

## The Fifty Fruits of Pride: A Self-Examination

2 Corinthians 13:5: Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected? AMPC

1. Pride makes us counterfeits because in pride we could never pass the testing of the Lord, therefore, we become disapproved and rejected because Christ in us can only be experienced in humility.

On a scale from 0 1 2 3 4 5 with 0 no evidence of pride and 5 is the greatest evidence of pride

1. Want to be Well Known or Important: I am selfishly ambitious. I really want to get ahead and make a name for myself. I want to be someone important in life. I like having a position or title. I prefer leading to following: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Isaiah 14:13-14: And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north.14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. AMPC

B. James 3:13-16: Who is there among you who is wise and intelligent? Then let him by his noble living show forth his [good] works with the [unobtrusive] humility [which is the proper attribute] of true wisdom.14: But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of and false to the Truth.15: This [superficial] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual animal, even devilish (demoniacal).16: For wherever there is jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry and selfish ambition), there will also be confusion (unrest, disharmony, rebellion) and all sorts of evil and vile practices. AMPC

2. Sinfully Competitive: I am overly competitive. I always want to win or come out on top and it bothers me when I don't: 0 1 2 3 4 5

3. Want to Impress People: I want people to be impressed with me. I like to make my accomplishments known: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Luke 10:38-42: Now while they were on their way, it occurred that Jesus entered a certain village, and a woman named Martha received and welcomed Him into her house. 39: And she had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was listening to His teaching. 40: But Martha [overly occupied and too busy] was distracted with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, is it nothing to You that my sister has left me to serve. alone? Tell her then to help me [to lend a hand and do her part along with me]! 41: But the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; 42: There is need of only one or but a few things. Mary has chosen the

good portion [that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her.  
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1: Clothes or jewelry you wear. 2: Vehicle you drive. 3: Furniture you own. 4: House you live in. 5: Place you live. 6: Company you work for. 7: Amount of money you earn. Food you eat. 8: How spiritual you are. 9: What you look like (physical appearance). 10: What you have accomplished. 11: What you know. 12: Where you went to school. 13: Who you know. 14: What your background is.

4. Draw Attention to Myself: I like to be the center of attention and will say or do things to draw attention to myself: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 27:2: Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips. AMP

5. Like to Talk About Myself: I like to talk, especially about myself or persons or things I am involved with. I want people to know what I am doing or thinking. I would rather speak than listen. I have a hard time being succinct: 0 1 2 3 4 5

6. Deceitful and Pretentious: I tend to be deceptive about myself. I find myself lying to preserve my reputation. I find myself hiding the truth about myself, especially about sins, weaknesses, etc. I don't want people to know who I really am: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Psalms 24:3-4: Who shall go up into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted himself up to falsehood or to what is false, nor sworn deceitfully. AMP

B. Psalms 26:2-4: Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; test my heart and my mind. 3 For Your loving-kindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth [faithfully]. 4 I do not sit with false persons, nor fellowship with pretenders; AMP

C. Proverbs 26:20-26: For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention ceases. 21: As coals are to hot embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man to inflame strife. 22: The words of a whisperer or slanderer are like dainty morsels or words of sport [to some, but to others are like deadly wounds]; and they go down into the innermost parts of the body [or of the victim's nature]. 23: Burning lips [uttering insincere words of love] and a wicked heart are like an earthen vessel covered with the scum thrown off from molten silver [making it appear to be solid silver]. 24: He who hates pretends with his lips, but stores up deceit within himself. 25: When he speaks kindly, do not trust him, for seven abominations are in his heart. 26: Though his hatred covers itself with guile, his wickedness shall be shown openly before the assembly. AMP

7. Desire Recognition and Praise: I desire to receive recognition and credit for what I do. I like people to see what I do and let me know that they noticed. I feel hurt or offended when they don't. I am overly concerned about my reputation and hate being misunderstood: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. John 5:41-44: I receive not glory from men [I crave no human honor, I look for no mortal fame]. 42: But I know you and recognize and understand that you have not the love of God in you. 43: I have come in My Father's name and with His power, and you do not receive Me [your hearts are not open to Me, you give Me no welcome]; but if another comes in his own name and his own power and with no other authority but himself, you will receive him and give him your approval. 44: How is it possible for you to believe [how can you learn to believe], you who [are content to seek and] receive praise and honor and glory from one another, and yet do not seek the praise and honor and glory which come from Him Who alone is God? AMP

