

In Gal 4:4-7 we see that God clearly calls us “sons and daughters” and not “slaves!” This was written to Christians and not to unbelievers, which means there are such things as a “spirit of slavery” and a “spirit of sonship.” Yet, I often see that God’s people spiritually move back and forth between these two “houses.” It is easy to determine where we stand when we look at their characteristics.

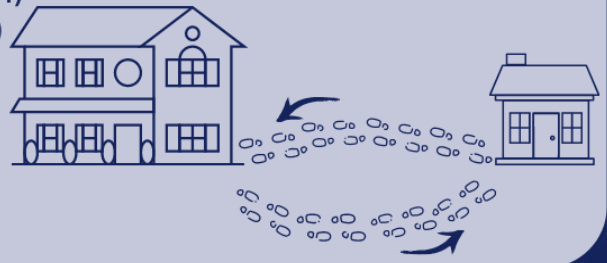
•Romans 8:26 says that the Holy Spirit came to help us with our weaknesses, not our strengths. There is no need for us to struggle alone. We have a Comforter, the Holy Spirit, that is there to help us in all things, however, we must come to Him with truth in our hearts, recognise where we stand and call upon His help!

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS

- Freedom (John 8: 36)
- Joy (John 15: 11)
- Assurance of relationship (Gal 4: 4-7)
- They act like sons and daughters,
- boldly entering His presence (Heb 4: 16)
- Givers (2 Cor 9: 6-8)
- Is not jealous of someone else's blessings (1 Cor 10: 24)
- Content with what they have (Phil 4: 11-13)

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SLAVES

- Have a very narrow view (Phil 2: 3-4)
- Always must proof themselves (Col 3: 23)
- Always have a "victim mentality" - it is always other people that does them wrong (Rom 2: 1-29)
- Harsh in the spirit - very little grace with others or themselves (2 Cor 10: 12)
- Constantly pointing out the mistakes of others (Matt 7: 3)
- Cannot rejoice with the blessings of others
- Easily offended (2 Tim 2: 24)
- Quick to anger (Prov. 29: 11)
- Very seldom givers



•As a son and daughter, you are designed by the Father to walk in freedom, irrespective of your circumstances! He intends for you to be more than a conqueror in Him. With His help, and through His Holy Spirit, our weakness becomes His strength. His intention was for us to experience heaven on earth – “as it is in heaven, so be it on earth!”

WHICH HOUSE DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN?

Take the time right now! Walk out of the house of slavery, bondage and fear (even of Covid-19) and walk back into the house of sons and daughters – a house built on Psalm 91, secured by the blood of Jesus and confirmed by His adoption so that your joy may be full!

I have told you these things so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:11-12

LET US PRAY.

Father, I come to you now and thank you that I am a son/daughter. In Jesus’ Name I am walking out of the house of slavery for once and for all! As I shut the door behind me, I walk boldly into your presence. You have set me free by Your blood and I declare “Whom the Son has set free is free indeed!” I ask your forgiveness for allowing myself to go back to the house of slavery filled with fear and doubt. Thank you that You are my provider, helper, and strength! In You I am an overcomer. I will “walk by faith and not by sight,” for “You are my strong tower and a very present help in time of trouble.”

Amen!

With love and care,

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