



SONS/DAUGHTERS OR
ORPHANS

ROMANS 8: 12 - 17

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

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Luke 15 – consider both of the sons

Orphan Heart

- Sees God as mean and hard
- Independent/Self-reliant
- Insecure/Lack peace
- Strive for the praise, approval, and acceptance of people

Orphan Heart continued:

- A need for personal achievements you seek to impress God and others, or no motivation to serve at all
- Duty and earning God's favor
- "Must" be holy to have God's favor, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt
- Self-rejection from comparing yourself to others
- Seek comfort in counterfeit affections, addictions, compulsions, escapism, busyness,

Orphan Heart continued:

- Hyper-religious activity

Heart of Sonship

- Sees God as a loving Father
- Interdependent/acknowledges there is a need in their life
- Live by the law of love
- Rest and Peace are evident in their lives
- Totally accepted in God's love and justified by grace

Heart of Sonship continued:

- Service that is motivated by a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by God
- Pleasure and delight
- Want to be holy, because they do not want anything to hinder their intimate relationship with God
- Seek times of quietness and solitude to rest in the Father's presence and love