



HOW WE FOLLOW JESUS AT MISSION CITY

THE FIFTY FRUITS OF PRIDE

1. **Want to be Well Known or Important** (Isaiah 14:13-15; James 3:13-16; Romans 12:6) "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 far prefer leading to following."

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."

3. **Want to Impress People** (Luke 10:38-42) "I want people to be impressed with me. I like to make my accomplishments known."

- a. Clothes or jewelry you wear.
- b. Vehicle you drive.
- c. Furniture you own.
- d. House you live in.
- e. Place you live.
- f. Company you work for.
- g. Amount of money you earn.
- h. Food you eat.
- i. How spiritual you are.
- j. What you look like (physical appearance).
- k. What you have accomplished.
- l. What you know.
- m. Where you went to school.
- n. Who you know.
- o. What your background is.

4. **Draw Attention to Myself** (Proverbs 27:2) "I like to be the center of attention and will say or do things to draw attention to myself."

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.”

6. **Deceitful and Pretentious** (Psalm 24:3-4, 26:2-4; Jeremiah 48:10; Proverbs 26:20-26) “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.”

7. **Desire Recognition and Praise** (John 5:41-44; Matthew 6:1, 23:5-7) “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.”

8. **Not Fulfilled Serving Others** (John 3:30) “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.”

9. **Self Sufficient** (Matthew 4:4; John 15:5; Acts 17:25; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10) “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.”

10. **Anxious** (Psalm 4:8; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7) “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.”

11. **Self Focused** (Exodus 4:11; Job 10:8-11; Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 53:2; Jeremiah 1:5) “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.”

12. **Fear Man** (Proverbs 29:25) "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."

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."

14. **Compare Myself** "I regularly compare myself to others. I am "performance oriented." I feel that I have greater worth if I do well."

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."

16. **Self Serving** (Philippians 2:19-22) "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."

17. **Feel Better or Superior** "I feel special or superior because of what I have or do."

18. **Think Highly of Myself** (Romans 12:3, 16; James 2:1-4) "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. **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."

20. **Self Righteous** (Luke 18:9-14) "I tend to be self-righteous. I 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."

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.”

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.”

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.”

24. **Jealous and Envious** (James 3:13-16) “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.”

25. **Unkind and Harsh** (Ezekiel 16:49; Psalm 17:10; Proverbs 24:17-18; Luke 10:25-37) “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.”

26. **Love to Reveal My Mind** (Proverbs 18:2) “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.”

27. **Know It All** (1 Corinthians 8:1) “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.”

28. **Like People to Know I Know** “I feel compelled to stop people when they start to share something with me I already know.”

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.”

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."

31. **Interruptive** "I interrupt people regularly. I don't let people finish what they are saying."

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."

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."

34. **Not Teachable** (Proverbs 12:1) "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. **Don't Admit Wrong Doing** (Proverbs 28:13; James 5:16) "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. **Do Not Welcome Correction** (Proverbs 15:12) "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. **Resent People Who Correct Me** (Proverbs 9:7-9) "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. **Contentious and Argumentative** (James 1:19-20) "When corrected, I become contentious and argumentative. I don't take people's observations seriously. I minimize and make excuses or give explanations."

39. Get Angry or Offended With Others (1 Corinthians 6:7) “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.”

40. Constantly in Conflicts (Proverbs 13:10) “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.”

41. Have Little Esteem or Respect for Others (Numbers 16:1-3) “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.”

42. Do Violence with My Mouth (Psalm 101:5; Romans 3:13-14; 3 John 1:9-10) “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.”

43. Sow Discord (Proverbs 28:25) “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.”

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.”

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.”

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.”

47. **Independent** (Proverbs 18:1; Luke 1:51-52) “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 small group meetings.”

48. **Unaccountable** (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25) “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.”

49. **Unsubmissive** (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5) “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 always Heard.”

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.”



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