

OVERCOMING THE ORPHAN SPIRIT

Part 2 – The Blessings of Sonship

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REVIEW

Orphan spirit: The feeling that you don't have a home; a safe and secure place where you are affirmed, protected and comforted in the Father's heart.

Spirit of Sonship: When we place ourselves underneath another's mission and do all we can to make them successful, knowing that as a son/daughter, there is an inheritance that lies ahead.

Twelve Step Progression of the Orphan Spirit

1. Focus on the Faults
2. Disappointment
3. Trust Broken
4. Fear of Submission
5. Closed Spirit
6. Independent Spirit
7. Control
8. Superficial Relationships
9. Little Healthy Relationships
10. Orphan Spirit-Ungodly Belief
11. Counterfeit Affections
12. Oppression

Basic Trust: Is the capacity to hold your heart open to others, especially if you believe another's motives or intentions are not pure.

SONSHIP EQUALS SUBMISSION

Submission is to get underneath and push up. Submission means you are going to get under someone and lift them up and as you do so you are also lifting yourself up.

PHASES OF SONSHIP

Galatians 4:1-2 AMP – Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate; (2) But he is under guardians and administrators or trustees until the date fixed by his father.

1. Positional Sonship

- In early years a father is not actively involved in the raising of the child
- A hired hand would raise the child or if the father owned slaves a servant would raise the child
- The child would act more like a slave/servant than a son because he is underneath the slave/master mentality

2. Relational Sonship

Galatians 4:3-6 NIV – (3) So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. (4) But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, (5) to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. (6) Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

- In the Hebrew culture the next phase of sonship will begin at the age of 13 – the bar mitzvah.
- At this time he becomes an apprentice to his father’s business.
- The son begins to imitate what the father is doing, learning from him, serving him, and becoming like him
- For the first 13 years of his life the son learns submission under the guidance of a hireling/servant. The master-servant relationship
- For the next 17 years he will be submitted to his father, spending his time and energy making the father a success
- The son begins to pour his life in with faithfulness, loyalty, giving his life.

3. Manifested Sonship

Galatians 4:7 AMP – 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.

- At the age of 30 he is brought before family and servants and because of his submission to his father he now receives his inheritance
- The father now sets up the son in business because he was faithful and he was loyal
- The father set the son up giving him the inheritance and then the father would draw on the interest of the son’s business.

You will not know if you have a spirit of submission to God until you have a spirit of submission towards someone here on earth.