



Orphans Embraced

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1. Pure and genuine religion

- Care for orphans
- Care for widows
- Don't let the world corrupt you

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. **James 1:27 NLT**

2. God defends and rescues the weak and needy

³*“Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute.”*⁴*Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.* **Psalm 82:3-4 NLT**

3. We've all been spiritual orphans

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. **Ephesians 1:5 NLT**

4. How can you care for orphans?

- Sponsor a child
- Foster care / adoption
- Mentor / Invest in a child
- _____

⁵*Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy.* ⁶*God places the lonely in families...* **Psalm 68:5-6 NLT**

Next Steps:

- Sponsor a child (childcareministries.org)
- Invest in / Mentor a child: _____

- Invest in spiritual orphans: _____

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