B. Matthew 6:1: TAKE CARE not to do your good deeds publicly or before men, in order to be seen by them; otherwise you will have no reward [reserved for and awaiting you] with and from your Father Who is in heaven. AMP

8. Not Fulfilled Serving Others: I am not very excited about seeing or making others successful. I tend to feel envious, jealous or critical towards those who are doing well or being honored: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. John 3:30: He must increase [in prominence], but I must decrease. AMP

9. Self Sufficient: I tend to be self sufficient in the way I live my life. I don't live with a constant awareness that my every breath is dependent upon the will of God. I tend to think I have enough strength, ability and wisdom to live and manage my life. My practice of the spiritual disciplines is inconsistent and superficial. I don't like to ask others for help: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Matthew 4:4: But Jesus replied, "It is written *and* forever remains written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" AMP

B. John 15:5: I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. AMP

C. Acts 17:25: Nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, because it is He who gives to all [people] life and breath and all things. AMP

D. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10: Because of the surpassing greatness *and* extraordinary nature of the revelations [which I received from God], for this reason, to keep me from thinking of myself as important, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, to torment *and* harass me to keep me from exalting myself! <sup>8</sup>Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me; <sup>9</sup>but He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you [My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough always available regardless of the situation]; for [My] power is being perfected [and is completed and shows itself most effectively] in [your] weakness." Therefore, I will all the more gladly boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ [may completely enfold me and] may dwell in me. 10: So I am well pleased with weaknesses, with

insults, with distresses, with persecutions, and with difficulties, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak [in human strength], then I am strong [truly able, truly powerful, truly drawing from God's strength]. AMP

10. Anxious: I am often anxious about my life and the future. I tend not to trust God and rarely experience his abiding and transcendent peace in my soul. I have a hard time sleeping at night because of fearful thoughts and burdens I carry: 0 1 2 3 4 5

- A. Psalm 4:8: In peace [and with a tranquil heart] I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety *and* confident trust. AMP
- B. Philippians 4:6-7: Do not be anxious *or* worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]. AMP
- C. 1 Peter 5:6-7: Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully]. AMP

11. Self Focused: I am overly self-conscious. I tend to replay in my mind how I did, what I said, and how I came across to others. I am very concerned about my appearance and what people think of me. I think about these things constantly: 0 1 2 3 4 5

- A. Exodus 4:11: The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute or the deaf, or the seeing or the blind? Is it not I, the LORD? AMP
- B. Job 10:8-11: 'Your hands have formed and made me altogether. Would You [turn around and] destroy me? 9: 'Remember now, that You have made me as clay; So will You turn me into dust again? 10: 'Have You not poured me out like milk. And curdled me like cheese? 11: '[You have] clothed me with skin and flesh, And knit me together with bones and sinews. AMP
- C. Psalm 139:13-16: For You formed my innermost parts; You knit me [together] in my mother's womb. 14: I will give thanks *and* praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. 15: My frame was not hidden from You, When I was being formed in secret, And intricately *and* skillfully formed [as if embroidered with many colors] in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were appointed *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them [even taking shape]. AMP

D. Isaiah 53:2: For He [the Servant of God] grew up before Him like a tender shoot (plant), And like a root out of dry ground; He has no *stately* form or *majestic* splendor That we would look at Him, Nor [handsome] appearance that we would be attracted to Him. AMP

E. Jeremiah 1:5: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], And before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” AMP

12. Fear Man: I fear man more than God. I am afraid of others and make decisions about what I will say or do base upon this fear. I am afraid to take a stand for things that are right. I am concerned with how people will react to me or perceive my actions or words. I don't often think about God's opinion in a matter and rarely think there could be consequences for disobeying him. I primarily seek the approval of man and not of God: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 29:25: The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in *and* puts his confidence in the LORD will be exalted *and* safe. AMP

13. Insecure: I often feel insecure. I don't want to try new things or step out into uncomfortable situations because I'm afraid I'll fail or look foolish. I am easily embarrassed: 0 1 2 3 4 5

