

8. Superficial Relationships

We keep our distance from those in authority or from the very ones that may be able to help us by providing comfort, wise counsel, love, acceptance, and/or belonging.

9. Little Healthy Relationships

We feel alone, isolated – even around friends and family.

10. Orphan Spirit

We are left feeling that we have no safe place, no one to care for our soul, no one we can trust to affirm and admonish us, no place to belong and to be protected.

11. Turn to Counterfeit Affections

The orphan spirit will find comfort and identity in one or more of the following counterfeit affections:

The counterfeit to security is possessions; finding security in money or things.

The counterfeit to love is passions; addictions or compulsions to alcohol, drugs, food, immorality, fantasies.

The counterfeit to affirmation is position; finding acceptance by striving to be seen or slaving for the praise of man. It also includes spiritual ambition, religious hyper-activity – works oriented religion.

The counterfeit to purpose/reason for being is power; being in control of your own life and destiny. We no longer see ourselves as a gift to the nations or a gift of love to the family. We now control the issues of our lives.

12. Oppression

Until you feel at home you will live life like an orphan and battle oppression every day of your life.

OVERCOMING THE ORPHAN SPIRIT

Part 1 – The Search for Home

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THE NEED FOR HOME

John 1:18 AMP – No man has ever seen God at any time; the only unique Son, or the only begotten of God, Who is in the bosom (in the intimate presence) of the Father, He has declared him (He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known).

John 14:2-3, 18-21 AMP – (2) In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you. (3) And when I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. (18) I will not leave you as orphans (comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless); I will come back to you. (19) Just a little while now, and the world will not see Me any more, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. (20) At that time (when that day comes) you will know for yourselves that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. (21) The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who really loves Me; and whoever really loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and will show, reveal, manifest Myself to him. I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.

John 14:23 AMP – Jesus answered, I f a person really loves Me, he will keep My word, obey My teaching; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

MAN'S 4 BASIC NEEDS

1. Security
2. Affectionate, unconditional love
3. Affirmation, value, belonging
4. Reason for being-destiny and purpose

THE CURSE OF FATHERLESSNESS

Malachi 4:5-6 NIV – (5) See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. (6) He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.

John 14:8 CEV – Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need.

DEFINITIONS

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.

12 STEP PROGRESSION - ORPHAN SPIRIT

1. **Focus on the Faults**
 2. **Disappointment**
We reach out for comfort and encouragement and somehow, because of their hidden core pain, they lash out at us in anger and it brings us to a place of disappointment.
 3. **Trust Broken**
Because of my pain and judgments against that person basic trust was broken
Basic Trust is the capacity to hold your heart open to others, especially if you believe another's motives or intentions are not pure.
4. **Fear of Submission**
Submission: In the Greek it means, to get underneath and to push up. It means you 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.

We reject the spirit of sonship. We cease being a son/daughter to the parent/ authority.
 5. **Closed Spirit**
We don't feel we can risk being vulnerable and keeping our hearts open.
 6. **Independent Spirit**
We begin to say/believe, "I cannot trust you to help me, so I would rather handle everything myself."
 7. **Control**
We begin to control our relationships with anger, passivity, isolation, or "news/sports/weather" games.

We gain control of our environments through outward aggressive behavior by putting people in fear through one look or the tone of our voice.

Or we cease trying to be good enough in our father's/mother's eyes so we gain control of our emotions – we stop feeling.

When you cut off your emotions you also cut off femininity, intimacy, communion, bonding, nurturing, compassion, tenderness, gentleness, and you become mechanical, intellectual, analytical, and reasoning.