

Fifty Fruits of Pride - Repent so you can be set free and embrace humility

1. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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 YOUR will. 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I am often anxious about my life and the future. I tend not to trust YOU and rarely experience YOUR abiding and transcendent peace in my soul. I have a hard time sleeping at night because of fearful thoughts & burdens I carry.
3. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I fear man more than YOU. 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I don't often think about YOUR opinion in a matter and rarely think there could be consequences for disobeying YOU. I primarily seek the approval of man and not of YOU GOD.
5. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I regularly compare myself to others. I am performance oriented. I feel that I have greater worth if I do well.
7. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I am overly concerned about my reputation and hate being misunderstood.
9. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I want people to be impressed with me. I like to make my accomplishments known.
10. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I am selfishly ambitious. I really want to get ahead. I like having a position or title. I far prefer leading to following.
12. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I am overly competitive. I always want to win or come out on top and it bothers me when I don't.
13. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I like to be the center of attention and will say or do things to draw attention to myself.
14. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I feel special or superior because of what I have or do. For example: my house, my neighborhood, my physical gifting, my spiritual gifting, my intellect or education, being a Christian, my position or job, my car, my salary, my looks

18. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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 YOU.

20. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I tend to be self-righteous. I can think that I really have something to offer YOU. I would never say so, but I think YOU did well to save me. I seldom think about or recognize my complete depravity and helplessness apart from YOU. I regularly focus on the sins of others. I don't credit YOU for any degree of holiness in my life.

21. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I often feel ungrateful. I tend to grumble about what I have or my lot in life.

23. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I find myself wallowing in self-pity. I am consumed with how I am treated by YOU and others. I tend to feel mistreated or misunderstood. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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 YOU.

25. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I don't honestly listen when someone else is speaking because I am usually planning what I am going to say next.

28. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I like to reveal my own mind. I have an answer for practically every situation. I feel compelled to balance everyone else out.

29. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I interrupt people regularly. I don't let people finish what they are saying.

30. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I feel compelled to stop people when they start to share something with me I already know.

31. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I am offended when people probe the motivations of my heart or seek to adjust me.

35. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR when corrected, I become contentious and argumentative. I don't take people's observations seriously. I minimize and make excuses or give explanations.

39. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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 YOU 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR I am divisive. I tend to resist or resent authority. I don't like other people to give me orders or directions.

48. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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. FORGIVE ME GOD FOR 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.

Putting on Humility

Developing Humility

"Lord, humility says I am empty without Your fullness; I am broken without Your wholeness;

I am helpless without Your strength; I am clueless without Your wisdom. Apart from You I am nothing. I need You!

Thank you Lord for dignifying me with sonship, glory, acceptance, royalty, purpose, significance, wealth, honor, salvation, wisdom, revelation, power, understanding, status, character, holiness, strength and victories.

Lord, because of Your favor, I have the privilege of casting it all back at Your feet.

Thus the cycle of dependence and humility continues in my life."

Lord personally, I desire to:

1. Learn how to daily walk in humility - Create in me a constant awareness of your presence and purposes
2. Daily die to my own rights and desires and gladly take on Your plans and purposes
3. Become a person of prayer - a person whose heart is open, ready and responding in obedience every prompting of the Spirit in me
4. Live in continual dependence upon You - In myself I am empty - fill me with your power to love with a sincere heart and dedicated will
5. Only speak well of others at all times - never assigning evil motives, slandering, gossiping, speaking ill of anyone
6. Look to You alone for wholeness and healing - Open my eyes to see you and your solutions in all things
7. Depend on You and Your principles for deliverance - I am at your mercy - all I have is because of you
8. Think first about others when making decisions
9. Focus on the goodness of others rather than on their mistakes and shortcomings
10. Never blame others or judge their motives. I am dead to my rights and desires and when treated poorly or misunderstood or judged falsely help me to suffer in silence well. Fill me love so I do not dwell on the faults of others

11. Allow You alone to exalt me and defend me. Help me to be honest, vulnerable and never hide behind anything - walls, masks, others, good works, instruments, the right answer, religious jargons...
12. Work well with others - giving and taking and honoring others who do things differently than I would
13. Give up my rights and look to serve others joyfully.
14. Help me see the severity of what my careless sin does to another person so that I grieve over it. I want to take correction seriously, making no excuses and grow in godliness
15. Speak forth true, wholesome, life giving words, Fill me with wisdom and divine strength
16. Choose to forgive others—no matter what
17. Resist the desire to be recognized or appreciated by others
18. Count it a blessing and honor to serve You God
19. Never seek to impress, control or influence others
20. Admit my sin quickly and walk in rapid repentance when You or others reveal it to me
21. Increase my alertness to what you want me to learn as I listen intently to others around me. Help me to stay silent and ask questions
22. Respect and honor even the ‘worst’ sinner for everyone is created in the image of God
23. Walk in radical obedience to Your Word - All of the things I have learned have come from You - may I never lose sight of that reality
24. Ask others to forgive me when I harm them. Increase my sensitivity of how I am relating to others. Grow me in emotional intelligence so that I do not inflict pain on others
25. When I feel wronged - help me to keep quiet and ask You to show me how my sin played into the situation. Thank you that correction is your instrument for my welfare. Help me to ask for it. Empower me to draw towards with affection, those who correct me.
26. Be the first to seek reconciliation when in conflict - repent for any sinful response. Stop me from blaming and quickly repent to others
27. Live at peace with everyone, so I am in right relationship with every person as far as it depends on me
28. Stay away from comparing myself to others. Teach me to live interdependent with those around me
29. Never get defensive when criticized. Empower me with a grateful heart in all circumstances, even when confronted
30. Stay away from competing with others.
31. Remove any barriers that keep compassion flowing through every word and attitude I have
32. Allow people to know who I really am - Teach me how to live transparent yet wise, being real and not living with pretense
33. Submit joyfully to the authority that You have placed over my life to protect me
34. Never rationalize my sin, rather seek Your truth. Help me to pursue correction and input from others
35. Boast about what the Lord has and is doing rather than what I have done or am doing
36. Accept and love myself, for I am Your child!

Lord because I am a very important part of Your body, my Church, I desire to:

37. Let go of my independence and learn to become interconnected with Your body - *1 Cor. 12:12*
38. Faithfully serve and pray for my Church - *Romans 12:11*
39. Saturate the ministry that I serve in through faith filled prayer - *James 4:10*
40. Constantly declare my dependence in word and action on You, as I serve Your body - *Col. 3:23*
41. Confess my sins to others - *James 5:16*

42. Have no tolerance for complaints, criticism or gossip - *1 Timothy 5:19, James 4:11*
43. Submit to other Christians - *Ephesians 5:21*
44. Forgive anyone who offends me - *Colossians 3:13*
45. Respect and submit to the authority of my boss, leaders, government officials, Pastors ... - *1 Thessalonians 5:13,14*
46. Honor my spiritual leaders, always speaking well of them - *Hebrews 13:17*
47. Humbly accept and respond publicly to the message when it is preached - *James 1:21*
48. Refuse the poisonous root of bitterness, which defiles many - *Hebrews 12:15*
49. Celebrate the many ways You have gifted others and gifted me - *1 Corinthians 12:18*
50. Agree wholeheartedly with and love my Church body, (no matter what) working together with one mind and purpose.” -
Philippians 2:2