

# Defeating Ungodly Beliefs and the Orphan Spirit through Godly Belief Systems

Chart 1: Identifying the Orphan Spirit- Orphan Mentality

#	The Orphan Spirit (Orphan Mentality)		The Spirit of Sonship (Son Mentality)
1	See God as a task-master, hard to please. Distant. Accessed through posturing, performance and positioning	<b>God Concept View of Father</b>	See God as a loving Father. Close and intimate. Awareness of the inward reality
2	Self-Oriented, protected and superficial. Seen through rivalry, jealousy, and competition. Creates rejection, punishment and fear in relationships.	<b>Relationships</b>	Based on Fathers love; not individual or personal performance: The source the Father's mission.
3	Self-Reliant and independent, creates a closed heart, a withdrawn distant lifestyle, and a spirit of control.	<b>Dependency on God and Others</b>	Acknowledges need for others. Committed to unity through humility. Believes the Father for provision
4	Through praise, approval, and acceptance of man. Gained through self-performance, position and competition.	<b>Affirmation (approval)</b>	Through relationship and intimacy with the Father, hearing His voice
5	Must constantly change to be accepted. Driven by not "being" good enough. Creates self-rejection and shame.	<b>Self-Image</b>	Valued through the thoughts of the Father. (Ps 139:17-18)

Chart 2: Ungodly beliefs about ourselves and others. *(The following information has been adapted from the book, "Restoring the Foundations.")*

<b>Theme: Rejection, not belonging</b>	<b>Theme: Performance for self-worth, value and recognition</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I don't belong. I will always be on the outside</li> <li>2. My feelings don't count.</li> <li>3. No one loves me for me</li> <li>4. I always will be lonely.</li> <li>5. The best way to avoid more hurt is to isolate myself</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I will never get credit for what I do</li> <li>2. My value is in what I do. I am valuable because I do good for others, because I am successful</li> <li>3. Even when I do or give my best, it is not good enough.</li> </ol>
<b>Theme: Identity</b>	<b>Theme: Safety/protection</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I should have been a boy/girl. Then my parents would have loved/valued me more</li> <li>2. Men/women have it better</li> <li>3. I will never be appreciated for my real self</li> <li>4. I can never change to be as God wants me to be</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I must be very guarded about what I say, since anything I say may be used against me</li> <li>2. I have to guarded and hide my emotions and feelings.</li> <li>3. I cannot give anyone the satisfaction of knowing that they have offended or hurt me.</li> </ol>
<b>Theme: unworthiness, guilt, shame</b>	<b>Theme: Victim</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I am not worthy to receive from God</li> <li>2. I am the problem. When something is wrong, it is my fault</li> <li>3. If you knew the real me, you would reject me</li> <li>4. I am basically a bad person</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authority figures will humiliate, violate and use me</li> <li>2. My value is based on others judgments/perceptions</li> <li>3. I am doomed to have certain physical disabilities. They are just part of what I have inherited</li> <li>4. It is impossible for me to lose weight. I am stuck</li> </ol>

**Chart 3: Ungodly vs. Godly beliefs** *(The following information has been adapted from the book, "Restoring the Foundations.")*

	Ungodly Belief	Godly belief
1	I am alone in the world and have no one who cares	I belong completely to God my Father. He has given himself to me. My church family cares.
2	I will always be lonely	With God's help, I will begin to reach out to others and receive from them
3	I will always drift from job to job. I will never find my real direction	I choose to submit myself to God and go the way He leads me. He will direct me
4	God heals others, but He doesn't desire to heal me	God loves His children and equally and desires His best for each one. He desires to heal me.
5	I will never be able to give or receive love, or to have satisfying relationships with people	God who is love, can and will teach me how to enter into (1 Cor 13) love. I choose to let Him enter my heart.
6	Those important to me will abandon me at critical times in critical events	God has promised to be with me always. He has given me others in the body of Christ
7	My spouse will never treat me the way I want to be treated	As I forgive and repent of my judgments, God is free to work in his/her life to bring change

**Chart 4: False beliefs:** *(The concepts of the following chart are adapted from the book; "Search For Significance," Robert S. McGee)*

False Belief	Consequences	God's solution	Result
I must meet certain standards in order to feel good about myself	The fear of failure; perfectionism; being driven to succeed; manipulation others to achieve success.	Because of justification, I am completely forgiven and fully pleasing to God.	Increasing freedom from the fear of failure; desire to pursue the right things: Christ and His kingdom
I must have approval of certain others to feel good about myself	The fear of rejection; attempting to please others at any cost; being sensitive to criticism.	Because of reconciliation, I am totally accepted by God. Receive the Fathers perfect love.	Increasing freedom from fear of rejection; willingness to be open and vulnerable; able to relax around others.
Those who fail (including self) are unworthy of love and deserve punishment	Propensity to punish others and blame self and others for failure; Tendency to withdraw	Because of the cross, I am deeply loved by God. I no longer have to fear punishment or punish others.	Increased freedom from fear of punishment; patience and kindness towards others.
I am what I am. I cannot change. I am hopeless	Feelings of shame, hopelessness, inferiority, passivity and isolation.	Because of regeneration, I have been made brand new, complete in Christ. I no longer need to experience shame.	Christ-center ness and self-confidence, joy, peace, and a desire to know Christ

**Chart 5: The Importance of Beliefs**

Scripture	Commentary
(Eph 3:20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us	There is a power that is at work on the inside of us. It is the power of "belief"
(Mark 9:23) "Everything is possible for him who believes.	Everything is possible through faith
(Rom 10:17) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.	Faith (belief) is empowered and increased through the Word.
(Mark 11:22-25) "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. {24} Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.	Faith is released through confession. Thereby influencing thoughts, feelings, and responses