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I will not leave you as orphans... (John 14:18)	But he has given us the Spirit of sonship and by him we cry, “Abba, Father!” (Romans 8:15)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feels alone. Lacks a vital daily intimacy with God. Is full of self-concern.	Has a growing assurance that “God is really <i>my</i> loving heavenly Father.”
<input type="checkbox"/> Anxious over felt needs: relationships, money, health. “I’m all alone and nobody cares. I’m not a happy camper.”	Trusts the Father and has a growing confidence in his loving care. Is being freed up from worry.
<input type="checkbox"/> Lives on a succeed/fail basis. Needs to “look good” and “be right.” Is performance-oriented.	Learning to live in daily, conscious, partnership with God. Is not fearful.
<input type="checkbox"/> Feels condemned, guilty, and unworthy before God and others.	Feels loved, forgiven, and totally accepted because Christ’s merit really clothes him.
<input type="checkbox"/> Has little faith, lots of fear, lots of faith in himself: “I’ve got to fix it.”	Has a daily <i>working trust</i> in God’s sovereign plan for her life as loving, wise, and best. Believes God is good.
<input type="checkbox"/> Labors under a sense of unlimited obligation. Tries too hard to please. Burns out.	Prayer is the first resort: “I’m going to ask my daddy first.” Cries “Abba, Father!”
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebellious. Resists authority. Heart is hard. Is not easily teachable.	Has strength to be submissive. Has a soft (broken and contrite) heart. Is teachable.
<input type="checkbox"/> Defensive. Can’t listen well. Bristles at the charge of being self-righteous (thus proving the point).	Open to criticism since she <i>consciously</i> stands in <i>Christ’s</i> perfection, not her own. Is able to examine her unbelief.
<input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be right, safe, secure. Unwilling to fail. Unable to tolerate criticism. Can only “handle” praise.	Able to take risks and even fail, since his righteousness is in Christ. Needs no “record” to boast in, protect, or defend.
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessively self-confident or self-loathing. Discouraged, defeated. Lacks spiritual power.	Confident in Christ and encouraged because of the Holy Spirit’s work in her.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tends toward an “I can do it myself!” attitude. Is strong-willed, driven.	“I can do all things through <i>Christ</i> who gives me strength!”
<input type="checkbox"/> Unbelieving effort. Relies only on his gifts to get by in ministry.	Trusting <i>less</i> in self and more in the Holy Spirit—a daily, conscious, reliance.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Tends to be ungrateful. Is complaining, bitter. Has a critical spirit. Tears down others.	Relies on the Holy Spirit to guide the tongue. Praises, edifies, gives thanks, encourages.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tends to point out what is wrong. Is often dissatisfied about something.	Not blind to wrong, but chooses instead to focus on what is good and lovely.
<input type="checkbox"/> Gossips (confesses <i>other people's</i> sins). Needs to criticize others to feel right. Has the "gift of discernment."	Is able to freely confess his faults to others. Is finding that he is often wrong. Is eager to grow.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tends to compare himself with others—leading either to pride or depression.	Stands confidently in Christ. His self-worth comes from Jesus' righteousness, not his own.
<input type="checkbox"/> Feels powerless to defeat the flesh. Has no heart-victory over pet sins, yet has lost her sense of being a "big sinner."	As she rests in Christ, she is seeing more and more victory over the flesh. She sees herself as a "big sinner."
<input type="checkbox"/> Relatively prayerless. Prayer is a last resort. Prays sometimes in public, seldom in private.	Prayer is a vital part of the day, not confined to a quiet-time. Loves to talk to the Father.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible's promises of spiritual power and joy mock him. "What has happened to all your joy?"	God's promises of power and joy are beginning to describe him.
<input type="checkbox"/> Boasts. Points out her own accomplishments for fear that someone might overlook them.	Finds that Jesus is more and more the subject of her conversation. She boasts in her weaknesses.
<input type="checkbox"/> Concerned about building a record of deeds that needs noticing and defending.	Christ's righteousness is his "record" so he stands complete in him.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wishes people would see things her way. Needs to be in <i>control</i> of situations and other people.	Becoming Christ-controlled. Loves others in power of the Spirit, not in strength of her sinful nature.
<input type="checkbox"/> Looks for satisfaction in positions, possessions, or pacifiers (idols). Something other than Jesus makes him feel worthy, worthwhile, or justified.	Christ is his meat and drink. God truly satisfies his soul. "[A]nd having him, I desire nothing on earth."
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacks passion to share the gospel, since her Christian life is not really good news. Tends to be motivated by obligation or duty, not love.	Has a desire to see the lost come to know Jesus the way she does. Shares the gospel, even when not under the outward pressure of a program.
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