14. Compare Myself: I regularly compare myself to others. I am “performance oriented.” I feel that I have greater worth if I do well: 0 1 2 3 4 5

15. Perfectionist: I am self-critical. I tend to be a perfectionist. I can't stand for little things to be wrong because they reflect poorly on me. I have a hard time putting my mistakes behind me: 0 1 2 3 4 5

16. Self-Serving: I am self-serving. When asked to do something, I find myself asking, “How will doing this help me?” “Or, Will I be inconvenienced?” I am not focused on the needs and interests of others: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Philippians 2:19-22: But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may also be encouraged by learning news about you. <sup>20</sup> For I have no one else [like him who is] so kindred a spirit who will be genuinely concerned for your [spiritual] welfare. 21: For the others [who deserted me after my arrest] all seek [to advance] their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know of Timothy's tested worth *and* his proven character, that he has served with me to advance the gospel like a son *serving* with his father. AMP

17. Feel Better or Superior: I feel special or superior because of what I have or do: 0 1 2 3 4 5

18. Think Highly of Myself: I think highly of myself. In relation to others I typically see myself as more mature and more gifted. In most situations, I have more to offer than others even though I may not say so. I don't consider myself average or ordinary: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Romans 12:3: But do you think this, O man, when you judge *and* condemn those who practice such things, and yet do the same yourself, that you will escape God's judgment *and* elude His verdict? AMP

B. James 2:1-4: My fellow believers, do not practice your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude* of partiality [toward people—show no favoritism, no prejudice, no snobbery]. 2: For if a man comes into your meeting place wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in dirty clothes also comes in, 3: and you pay special attention to the one who wears the fine clothes, and say to him, “You sit here in this good seat,” and you tell the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down [on the floor] by my footstool,” 4: have you not discriminated among yourselves, and become judges with wrong motives? AMP

19. Credit Myself: 1 Corinthians 4:6-7; 15:10: I tend to give myself credit for who I am and what I accomplish. I only occasionally think about or recognize that all that I am or have comes from God. I don't consciously transfer all glory to God for any good I have or any good I do: 0 1 2 3 4 5

20. Self-Righteous: I tend to be self-righteous. I can think that I really have something to offer God. I would never say so, but I think God did well to save me. I seldom think about or recognize my total depravity and helplessness apart from God. I regularly focus on the sins of others. I don't credit God for any degree of holiness in my life: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Luke 18:9-14: He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves *and* were confident that they were righteous [posing outwardly as upright and in right standing with God], and who viewed others with contempt: 10: “Two men went up into the temple [enclosure] to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11: The Pharisee stood [ostentatiously] and began praying to himself [in a self-righteous way, saying]: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men, swindlers, unjust (dishonest), adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12: I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ 13: But the tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even raise his eyes toward heaven, but was striking his chest [in humility and repentance], saying, ‘God, be merciful *and* gracious to me, the [especially wicked] sinner [that I am]!’ 14: I tell you, this man went to his home justified [forgiven of the guilt of sin and placed in right standing with God] rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself [forsaking self-righteous pride] will be exalted.” AMP

21. Feel Deserving: I feel deserving. I think I deserve what I have. In fact, I think I ought to have more considering how well I have lived or in light of all I have done: 0 1 2 3 4 5

22. Ungrateful (Luke 17:11-19; Ephesians 5:19-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Colossians 3:15-17; Philippians 2:14)

I often feel ungrateful. Instead of thanking other people, I tend to complain about them. I grumble about what I don't have or my lot in life. I am not amazed by grace on a regular basis and lack joy in my life: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Luke 17:1-19: Jesus said to His disciples, “Stumbling blocks [temptations and traps set to lure one to sin] are sure to come, but woe (judgment is coming) to him through whom they come! 2: It would be better for him if a millstone [as large as one turned by a

donkey] were hung around his neck and he were hurled into the sea, than for him to cause one of these little ones to stumble [in sin and lose faith]. 3: Pay attention *and* always be on guard [looking out for one another]! If your brother sins *and* disregards God's precepts, solemnly warn him; and if he repents *and* changes, forgive him. 4: Even if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive him [that is, give up resentment and consider the offense recalled and annulled]." 5: The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith [our ability to confidently trust in God and in His power]." 6: And the Lord said, "If you have [confident, abiding] faith in God [even as small] as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree [which has very strong roots], 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea'; and [if the request was in agreement with the will of God] it would have obeyed you. 7: "Which of you who has a servant plowing or tending sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat?' 8: Will he not instead say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and *appropriately* clothe yourself [for service] and serve me while I eat and drink; then afterward you may eat and drink?' 9: He does not thank the servant just because he did what he was ordered to do, does he? 10: So you too, when you have done everything that was assigned *and* commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants [undeserving of praise or a reward, for we have not gone beyond our obligation]; we have *merely* done what we ought to do.'"

