.

1. You are clothed with **humility**.

You cannot get humility on your own – you receive it by impartation when you submit to the Spirit of Jesus Christ, when you humble yourself towards a father and/or mother figure in your life, then you will be clothed with the Spirit of Christ. You humble yourself before man. God will lift you up.

“God resist the proud, but He gives **grace** to the humble”.
Grace = God’s ability.

If you agree with the father of lies you fall from grace.
As soon as you move into orphan thinking, you fall from grace. This does not mean you are not going to Heaven – orphans are independent, self reliant. You fall from God’s ability.

Humility gives you God’s ability

1 Peter 5:6 “6 Therefore **humble yourselves** [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you,”

You need to die to self.

When you get into this place of humility, you are exalted into the Father’s presence.
Not exalted into ministry.
First the Great Commandment then the great Commission!

A ministry is just an overflow of God’s love into the community where I live.

1 Peter 5:7 “7 **Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.**”

If you lack a spirit of sonship on this earth you will lack **peace**, you won’t be able to cast all you burdens upon the Lord.

1 Peter 5:8-10 “8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.
9 Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world.
10 And **after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you.**”

No maturity if you do not submit to Godly leaders and get underneath and push up and do all you can to see them blessed. As you suffer in your spiritual father's house, you will mature and be established.

1 Pet 2:13 *"13 Be **submissive to every human institution and authority for the sake of the Lord**, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,"*

Submission has nothing to do with the leaders but it is for the Lord's sake!
Submission is not for the benefit of your leader.
It's about you future and the Kingdom's future.

NO SONSHIP NO INFLUENCE

1 Pet 2 : 14-17 *"14 Or to governors as sent by him to bring vengeance (punishment, justice) to those who do wrong and to encourage those who do good service.
15 For it is God's will and intention that **by doing right** [your good and honest lives] **should silence** (muzzle, gag) the **ignorant charges** and **ill-informed criticisms of foolish persons**.
16 [Live] as **free people**, [yet] without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness; but [live **at all times**] as **servants of God**.
17 **Show respect for all men** [treat them honorably]. Love the brotherhood (the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head). Reverence God. Honor the emperor."*

Is not only honoring those that can **do** something for you.
We must honor **all men**.

Submission is not about authority.

Eph 5 : 21 *"21 **Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ** (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."*

How can you humble yourself and honor **all** men – getting underneath and pushing up?

YOU CAN'T!!

Submit to love – allow God's love to flow through you.

Look to whom you can give God's love to.

Jesus came to give His life away. He did not come as a Father – He came as a Son. He came to serve.

Luke 16:12 *"12 **And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another** [whether God or man], **who will give you that which is your own** [that is, the true riches]?"*

Have you been faithful with the **emotions** of your spouse and children?

This faithfulness includes **all areas** of life.

Questions to think about:

- 1) When did you reject your mother and/or father?
When did you cease being their son/daughter?
- 2) How does that affect your relationship with authority figures today?
- 3) How has it affected your ability to relate to pastors today?
- 4) Whose son/daughter are you?
- 5) How can I begin to walk in “senseless” humility – this is an **attitude** performed.



1 Cor 4:15 *“15 After all, though you should have ten thousand teachers (guides to direct you) in Christ, yet you **do not have many fathers**. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the glad tidings (the Gospel).”*

Who is responsible that there are no fathers in the land?

We must be careful not to take this teaching on the Orphan spirit and use it as a club to hit the church over the head with.

Who put these orphan-leaders in power?

In the time of Samuel the people, the people wanted a king. God gave them a king with the name of Saul.

He was anointed, gifted and a head taller than the rest, good looking ,etc.

The result of this king was disaster for Israel.

Let’s look at your life.

Who have you chased after?

The gifted? The Anointed? The talented? The pulpiteers? Who have you given money to, supported, who have you put in power?

When we have an orphan spirit, we reject people who have a father heart and we receive those who tickle our ears.

We, as immature children, have valued leaders with gifts, talents and charisma more than character.

Just like Israel we said, “Give us someone of anointing and power and giftings”.

There must be a revelation and a return of fathers to the land – BUT we will not be fathers until we are sons.

We must start to value character above gifts. Character must be our message – not our words, or our ability to handle the gifts and the power.

Do not look at the Sauls and say “It’s because of them that we are in this mess”.

Prayer:

Father, forgive me for valuing a man’s gift more than I valued his character.

Father, give us men that have the heart like David – those that are broken, humble and with servant hearts.

Forgive us for looking for the gift and not the Godly character.

Forgive us for being drawn to those with the power + gifts and not drawn to the fathers that would mature and discipline us according to Your word.

Here our cry, Father we want to be sons and daughters!

In Jesus Name, AMEN.

With the lack of fathers comes lack **of identity**.

