

You Are Not Alone



“I will not leave
you as orphans; I
will come to you.”

- John 14:18

Lesson 1009

Characteristics of the Orphan Spirit

What are New Name Journals?

You've probably completed numerous Bible studies over the years. Most of these studies strive to increase your knowledge of the Bible itself or strengthen your commitment to the doctrinal principles you were taught. Both of these pursuits are valuable, but neither are transformative if you do not find a way to apply them to your walk with Christ.

New Name Journals are designed to take you further. Our goal is to help facilitate your desire for change. Applying Biblical principles to your daily life leads to transformation. To be effective, this must go beyond the mental exercise of accumulating facts. Openness and honesty in your responses can lead you to a point of changing the way you think about yourself, others, God, and your world - essentially repentance (the renewing of your mind).

To arrive at this point of repentance, you will want to personalize the information to your own individual circumstances. Feel free to use any extra space available to complete your thoughts.

As with all worthwhile pursuits, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth.



Journal Goals

This Journal will help you to recognize the orphan spirit as well as to set up a strategy to overcome it.

The Characteristics of the Orphan Spirit Journal will give you an opportunity to:

- ✝ Explore the characteristics of an orphan spirit.
- ✝ Discover your relationship with an orphan spirit.
- ✝ Learn how to overcome an orphan spirit.



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The Orphan Heart vs. The Heart of Sonship

An Orphan Heart ...		The Heart of Sonship ...
sees God as an angry task master.	Image of God	sees God as a Loving Father, intimate and close.
views dependency as weak, choosing independent and self-reliant paths, controlling/isolating.	Dependency	acknowledges its need for the Father and lives interdependent with Him.
chooses to live by the love of Law.	Theology	lives by the law of love.
feels insecure and lacks peace; security is in self.	Security	finds peace through resting in the Fathers love.
strives for the praise, approval and acceptance of man.	Need For Approval	accepts God's love and knows it is justified by God's grace.
seeks to impress God and others with personal achievements or chooses not to serve at all.	Motives for Service	is motivated to serve out of a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by the Father.
operates out of duty, earning God's favor, can also lack motivation entirely, expects repayment for favor.	Motive Behind Christian Discipline	finds pleasure and delight in Christian disciplines.
believes it "must" be holy to have God's favor, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt.	Motive for Purity	doesn't want to do anything to hinder an intimate relationship with God; wants to be holy.
compares itself to others, creating self-rejection.	Self-Image	knows it is valued by God; feels confident and affirmed.
seeks comfort in counterfeit affections: addictions, compulsion, escapism, busyness, hyper-religious activity, false intimacy, etc.	Source of Comfort	seeks time in God's presence and love for comfort.

The Orphan Heart vs. The Heart of Sonship

An Orphan Heart ...		The Heart of Sonship ...
is competitive and raises rivalry and jealousy over other people's success and positions.	Relationships	seeks unity with brothers; values others and rejoices in their blessings and successes.
accuses and exposes others to build itself up while making others look bad, hold grudges.	Handling Others' Faults	seeks restoration through a gentle spirit of love while holding others accountable, forgives freely.
sees authority as a source of pain; distrustful toward them and lack a heart attitude of submission.	View of Authority	respects and honors authorities as ministers of God for their good.
has difficulty receiving correction; must always be right and has its feelings easily hurt leading to a closed spirit to discipline.	View of Correction	receives correction as a blessing and desires exposure faults and weaknesses that need to be put to death.
is guarded and operates in conditional love; willingness to love is based on others' performance as it seeks to get own needs met, keeps score.	Expression of Love	lays down its life for others; exercises openness, patience and affection to meet the needs of others, selfless.
has a distant conditional sense of God's Presence.	God's Presence	has an intimate, close relationship with God.
is in a condition of bondage.	Condition	experiences liberty.
feels like a servant/slave.	Position	feels like a son with a healthy relationship with his Father.
can be spiritually ambitious; seeking spiritual achievements and distinctions; desiring to be seen and counted among the mature.	Vision	wants to experience the Father's unconditional love daily; looks forward to re-presenting His love to family and others.
believes it has to fight for what it can get.	Hope	believes it has a destiny and inheritance.



An orphan's curse would drag to hell, a spirit from
on high; but oh! more horrible than that, is a curse
in a dead man's eye!

(Samuel Taylor Coleridge)

Looking only at the left side of the chart and the middle column, choose the top 5 attributes of an orphan spirit that you mostly associate with. Write them down below by first copying the middle column, then add a dash “-“, then copy the left column.

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What's It LOOK Like?

For each of the five (5) you listed on the previous page, how does it manifest in your life, what does it look like?

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For each of the five (5) orphan spirit attributes you listed what would you have to believe differently about the Father for this to change?

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Psalm 27:10 "For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in."

Looking only at the left side of the chart again and the middle column, choose the 5 attributes of an orphan spirit that you least associate with. Write them down below by first copying the middle column, then add a dash "-", then copy the left column.

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What's It LOOK Like?

For each of the five (5) you listed on the previous page, how would it manifest in someone's life, what does it look like?

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For each of the five (5) orphan spirit attributes you listed what would a person have to believe differently about the Father for this to change?

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In Conclusion

Go back and review all of your answers throughout this Journal. Summarize below how you see the orphan spirit now differently than before you worked through this assignment. Do you see a greater connection than you thought you had? Do you see any need to repent of some beliefs that are keeping you from living the life Jesus made available to you? What are you lacking and needing that New Name can help you with?



As you complete this stage of your journey of transformation, look back and appreciate what you have accomplished. Recognize what God has given you to carry you through the challenges and opportunities ahead.

This Journal has helped me to... _____

New Name Ministries envisions its model of community safe residential reentry replicated nationwide, promoting social reform through effective renewal of former offenders reentering society, resulting in fewer victims and a safer, stronger America.



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