

**GOD / WORD / FLESH**  
**The Orphan Heart**  
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<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, "You are truly My disciples if you remain faithful to My teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do You mean, 'You will be set free?'" <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. <sup>37</sup> Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill Me because there's no room in your hearts for My message. <sup>38</sup> I am telling you what I saw when I was with My Father. But you are following the advice of your father." <sup>39</sup> "Our father is Abraham!" they declared. "No," Jesus replied, "for if you were really the children of Abraham, you would follow his example. <sup>40</sup> Instead, you are trying to kill Me because I told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham never did such a thing. <sup>41</sup> No, You are imitating your real father." They replied, "We aren't illegitimate children! God Himself is our true Father." <sup>42</sup> Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup> Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear Me! <sup>44</sup> For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup> So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe Me! <sup>46</sup> Which of you can truthfully accuse Me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe Me? <sup>47</sup> Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God."

**Notes**

## THE HEART OF AN ORPHAN

## THE 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!