

# CLASSIC EXPRESSIONS OF PRIDE

## Have you...

1. Not wanted to talk with someone or spend time with them because they just don't quite measure up.
2. Thought: "They should have asked me to do that. I would have done it better."
3. Wanted to turn the conversation to highlight something you have done.
4. Gotten most of your sense of worth from having a group of people who are loyal to you.
5. Felt a good report of someone else lessens your worth.
6. Had as your deepest conviction about advice that, "After all, advice is just advice. You don't have to take it."
7. Had a lack of openness about important areas of your life like your times with God, your dating, your marriage, your other relationships.
8. Not asked for counsel, advice or perspective about dating, marriage, finances, and other vital areas of life.
9. Known that you were wrong, but resisted admitting it to yourself and to others.
10. For men: been particularly defensive about something pointed out to you by a woman.
11. For leaders: talked about what others ought to be doing while not being open about the fact that you are not doing those things.
12. Believed your approach to life or ministry was much better than that of others. Thought you had a right balance or emphasis that they don't have.
13. Heard about someone else's problems and felt better about yourself because that has not happened to you.
14. Heard a person give out praise and waited for your name to be spoken.
15. Felt cheated because you did not get to work with someone or did not get to be involved with a project for which you thought you would be good at.

## Have you...

1. Only half listened to what someone was telling you because they are just not that important of a person.
2. Resented the input of someone you don't like or a person who annoys you.
3. Been given a lot to do and then gone after it, without much prayer.
4. Seldom asked others seriously to pray for you.
5. Not volunteered for something because you fear making mistakes or failing, and don't want to look bad.
6. Not been supportive and encouraging of other people. Not celebrated their victories because you are highly competitive.
7. Interrupted and finished people's sentences.
8. Had a strong desire to guard whatever you consider to be your territory, your expertise.
9. Filtered out things that you don't like to hear from the advice and counsel you are given. Doing only those elements that you want to do.
10. Avoided situations where you might have to do something that looks menial or below you. Sometimes even coming up with great spiritual excuses about why you shouldn't do it.
11. Consistently thought that the assignments given you or the ministry opportunities made for you don't show appreciation for who you are and what you have to offer.
12. Listened to advice, agreed with the advice, but then didn't put it into practice.
13. Neglected to pray when giving and taking advice to & from others.
14. Not planned special times to just go be with God.
15. Thought pride is not that big a problem for you.
16. Not confessed sin unless you were backed into a corner and confronted.