### **Ten Lepers Cleansed**

11: While Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing [along the border] between Samaria and Galilee. 12: As He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers who stood at a distance; 13: and they raised their voices and called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14: When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were [miraculously] healed *and* made clean. 15: One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying *and* praising *and* honoring God with a loud voice; 16: and he lay face downward at Jesus' feet, thanking Him [over and over]. He was a Samaritan. 17: Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten [of you] cleansed? Where are the [other] nine? 18: Was there no one found to return and to give thanks *and* praise to God, except this foreigner?" 19: Jesus said to him, "Get up and go [on your way]. Your faith [your personal trust in Me and your confidence in God's power] has restored you to health." AMP

B. Ephesians 5:19-20: Speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, [offering praise by] singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20: always giving thanks to God the Father for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; AMP

C. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: Rejoice always *and* delight in your faith; 17: be unceasing and persistent in prayer; 18: in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful *and* continually give thanks *to God*; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. AMP

D. Colossians 3:15-17: Let the peace of Christ [the inner calm of one who walks daily with Him] be the controlling factor in your hearts [deciding and settling questions that arise]. To this *peace* indeed you were called as members in one body [of believers]. And be thankful [to God always]. 16: Let the [spoken] word of Christ have its home within you [dwelling in your heart and mind—permeating every aspect of your being] as you teach [spiritual things] and admonish *and* train one another with all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17: Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him. AMP

C. Philippians 2:14: Do everything without murmuring or questioning [the providence of God]. AMP

23. Captive to Self-Pity: I find myself wallowing in self-pity. I am consumed with how I am treated by God and others. I tend to feel mistreated and hate being misunderstood. I seldom recognize or sympathize with what's going on with others around me because I feel that I have it worse than they do: 0 1 2 3 4 5

24. Jealous and Envious: I can be jealous or envious of others abilities, possessions, positions, accomplishments or friends. I want to be what others are or want to have what others have. I think I deserve or should have the good things other people do. I find it hard to rejoice when others are blessed by God: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. James 3:13-16: Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good conduct show his [good] deeds with the gentleness *and* humility of *true* wisdom. 14: But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant, and [as a result] be in defiance of the truth. 15: This [superficial] wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly (secular), natural (unspiritual), *even* demonic. 16: For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder [unrest, rebellion] and every evil thing *and* morally degrading practice. AMP

25. Unkind and Harsh: I am pretty insensitive to others. I feel some people just aren't worth caring about. I have a hard time showing compassion or extending mercy to others. Some people aren't worth my time and attention: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Ezekiel 16:49: Behold, this was the sin of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters (outlying cities) had arrogance, abundant food, and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. AMP

B. Psalm 17:10: They have closed their <sup>[a]</sup>unfeeling *heart* [to kindness and compassion]; With their mouths they speak proudly *and* make presumptuous claims. AMP

C. Proverbs 24:17-18: Do not rejoice *and* gloat when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad [in self-righteousness] when he stumbles, 18: Or the LORD will see your gloating and be displeased, And turn His anger away from your enemy. AMP



D. Luke 10:25-37: And a certain lawyer [an expert in Mosaic Law] stood up to test Him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27: And he replied, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” 28: Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly; DO THIS *habitually* AND YOU WILL LIVE.” 29: But he, wishing to justify *and* vindicate himself, asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