We need so desperately to belong, to have boundaries, etc.

An orphan will seek for many years information to try and find where he belongs.

You do not know yourself if you do not know where you come from.

We have gathered under banners of certain teachings or organizations, or some sort of identity or we use our particular gifting as a source of personhood and identity in the Kingdom.

This perverts the very purpose of why God gave gifts to man.

The result of this is a sick infantile church, unable to walk in the Spirit – she totters and sways, fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

We need a **REVIVAL and RENEWAL** of relational patterns.

We must rediscover the impartation of the relationship between father and son.

5. Aspect of displacing the Orphan Heart

(This is an absolute). You must forgive **spiritual and governmental authorities** that misrepresented the Father’s love to you. People will disappoint you! They will get task orientated, not see your need or meet it, etc, etc. That is life!

Rom 13:1 *“1 LET EVERY person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities. For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God’s appointment.”*

Paul was talking to Christians in Rome.

The leaders were murderers, immoral, unjust. Paul is telling the Christians to submit to these leaders!

(They did not acknowledge Caesar as lord and that is why many were killed). We do not submit to anything that is against God's Word.

Rom 13:2 *"2 Therefore he who resists and sets himself up against the authorities resists what God has appointed and arranged [in divine order]. And those who resist will bring down judgment upon themselves [receiving the penalty due them]."*

Not honoring authority is not honoring God.

Those that oppose the authority placed over them bring judgment on themselves.

When we oppose authority, we come into agreement with the chief spiritual orphan.

We use the character flaws that we see in our leaders' lives as a justification for rejecting them.

Rom 13:3 *"3 For civil authorities are not a terror to [people of] good conduct, but to [those of] bad behavior. Would you have no dread of him who is in authority? Then do what is right and you will receive his approval and commendation."*

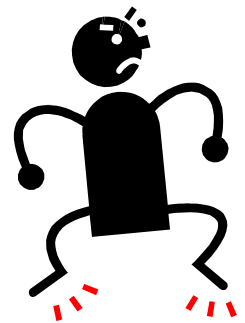
An unreasonable boss helps you see what you're full of!!

No inheritance without suffering!

We want instant maturity but it does not work that way!

Rom 13:4-5 *"4 For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, [you should dread him and] be afraid, for he does not bear and wear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant to execute His wrath (punishment, vengeance) on the wrongdoer.
5 Therefore one must be subject, not only to avoid God's wrath and escape punishment, but also as a matter of principle and for the sake of conscience."*

Principle: When you reject spiritual and earthly authorities – you reject a spirit of sonship.



5. There maybe a need for you to seek forgiveness from authorities for rebelling against them.

(This is not an absolute.) You may need to practice the principle of restitution.

Often forgiving a person is not enough because we **retaliated** after we were hurt. We may have hurt them, exposed them, uncovered them, spoke against their **faults** and weaknesses, criticized them, etc.

If we look at the life of David we see that he had to leave Saul otherwise he would have lost his life. He then ended up for a season in the caves of Adullam with 400 men who were in distress, in debt and **discontented**.

He asked a very important question: *“Are you here for me or for the people?”* Are you doing what you are doing for your own needs? To be seen? Building your own ministry? Or are you doing what you are doing for the Kingdom?

If you are trying to get your own needs met and building your own kingdom, you are defiling the church and producing after your own kind – making orphans.

Your focus should be to come underneath the pastor and to do all you can to bless him and build up his ministry. You are not there to be seen by the people. You are not to draw the peoples hearts after you away from the pastor to try and show how “out of line” the pastor is.

You will release an unconscious hidden defilement into that ministry.

If I meet someone and I think that they have something that will meet my need, I will start to control and manipulate the relationship to get my need met.

6. We must daily renounce the hidden lies and voice of the Chief Orphan. We must daily renounce the Ungodly Beliefs.

7. Sow into your Inheritance

Rom 15:27 *“27 They were pleased to do it; and surely **they are in debt to them**, for if these Gentiles have come to share in their [the Jerusalem Jews’] spiritual blessings, **then they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.**”*

We have a debt to the people that put up with us in our “teenage” years as we are growing up in the Lord.



Teenagers cause much pain as they rebel against parents and try to do things their own way.

They dominate relationships to see what they can get out of the parents. They want their inheritance NOW!

The “teenagers” argues that **they** want the blessings and finances – they say the “parents” have enough! They find it very difficult to bless spiritual parents financially.

The Word says you have a debt – they put up with you to lead you to maturity.

1 Cor 9:11 “11 If we have **sown [the seed of] spiritual good among you, [is it too] much if we reap from your material benefits?**”

Gal 6:6-8 “6 Let him who receives instruction in the Word [of God] **share all good things with his teacher** [contributing to his support].
7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] **For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.**
8 For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

Whatever you sow into your spiritual parents materially, you will reap. Taking up an offering for your spiritual parents is not about meeting their needs, it reveals my heart issues, and determines what I will reap in my future.

