

THE SPIRIT OF SLAVERY
vs.
THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP

The following are some general characteristics that show the difference in behavior between someone with a spirit of slavery and someone with a spirit of sonship. The root issues are in the heart. A spirit of slavery is the produce of both poor nurture and unresolved woundedness. These things cannot be seen directly, but these external behavioral characteristics typically are a reflection of what is in the heart.

Almost no one will fall completely in one category or the other. These are designed to help you see where **you** still need to be re-parented, rather than being a tool for you to label anyone else.

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A Slave

A Son

THE RESPONSE TO PAIN

Runs from pain

Embraces pain strategically

Seeks to avoid problems

Sees opportunities in problems

Sees the cost of failure

Sees the benefit of failure

THE PERSPECTIVE ON WORK

Obeys orders

Solves problems

Looks at the right way to do a job

Looks for a better way to do a job

Considers consequences

Sees possibilities

THE USE OF RESOURCES

Sees cost

Sees value

Wants to receive from those who have

Wants to know how they got there

Cares for himself

Understands social responsibility

THE NATURE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIPS

Talks about self	Talks about his team
Expects more from others than from self	Personally raises the bar
Extends honor upwards	Extends honor downwards

THE VIEW OF THE FUTURE

Looks for immediate gain	Sows into the future
Seeks comfort	Seeks fulfillment
Wants to be liked now	Will let history be his judge

THE EXERCISE OF POWER

Is disloyal when he succeeds	Initiates sharing success
Gives favors	Shows favor
Seeks supernatural for self	Uses the supernatural for others

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