

# The Orphan-Child Chart

	When I Live as an Orphan	When I Live as God's Child
I am . . .	Fearful, independent, untrusting, hopeless, bitter, insecure, self-reliant, and trapped.	Hopeful, dependent, trusting, joyful, secure, confident, and content.
And I . . .	Gossip, shift blame onto others, am critical in spirit, collect on what I perceive as others' debts to me, complain, control, and respond defensively.	Give grace to others without judging them, accept responsibility for myself and my actions, forgive and accept others, being quick to pray and full of faith.
I see God as . . .	An absentee father, who just tolerates me and who judges and condemns me and keeps score of every wrong thing I do; a taker.	A strong Father, a trustworthy caretaker, a sovereign Deliverer and Provider, a Giver; loving, forgiving, and faithful.
I look at sin . . .	The way the Pharisees or moralists do, focusing only on external actions and deceiving myself about my sin nature; considering sin only an occasional problem.	Focusing on the attitudes of my heart, and know that I'm worse than I think I am, realizing that even my best self-efforts evidence a lack of faith.
I see myself as . . .	A fixer-upper—guilt-laden and unworthy, but self-reliant on my own moral will power; trapped by circumstances and worried by what others think of me.	A forgiven sinner, free, dependent, and loved; a saint.
I see grace as . . .	Not very valuable to receive or even necessary for daily living, but something to aid my own efforts to earn God's favor (because Christ is not enough).	Totally necessary for my salvation and ongoing growth; what I depend on daily.