You reason that they are so prosperous, so you don't give to them, you give to the poor and needy but not to them.

2 Cor 9:10 “10 And [God] Who provides **seed for the sower and bread for eating** will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity].”

Maybe you do not have any money so start to ask God for the **seed** so that you can bless your spiritual fathers and mothers.

John 13:34-35 “34 I give you a **new commandment: that you should love one another.** Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.
35 **By this shall all [men] know that you are My disciples, if you love one another** [if you keep on showing love among yourselves].”

Conclusion:

We have learnt that the Kingdom of God is LOVE.

FIRST THE GREAT COMMANDMENT, THEN THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Father, teach us how to be sons and only do what we see Our Father doing, in Jesus Name!



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ADDENDUM A: ENDING THE CYCLE OF RELATIONAL DISTANCE AND FAILURES

The Ministry of Restitution – if our actions or attitudes have brought hurt to another person there may be a need to go to that person and make right any wrong to break the destructive patterns in our relationships. God has forgiven us for the wrong the first time we ask. But to break the cycle of reaping from what we have sown and to begin restoring trust it is often necessary to make every effort to bring healing to others and to seek to restore the fractured relationship. Even if we feel the other person is 98% wrong and we are only 2% wrong, we are 100% responsible to walk in forgiveness and repentance for our 2%. **(see Matthew 5:22-26; Psalm 109:17-19, 29).**

It is not enough for a forgiving person to forgive you. You may still carry unconscious guilt or shame for the offense and have a need to ask for forgiveness to be free. There can also be a block in the relationship until you acknowledge to them that you have wronged them. The other person may have forgiven you but trust has been violated. Until you acknowledge your offense it is difficult for them to trust you again because forgiveness and trust are two different things. You will then either respond with self pity (feelings of sorrow over our suffering) or repentance in action that begins to rebuild trust with those who were offended **(2 Corinthians 7:9-11).**

Self pity seldom leads to transformed behavior or restored relationships.

- It diminishes, in our eyes, the gravity of each sin we commit against love and honor towards others.
- It hinders Godly repentance by feeling that life has not been fair with us and believing that others are the cause of our frustrations. Thus we do not look to God but people to meet our need.
- It places the primary fault upon others for relational conflicts because we feel that we have been treated unfairly.
- *If they would not have done that to me... Or, If only they would have done this for me then life would be better and I would not be forced to act in such a way!*
- It excuses our negative attitudes by seeing the weaknesses in others and feeling that our rightness justifies our judgmentalism or actions.
- It tries to get others to feel sorry for us and to get them to feel that we have been treated unfairly (defilement) thus strengthening the stronghold of self-pity within.

- It may try to compensate for our relational failures with increased hyper-religious activity, aggressively striving to earn self-worth or acceptance, or we may take on a false sense of responsibility and place all the blame upon ourselves for relational conflicts thus denying others the opportunity to deal with their own issues.
- It often leads to others feeling manipulated or demeaned by closing our heart to those that will not come into agreement with our self-pity, thus leaving others feeling that they have little value or honor in our presence.
- It may result in hidden anger at our feelings of loss or unmet expectations.
- This increases our blame towards others and results in deeper feelings of anger, insecurity, shame, isolation, self-condemnation, addictive compulsive behavior, and/or depression.
- It leaves us dissatisfied at work, church, and at home and we want to escape to a place where we can find rest.

On the other hand, **Godly repentance** always involves action. It is not just emotions and tears. It is to be so grieved at the wounding and stress that our actions and attitudes have brought to others that now we are willing to humble ourselves and do whatever it takes to restore healthy relationships.

- It is to be so grieved at the hurt that our actions and attitudes have brought to others that now we are willing to humble ourselves and do whatever it takes to restore healthy relationships.
- It comes to hate the destructive habit patterns that have misrepresented God's love and grace to others.
- It becomes more concerned with others' needs than our own pride and walls of self-protection.
- It is willing to lay down the need to be right in order to see healing in those whom we have hurt or offended.
- It chooses to walk in openness and transparency, and willingly comes forward and acknowledges our sin against love and how we have hurt or offended others.
- It does not seek to make excuses, seek to put the blame on others, or diminish the depth of our self-deception or fear of intimacy with which we have struggled.

- It takes the focus off of ourselves (self-pity) and begins to focus our energy upon humility, confession, forgiveness, repentance, and healing the pain that we have caused others.

