

Identifying with an Orphan Heart

A. Introduction

B. How Did This First Get Started?

Genesis 3: 1-13, Run, Hide, Shift Blame

C. What is an Orphan?

Literally, one who does not have parents.

In the spiritual realm, it is one who believes they are all alone, one who believes he has to take care of himself, one whose survival depends on his own efforts, one who believes he is without help or support.

Two Pillars: abandonment and rebellion.

D. What is the Better Identity?

John 14:18, Romans 8:14-16

E. Godly versus Ungodly Beliefs.

F. Final Thoughts

Luke 15:11-31

Orphan Heart

I see God as my Master

I feel like a slave

I seek the praise of others, which leads to insecurity and striving

I feel it is a duty and must earn His favor, but I have little or no motivation or joy in it.

I “must” be holy to have His favor, but I’m driven into guilt and shame—I can’t do enough!

I am always comparing myself to others and then rejecting myself

I seek counterfeit affections: addictions, compulsions, busyness, escapism, hyper-religious activity.

I am competitive and jealous of other’s success and position. It makes me feel small and threatened.

I am critical of others and will expose them if necessary, to make myself look good.

I feel like I am bound.

Child-Like Heart

I see God as my loving Father

I belong to a family

I am resting in my Father’s acceptance of me

It is a delight to please.

I “want” to be pure—my walk and relationship with Him means the world to me.

I know I am fully loved and accepted just as I am.

I find comfort in the loving arms of my Father

I value others and am happy when they succeed. I also grieve with them over their failures.

I seek to restore others in a spirit of love and gentleness.

I feel free.