

# THE SON MINDSET

Being a son of God comes with a mindset. In adversity, we rise to new levels. Our Father is not interested in our comfort and pleasure, **but in our transformation.**

Jesus was attacked with several questions in the desert. All three started like this...

“If you really are the son...”

“If you are who you say you are...”

GOD wants to upgrade your mentality, so you have a mindset of an over comer in this hour of attack on those who are called.

**Two identities that are contrasted in the scriptures are SLAVES and SONS.**

These are 2 totally different mindsets in these 2 arenas.

**Romans 8 and Galatians 4:7 lay out the template for this SONSHIP MINDSET!**

Connecting to what God says and who you are as sons is imperative for taking the next level and glory God has laid out for you.

You are not a SLAVE!

**Galatians 4:7**

**Wherefore thou art no more a SLAVE, but a SON; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

WHEN YOU CONNECT TO YOUR SONSHIP YOU CONNECT TO THE INHERITANCE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU!

Your inheritance is not about heaven; it's a now-operation, causing you to be a representative of his kingdom on this earth. THINK LIKE A SON FIRST, THEN YOU CAN OPERATE IN EVERY GIFTING FOR KINGDOM EFFECTIVENESS TO TRIUMPH AND MANIFEST THE KINGDOM PARADIGM HE HAS PROPHESED FOR YOUR LIFE!

Turn the knob on the stove just slightly and it changes the temperature dramatically; small changes in identity (seeing yourself as God does) brings tremendous transformation on the wider scale.

Declarations end patterns once you receive it and make adjustments necessary to manifest what has been proclaimed.

We can live under a message of freedom and be in bondage; until you own it, shift it, take it into your life and heart and make it a manifestation of what God says about you.

Unworthiness is a trap. If God said it, then it is available to you.

You have roles: pastor, leader, business owner, father, mother, minister, prophet... **THOSE ARE ROLES THAT YOU STEP INTO. YOU FULFILL THEM, YOUR CALLING...**and the level at which those roles are manifested flows from your CORE IDENTITY!

**YOUR CORE IDENTITY IS SON! SONSHIP IS THE CORE INTO WHICH ALL ROLES ARE WIRED.** You are not what you do, those are roles...you are who HE SAYS YOU ARE; THAT IS SONSHIP!

**Romans 8:14**

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

**YOU MUST LEARN TO APPROACH GOD AS YOUR FATHER.** Learn to relate to him as a child to a dad. This is important; it is HIS PARADIGM. Father to son / son to father is the frequency God chooses to operate in when it comes to you. To operate on a different frequency is to accept static and partial receptivity.

The frequency of heaven is sent on the frequency of sonship!! The supernatural, in its maximized state, flows through this frequency. The greatest identity available to us is SON: all else is an outflow of this.

Discouragement comes when we dial back into the frequency of slavery. They were slaves to sin in the Old Testament. Slaves to fear. Slaves to doubt. Slaves to defeat. Slaves to sickness. Slaves to intimidation. Slaves to the demonic. Slaves to limited knowledge and wisdom. When we live in this frequency, like those under the Old Testament, we know God only as a consuming fire, a punisher, one who withholds, we have to earn visitation, and we live as if HE IS OUTSIDE OF US RATHER THAN IN US. It is by The Holy Ghost that we cry ABBA FATHER! Those in the Old Testament dealt with God on a different frequency: slavery.

Some talk to God on the slave frequency. We beg him. We feel unworthy. We sit waiting on him and if we don't get what we need we feel abandoned, worthless, ashamed, not accepted. God where are you? He is far away and is distant, and he must be begged and pleased in some way to draw him to come near!! That is slavery. Living in slavery you can only see the God portion of your gifting manifest, but not the Father-dimension.

SONS step in with gratitude, approach with faith, and trust, declaring and manifesting their worth! You are aware of the power of your Dad's presence and you don't have to beg to get into it.

**THIS IS A SHIFT IN MINDSET THAT GOD WANTS TO GET YOU TO MAKE!**

Change your mindset, change your posture! Change your frequency!

