

Fifty Fruits of Pride

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1. 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 are inconsistent and superficial. I don't like to ask others for help.
2. 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.
3. I am **overly self-conscious**. I tend to replay in my mind how I did, what I said, how I am coming across to others, etc. I am very concerned about what people think of me. I think about these things constantly.
4. I **fear man** more than God. I am afraid of others and make decisions about what I will say or do based 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.
5. 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.
6. I regularly **compare myself** to others. I am performance oriented. I feel that I have greater worth if I do well.
7. 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.
8. I **desire to receive credit and recognition** 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.
9. I want people to be **impressed with me**. I like to make my accomplishments known.
10. 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.
11. I am **selfishly ambitious**. I really want to get ahead. I like having a position or title. I far prefer leading to following.
12. I am **overly competitive**. I always want to win or come out on top and it bothers me when I don't.
13. I like to be the **center of attention** and will say or do things to draw attention to myself.
14. 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.
15. I am **self-serving**. When asked to do something, I find myself asking, "How will doing this help me, or will I be inconvenienced?"
16. 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.
17. I **feel special or superior** because of what I have or do. For example:
 - my house
 - my neighborhood
 - my physical giftings
 - my spiritual giftings
 - my intellect or education
 - being a Christian
 - my position or job
 - my car
 - my salary
 - my looks

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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 complete 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.
21. 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.
22. I often feel **ungrateful**. I tend to grumble about what I have or my lot in life.
23. I find myself wallowing in **self-pity**. I am consumed with how I am treated by God and others. I tend to feel mistreated or 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.
24. I can be **jealous or envious** of others abilities, possessions, positions, or accomplishments. I want to be what others are or want to have what others have. I am envious of what others have thinking that I should have it or deserve it. I find it hard to rejoice with others when they are blessed by God.
25. I am pretty **insensitive** to others. I feel that some people just aren't worth caring about. I have a hard time showing compassion.
26. I have a **know-it-all attitude**. I am impressed by my own knowledge. I feel like there isn't much I can learn from other people, especially those less mature than me.
27. I have a **hard time listening to ordinary people**. I listen better to those I respect or people I want 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.
28. I **like to reveal my own mind**. I have an answer for practically every situation. I feel compelled to balance everyone else out.
29. I **interrupt people** regularly. I don't let people finish what they are saying.
30. I **feel compelled to stop people** when they start to share something with me I already know.
31. 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.
32. I **don't get much out of teaching**. I tend to evaluate a speaker rather than my own life. I grumble in my heart about hearing something a second time.
33. I **listen to teaching with other people in mind**. I constantly think of those folks who need to hear the teaching and wish they were here.
34. I'm **not very open to input**. I don't pursue correction for my life. I tend to be unteachable 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.
35. 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.
36. 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.
37. 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.
38. When corrected, I become **contentious and argumentative**. I don't take people's observations seriously. I minimize and make excuses or give explanations.
39. 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.
40. I have "**personality conflicts**" with others. I have a hard time getting along with certain kinds of people. People regularly tell me that they struggle with me.
41. 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.

42. 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.
43. 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. I think I can take care of myself.
44. I am **unsubmissive**. 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 heard.
45. 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.
46. I am a **slanderer**. I find myself either giving or receiving evil reports about others. Often times the things I say or hear are true about other people. 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 really think they need to know. I don't tell all.
47. I am **divisive**. I tend to resist or resent authority. I don't like other people to give me orders or directions.
48. I like to **demean** or put others down. I often think people need to be adjusted and put in their place. This includes leaders. Other people need to be more humble and have a "sober" assessment of themselves.
49. 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.
50. 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**.