

SINS OF ATTITUDE

God not only views our outward actions, He watches the attitude behind them.
God is deeply focused on the attitude of our heart.
How we speak can be more important than what we say.

I. Lukewarmness

Revelation 3:15-16

God desires a fervent and passionate love from His children.
The attitude of lukewarmness nauseates God
The root of all sin is a lack of fervent love for Christ
The very root of sin is the love and worship of self over God.
Can you describe your relationship with God as one of passion?
Are you on fire for: Prayer? Bible study? Service?
Ask God to give you a new heart

Ezekiel 36:26

II. Pride

1 Peter 5:5, Psalm 51:17

The worse form of pride is the attitude of spiritual complacency that sees little need for cleansing or growth
Do you think of yourself as spiritually superior to others?
Do you justify your sins by believing that no one is perfect?
Do you compare yourself to others and believe that compared to others you have almost arrived?
God hates self-righteousness and spiritual complacency.
Humility is the first step for personal revival

2 Chronicles 7:14

III. Self-Promotion

Philippians 2:3-4

Do you do things to draw attention to yourself?
Do you promote yourself and put others down?
Are you highly competitive and desire to win and be number one at all cost?
Do you seek to be the center of attention?
Do you think mostly in terms of your own needs and desires?
Is your attitude that you feel better than others?
God hates all forms of arrogance and self-exaltation.

1 Peter 5:5

IV. Prejudice and Partiality

James 2:1,4

Each person has great value to God.
Believers should never harbor hostility or prejudice toward those of a different race, physical appearance, or economic standing.
Prejudice comes in many subtle forms and is all too common among believers.

V. Unbelief

Hebrews 11:6

One of the most deadly sins that a believer can commit.
Unbelief immediately short circuits God's power in a believer's life.
Because of unbelief, many believers live in weakness and defeat
Are you more often filled with doubt than faith?
Do you excuse unbelief by saying that you are a born worrier?
A pattern of worry is willful sin against God

VI. An Unkind, Unloving Spirit

Ephesians 4:2

The primary mark of a Spirit-filled believer is a kind loving Spirit.
The primary mark of a carnal believer is a critical, angry, attitude.
A sure sign of carnality is loud, pushy attitude which demands its own way
Are you often critical and harsh with people?
Are you insensitive to the feelings and needs of others?

Are you quick to get angry and speak your mind?
Do you make excuses for your behavior?

VII. An Unforgiving Attitude

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Matthew 5:44

A forgiving attitude is a primary mark of someone right with God.
It is common for people to become highly religious, yet possess a judgmental, unloving spirit.
Pharisees come in all shapes and sizes.
Do you respond with forgiveness and love when someone hurts you?
Do you make a point of actively doing good to those who have done you evil?
Do you brood when someone disappoints you?
Do you withhold your kindness because they don't deserve it?
Places of disappointment are your greatest opportunity to let Jesus live through you.
You will experience your greatest growth or worse failure?

VIII. Materialism and Worldliness

1 Timothy 6:6, 1 John 2:15-17

Many believers truly covet the symbols of worldly status and wealth.
Do you want things you do not have?
Does your debt affect your giving?
Acknowledge God's absolute ownership
Borrow little or nothing
Commit to living below your means