

SONSHIP vs ORPHANHOOD

MALACHI 4:6

- And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

ARE YOU A SON OR AN ORPHAN?

SONS

- know their father
- get their approval from their father
- live from clear direction
- know the voice of their father
- live by instruction, not emotion
- know how to receive correction
- see the benefit of correction

ORPHANS

- lack the relationship with a father
- seek the approval of a man or of men
- lack clear direction
- don't know their father's voice
- often live by emotion, not instruction
- don't know how to receive correction
- don't see the benefit of correction

ARE YOU A SON OR AN ORPHAN?

SONS

- see correction as guard rails
- know their place in the family
- Are peacemakers (Matt 5:9)
- live out of security
- are protective of the relationship with the father in a healthy way

ORPHANS

- sees correction as criticism
- don't know their place in the family
- are likely to cause/participate in squabbles
- live out of insecurity
- are protective of the relationship with a father figure in an unhealthy way

ARE YOU A SON OR AN ORPHAN?

SONS

- are secure as a son
- recognize their rights of inheritance
- Are able to surpass the working of familial spirits
- Understand authority much more clearly than orphans

ORPHANS

- are jealous of sons
- have no expectation of inheritance
- What we call the orphan spirit is often the working of familial spirits
- Don't often understand authority, but rather reject expressions of it

ARE YOU A SON OR AN ORPHAN?

SONS

- Love their enemies
- Bless rather than curse
- Are mercy based (Luke 6:36)
- Do good to others (Luke 6:35)
- Tend to be lawful
- Shine forth as the sun

ORPHANS

- Don't know how to treat enemies
- Curse rather than bless
- Are judgment oriented (Luke 6:37)
- May sabotage relationships with others
- Often practice lawlessness
- Their light is often hidden under a bushel

ARE YOU A SON OR AN ORPHAN?

SONS

- Live free of taxation (Matt 17:25)
- Live out of love (Luke 6:35)
- Walk in light (John 12:36)
- Are led by the spirit (Rom 8:14)
- Don't want to displease the Father
- Live out of faith (Gal 3:7, 26)

ORPHANS

- Live under taxation
- Live out of neediness
- Walk in darkness (John 12:35)
- Are led by their soul
- Seek to please themselves
- Live out of works

ARE YOU A SON OR AN ORPHAN?

SONS

- Endure chastening (Heb 12:7)

ORPHANS

- Reject chastening

Your ability to endure chastening or the rebuke of the Lord defines you as a son.
(Heb 12:5-8)