1. **SONS POSSESS A RELIANCE ON THE LOVE AND GOODNESS OF THEIR FATHER (Romans 8:37).** Persuaded! Convinced in his own heart of the love and goodness of God is by being tried! The love of God is being tested by the enemy all the time! The enemy uses brokenness and sin to hinder people's ability to understand the power and goodness of God that is available! Sons rest on this powerful anchor: the goodness and love of their father. Slaves have a "he loves me (when things are good), he loves me not (he is the author of my trouble and pain) relationship with God. If the enemy can steal this deep root of reliance **(1 John 4)** on the love of God, he can destroy your starting point of all things truly spiritual and supernatural in your life.
2. **SONS LIVE CONFIDENT IN WHO THEY ARE.** They have a strong sense of identity. Talk from sonship! Talk as powerful. Connect to Him and forge your identity through the realm of adversity, resistance, and disappointments. The enemy tries to use these things to make you unsettled in who you are. A son rises up above adversity, knowing it isn't permanent, and they will overcome. Slaves go through adversity, and the adversity becomes their identity. **YOUR PROBLEM IS NOT YOUR IDENTITY!**...it's one thing to go through a

season of poverty, it's another thing to have a spirit of poverty; you think out of lack and poverty. What has come against you has become you! That's slavery! You may have an illness, battle, mental struggle; you are not that illness, battle, or mental struggle. **DON'T LET YOUR BATTLE OWN YOUR MINDSET! SONSHIP CAUSES US TO OVERCOME,** doesn't allow us to be victims but to see over our situations and circumstances, looking above and ahead to the outcome of the overcoming sonship! Also, sons do not compare themselves to anyone else; the moment that comparison exists you have just cheapened what God has created and formed you to be!

3. **SONS HAVE A BIG-GOD MINDSET!** Any time you try to box him in he is going to break those walls - He is a Father like no other! **Romans 8:31, if God is for us!....** Slaves serve a little god and a boxed-in mindset, their god is on the level of their circumstances, not OVER THEM! A scarcity mindset is when everything becomes smaller so you can control and manage; and you lose the BIG GOD MINDSET. The Big-God mindset sees a healing and says "there's more where that came from!" a slave says "I have to take this and hold onto it, I got it by luck and there may never be another!" The enemy wants you in a cave, to draw in, to protect, but God says this world is waiting on your manifestation! This mindset is an abundance mindset, and we have to reset how we approach adversity, debilitating thoughts, darkness, and fearful places, **IS THAT A QUEUE FOR YOU TO RISE UP HIGHER OR TO SETTLE DOWN AND BE HELD CAPTIVE BY THAT FEAR OR THOUGHT... ?** Because of a sons perspective of God, they have trained themselves to see adversity as a moment when they and God can rise up!! Look at the enemy and say to the devil "I don't know why you even bothered showing up today!" That comes from sonship! Where has God shrunk in your mind, where disappointment has put impossibilities in his identity!?
4. **SONS ARE MORE WILLING TO GIVE TRUST.** Slaves are constantly suspicious and paranoid and constantly judging and questioning everyone's motives around them including God. Sons don't waste their energy wondering what people are going to do to them. Sons say, "if people hurt me, my dad will heal me. I will only come out stronger in that area." Classic slavery is thinking that they are operating in discernment when they are actually suspicious; they are actually projecting their pain on the closest thing that looks like their pain. Sons carry a level of trust and healing that their pain, brokenness, criticisms, or disagreements don't pervert discernment. For example, if a man hurts them when they are around other men they will pick out men they think have an anger problem. If they battling lust they will go around actually pinpointing people they "discern" are having a lust issue. If they are having a pain or hurt with a female they will go about calling out Jezebels in every room. They are projecting, not discerning. This is why it is imperative for sons to get healing, victory, and stay in an overcoming mindset. Purity of heart, mind, soul, and spirit is the only surefire way to keep giftings un-perverted. Unhealed hurts create suspicions; sons learn to access healing from God and refuse to live in a relational prison built on the blocks of suspicion and projection.
5. **SONS LOVE TO BETTER THE WHOLE GROUP, BODY OR GATHERING.** **Romans 8:17 "we may also be glorified together"** When a son walks into a gathering he is looking around when a slave walks in he is looking inward (protecting, guarding, surviving). We must break out if the slavery that all we think about is ourselves. Jesus said "you try to save your life you will lose it". Sons look into a setting and say "What is God doing for the people here?" This propels the supernatural, this demands engagement, this provoked the prophetic, this calls out every gifting of the Spirit! Slaves focus on "here's how I'm feeling. Here is what I am going through today." They have trained themselves, by their master and taskmaster, to think about their condition, their situation, their day, what they