Practicing the Ministry of Restitution

1) Ask God to reveal to you each way you have brought hurt or offense to others. (see Psalm 139:23, 24)

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the names of people that you have offended.
- What is the basic offense - how did you demean, devalue, or dishonor each person?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring conviction and repentance to each individual issue. **(see John 15:26; 16:7-8; Romans 2:4)**

2) Ask mature spiritual leaders who know you personally to speak admonition into your blind spots.

- Review with them the above offenses that you have noted. **(see James 5:16; Ephesians 4:15)**
- Give them permission to speak the truth in love to you, about what they have seen in you that could be perceived as offensive or defiling.
- Ask for input as to how you can approach those you have offended and bring restoration to the relationships.

3) Ask forgiveness for how your immaturity, attitudes, actions, or neglect has caused hurt or offense in others.

- Be thankful for this opportunity for growth. God is using this situation to help expose hidden destructive habit patterns and to bring them to death.
- Call on the phone or schedule a meeting with each individual person to whom you may have brought offense or defilement. A letter is not the best way because it does not give opportunity for the offended party to respond, plus it documents instead of removes the offense. Approach them with humility and respect.
- Schedule the meeting during the best time of day for them. Allow plenty of time to discuss the issues.

- You may want a spiritually mature individual to go with you who has helped you see your blind spots and to whom you are holding yourself accountable.
- Begin the meeting by telling the one who you have hurt or offended that God has been revealing to you how your attitude and actions have misrepresented God's love to them. Example: *"God has brought to my attention how wrong I was...(tell them the basic offense without going into detail)... It would mean a lot to me if you would forgive me. Will you forgive me?"*
- Do not go into too much detail or it gives the enemy something to work with and to stir up bitterness, resentment, or defilement in the other person.
- Do not expect them to forgive you. They may, but do not require it as it does not always happen.
- At this time, do not mention their faults. Just take ownership of your own. (Later, if your spiritual authority thinks it wise, and some trust is restored with the person, you may go to them about hurts you have received from them.)
- Do not try to diminish your offense by blame shifting, justifying your behavior because of past hurts, or try to make an excuse because you were having a bad day. That only serves to diminish Godly repentance.
- Take full ownership of your misrepresentation of God's love
- Ask each individual you go to if there are other areas that they have personally seen that have brought offense to them or others. Ask forgiveness and apologize for each area they mention.
- Do this individually with each family member, peer, office worker, or authority that you may have offended or defiled.
- If your attitudes or actions have brought offense or defilement to a corporate group (family, work place, church, or group of friends) after you have gone to them individually, then you may want to gather the group together and be specific about how your attitudes have brought offense to the group. Ask them corporately to forgive you and to give you grace while you are attempting to make some changes in life.

4) Ask the spiritually mature person to whom you are accountable to meet with you weekly or monthly.

- Be sure that this individual is mature and is not afraid to speak the truth in love to you and that they do not come into agreement (defilement) with the issues you are having with others but that they know how to help you judge yourself in each matter (**see 1 Corinthians 11:31**).
- Discuss any other blind spots that are being exposed and have them pray with you over issues.
- Ask them how you can grow and mature relationally.

LUKE 6:35-38

LAW	GRACE
<i>What is Right and Fair</i>	<i>An undeserved Gift</i>
<i>Satan Traffics In Law</i>	<i>God Traffics In Grace</i>
<i>Satan is the Prosecutor</i>	<i>Jesus Is Our Advocate</i>
<i>Satan is Negative</i>	<i>God Is Positive</i>
Negative Thoughts	Positive Thoughts
The Accuser of the Brethren	The Holy Spirit – The Comforter
The Accuser Accuses	The Comforter Comforts
Ephesians 4:26-27 / Galatians 5:19-21	Ephesians 4:29-32 / Galatians 5:22-23
Galatians 6:7-8	
<i>If you Sow Judgment...</i>	<i>If you Sow Grace</i>
Accusatory Thoughts and Words	Edifying Thoughts and Words
Criticism	Encouragement
Fault Finding / Blaming Others	Seeing own Fault First
Demands rights	Yields Rights
Demands Justice	Pronounces Innocence
Rehearses Wounds	Releases Wounds
Unforgiveness and Bitterness	Forgiveness and Love
Rejects and Devalues Others	Accepts and Values Others
...You Reap the Law and Release A Self-Imposed Curse Psalm 109:17-19,29	...You Reap Grace and Release God's Blessing 1 Peter 3:9-13
Resentment and Bitterness	Innocence Restored
Hardness and Anger	Gentleness and Meekness
Walls – Heart of Stone	Transparency / Openness
Unforgiving Relationships	Forgiving Relationships
Pride	Humility
Bondage	Liberty
Anxiety / Stress Related Disease	Rest / Peace / Divine Health
Wounded / Shattered Life	Healing / Wholeness
There is No Love in Law Rom. 7:5	Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment James 2:13

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