Orphan

1. Feels alone. No daily intimacy with God.
2. Lives on a performance platform. Failure and success critically important.
3. Feels guilty and ashamed. Unworthy before God and others.
4. Needs to be right and secure. Unable to tolerate criticism. Addicted to compliments.
5. Struggles with gossip. Feels critical of others in order to feel right.
6. Constantly compares themselves to other people. So swings back and forth between pride and depression.
7. Feels powerless to defeat the flesh. Strategy is to minimize sin in order to win.
8. Always feels like no one sees things their way. Needs to control people and situations.
9. Lacks a passion for the gospel. Their life really isn’t good news, so there is nothing to share.
10. The Bible’s promises of spiritual power and joy seem like a mockery.

Child of God

1. Has a growing assurance that God really is “my” heavenly Father.
2. Learning to live in daily partnership with the Father, so not fearful.
3. Feels loved, forgiven and accepted because of the merits of Christ.
4. Able to take risks and fail since their righteousness is in Christ. Not defensive.
5. Easily confesses their faults to others. Takes criticism well.
6. Finds their confidence in Christ’s finished work. Self-worth comes from identity with Jesus.
7. By resting in Christ’s work, they see more and more victory over sin and rest in Christ’s forgiveness.
8. Controlled by Christ, they rest in Christ’s control of His people and their circumstances.
9. Shares the gospel because they want others to find what they have found in Christ.
10. The joy of the Lord becomes an increasing daily reality.