### **Parable of the Good Samaritan**

30: Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he encountered robbers, who stripped him of his clothes [and belongings], beat him, and went their way [unconcerned], leaving him half dead. 31: Now by coincidence a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32: Likewise a Levite also came down to the place and saw him, and passed by on the other side [of the road]. 33: But a Samaritan (foreigner), who was traveling, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was deeply moved with compassion [for him], 34: and went to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them* [to sooth and disinfect the injuries]; and he put him on his own pack-animal, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35: On the next day he took out two denarii (two days ’wages) and gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I return.’ 36: Which of these three do you think proved himself a neighbor to the man who encountered the robbers?” 37: He answered, “The one who showed compassion *and* mercy to him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and *constantly* do the same.” AMP

26. Love to Reveal My Mind: I like to reveal my own mind. I have an answer for practically every situation and an opinion on every subject. I feel compelled to balance everyone else out and let them know my thoughts: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 18:2: A [closed-minded] fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his personal opinions [unwittingly displaying his self-indulgence and his stupidity]. AMP

27. Know It All: I have a know-it-all attitude. I am impressed by my own knowledge and understanding of things. I feel like there isn't much I can learn from other people, especially those less mature than me: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. 1 Corinthians 8:1: Now about food sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge [concerning this]. Knowledge [alone] makes [people self-righteously] arrogant, but love [that unselfishly seeks the best for others] builds up *and* encourages others to grow [in wisdom]. AMP

28. Like People to Know I Know: I feel compelled to stop people when they start to share something with me I already know: 0 1 2 3 4 5

29. Hard to Admit I Don't Know: I find it hard to admit it when I don't know something. When someone asks me something I don't know, I will make up an answer rather than admit I don't know: 0 1 2 3 4 5

30. Don't Listen to Ordinary People: I have a hard time listening to ordinary people. I listen better to those I respect or people I am wanting to leave with a good impression. I don't honestly listen when someone else is speaking because I am usually planning what I am going to say next: 0 1 2 3 4 5

31. Interruptive: I interrupt people regularly. I don't let people finish what they are saying: 0 1 2 3 4 5

32. Don't Get Much Out of Teaching: I don't get much out of the teaching. I tend to evaluate the speaker rather than my own life. I grumble about hearing something a second time: 0 1 2 3 4 5

33. Thinking of Others During Teaching: I listen to teaching with other people in mind. I constantly think of those folks who need to hear and apply this teaching and wish they were here: 0 1 2 3 4 5

34. Not Teachable: I'm not very open to input. I don't pursue correction for my life. I tend to be un-teachable and slow to repent when corrected. I don't really see correction as a positive thing. I am offended when people probe the motivations of my heart or seek to adjust me: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 2:1: My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you. AMP

35. Don't Admit Wrong Doing: I have a hard time admitting that I am wrong. I find myself covering up or excusing my sins. It is hard for me to confess my sins to others or to ask for forgiveness: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 28:13: He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But whoever confesses and turns away from his sins will find compassion *and* mercy. AMP

B. James 5:16: Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed *and* restored. The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. AMP

36. Do Not Welcome Correction: I view correction as an intrusion into my privacy rather than an instrument of God for my welfare. I can't identify anyone who would feel welcome to correct me: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 15:12: A scoffer [unlike a wise man] resents one who rebukes him *and* tries to teach him; Nor will he go to the wise [for counsel and instruction]. AMP

37. Resent People Who Correct Me: I resent people who attempt to correct me. I don't respond with gratefulness and sincere appreciation for their input. Instead I am tempted to accuse them and dwell on their faults. I get bitter and withdraw: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 9:7-9: He who corrects *and* instructs a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man gets insults for himself. 8: Do not correct a scoffer [who foolishly ridicules and takes no responsibility for his error] or he will hate you; Correct a wise man [who learns from his error], and he will love you. 9: Give *instruction* to a wise man and he will become even wiser; Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning. AMP

38. Contentious and Argumentative: When corrected, I become contentious and argumentative. I don't take people's observations seriously. I minimize and make excuses or give explanations: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. James 1:19-20: Understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Let everyone be quick to hear [be a careful, thoughtful listener], slow to speak [a speaker of carefully chosen words and], slow to anger [patient, reflective, forgiving]; 20: for the [resentful, deep-seated] anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God [that standard of behavior which He requires from us]. AMP