need, etc. **THAT IS SLAVERY!** A slave looks down and says “I am not going to change until my situation changes.” **A SON SAYS, “I AM RISING UP WHETHER MY SITUATION CHANGES OR NOT!”** Look at the apostles, if money was abundant that’s great, if they have rats around them, **THEIR STATE OF MIND DOESN’T SHIFT WITH THEIR CONDITION!** The more you beat them, stone them, mistreat them the more powerful they were! **SONS THINK ABOUT THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEIR FATHER,** they want to be a blessing, they want to give to the whole body, they want to defend the fellowship, they are not focused on “what can I get” or “feed me” or “do for me” or “meet my needs” or put expectations on others which lead to disappointment. Sons are constantly upgrading by the power of their father. The Word is consistently transforming and adding to them and they recognize the power that they bring. The Word doesn’t lie dormant in their life! When a son comes to the body they see their value, so they operate at maximum capacity. This is the number one obstacle in getting people engaged, they have to have a shift from slave to son, owning that they have an effect on the atmosphere. Slavery stayed with the Israelites and they could not take the promise while slavery was still in them.

6. **SONS DO NOT WASTE ENERGY LISTENING TO THE ENEMIES**

**ACCUSATIONS.** Focusing on guilt, shame, condemnation, and accusation is a waste of energy. Slaves waste their time stewing and rolling these things over in their spirit. Sons ignore it. **Romans 8:33 says “who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.”** This is the only way a son handles and treated these types of thoughts that make you feel lower, discouraged, worthless.... A son looks at the source of these thoughts and says “Wait a second! Who are you, my enemy, to be my judge, my source of opinion?! It is my FATHER that sets the atmosphere of my identity and who I am. Sons don’t waste their time looking into the accusations of people or the enemy.

7. **SONS SURPASS COMMON EXPECTATION.** Paul said “We are MORE than conquerors.” Not just conquerors!... conquerors take something, overthrow it, and put it under his feet. God sets SONS even higher than that! Abundance flows out of you! Slaves always give what is required or just under what they can get away with. If a slave can show up exactly 6 minutes late for work they will, if they can get by with 10 minutes late every time, they will. It’s a mindset. **A SON SAYS I AM IN MINISTRY IN MY BUSINESS, ON THE JOB, TO ADD VALUE AND LIFE TO THE PEOPLE THERE. SONS DON’T KEEP SCORE,** they give GENEROUSLY of their time, energy, gifts, and resources

8. **SONS CARRY AN UNSHAKEABLE HOPE ABOUT THE FUTURE.** All things work together for good...

9. **SONS RISE UP AND GROW IN HARDSHIP.** They look at their situation without negativity and complaining. Sons live in a Kingdom that has absolute good news which deposits hope into every situation! Slaves are hopeless; they own pain, sorrow, and embrace the downtrodden. Sons embrace the moment of pain, sorrow, and grief but after they connect with the Father they walk away with hope to release in these trying times. Hope in their interactions with others and with their family! Beware of the slaves around you; **WHEN YOU HEAR COMPLAINING THAT IS THE VOICE OF SLAVERY!!!** Slaves complain even more when they see a son overcome.

10. **SONS ARE NOT LIMITED NOR CONDEMNED BY THEIR WEAKNESSES.** Sons don’t get caught up in seeing or recognizing weaknesses or issues in the mirror; they just go

to a deeper reliance on the Father! **Romans 8:26 says the "Spirit helps us in our weakness".** We don't know how to pray; the Spirit prays as our helper in our weaknesses.

I'm not a slave.

I'm a son. SAY that 5 times with all your heart!

Think of the difficulty in your life right now. Now say, I am not a slave! I am a son! I am not a victim. I am an over-comer. I am more than a conqueror. Devil, why did you even bother showing up!??

**BE A SON.**