39. Get Angry or Offended With Others: I am easily angered and offended. I don't like being crossed or disagreed with. I find myself thinking, I can't believe they did that to me." I often feel wronged. I hate to be misunderstood by others especially those I respect and desire to think highly of me: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. 1 Corinthians 6:7: Why, the very fact that you have lawsuits with one another is already a defeat. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? AMP

40. Constantly in Conflicts: I have "personality conflicts" with others. I have a hard time getting along with certain kinds of people. People regularly tell me they struggle with me: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 13:10: Through pride *and* presumption come nothing but strife, But [skillful and godly] wisdom is with those who welcome [well-advised] counsel. AMP

41. Have Little Esteem or Respect for Others: I lack respect for other people. I don't think very highly of most people. I have a hard time encouraging and honoring others unless they really do something great: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Numbers 16:1-3: Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, descendants of Reuben, took *action*, 2: and they rose up [in rebellion] before Moses, together with some of the Israelites, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation chosen in the assembly, men of distinction. 3: They assembled together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them,

and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" AMP

42. Do Violence with My Mouth: I am a slanderer. I find myself either giving or receiving evil reports about others. I am not concerned about the effect of slander on me because of my maturity level. I think I can handle it. I only share with others the things I think they really need to know. I don't tell all. Anyway, the things I say or hear about people are usually true: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Psalm 101:5: Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will silence; The one who has a haughty look and a proud (arrogant) heart I will not tolerate. AMP

B. Romans 3:13-14: "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE; THEY [habitually] DECEIVE WITH THEIR TONGUES." "THE VENOM OF ASPES IS BENEATH THEIR LIPS." 14: "THEIR MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS." AMP

D. John 1:9-10: There it was the true Light [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone. 10: He (Christ) was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. AMP

43. Sow Discord: I am divisive. My actions and attitudes separate people rather than unite people. My words frequently undermined the confidence and trust people have in one another. I also tend to resist or resent authority. I don't like other people to give me orders or directions: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 28:25: An arrogant *and* greedy man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be blessed *and* prosper. AMP

44. Demean or Belittle Others: With a motivation to put people in their place or look good myself, I like to demean or put others down. They need my adjustment. This includes leaders. Other people need to be humble and have a "sober" assessment of themselves: 0 1 2 3 4 5

45. Critical: I tend to be critical of others. I find myself feeling or talking negatively about people. I subtly feel better about myself when I see how bad someone else is. I find it far easier to evaluate than to encourage someone else: 0 1 2 3 4 5

46. Self-Willed and Stubborn: I am self-willed and stubborn. I have a hard time cooperating with others. I really prefer my own way and often insist on getting it: 0 1 2 3 4 5

47. Independent: I am independent and uncommitted. I don't really see why I need other people. I can easily separate myself from others. I don't get much out of the small group meetings: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Proverbs 18:1: He who [willfully] separates himself [from God and man] seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom. AMP

B. Luke 1:51-52: "He has done mighty deeds with His [powerful] arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart. 52: "He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And exalted those who were humble. AMP

48. Unaccountable: I am unaccountable. I don't ask others to hold me responsible to follow through on my commitments. I don't really need accountability for my words and actions: 0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Acts 2:42: They were continually *and* faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to eating meals together and to prayers. AMP

B. Hebrews 10:25: not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the day [of Christ's return] approaching. AMP

49. Un-submissive: I am un-submissive. I don't like being under the authority of another person. I don't see submission as a good and necessary provision from God for my life. I have a hard time supporting and serving those over me. I don't look up to people and I like to be in charge. Other people may need leaders but I don't. It is important that my voice is always heard:  
0 1 2 3 4 5

A. Hebrews 13:17: Obey your [spiritual] leaders and submit to them [recognizing their authority over you], for they are keeping watch over your souls *and* continually guarding your spiritual welfare as those who will give an account [of their stewardship of you]. Let them do this with joy and not with grief *and* groans, for this would be of no benefit to you. AMP

B. 1 Peter 5:5: Likewise, you younger men [of lesser rank and experience], be subject to your elders [seek their counsel]; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another [tie on the servant's apron], for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD [the disdainful, the presumptuous, and He defeats them], BUT HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. AMP

50. Feel Mature: I really appreciate somebody taking the time to put this paper together. It will really be a big help to my friends and family. However, I don't really need this because I think I'm pretty humble already: 0 1 2 3 4 5

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