

## The Adam Complex (Men) & Eve Complex (Women)

### Predominant Symptoms

*“Particular male and female behavior patterns which are not the same.”*

**Men:** “God said, ‘You shall not eat it’...and he ate” (Gen. 3:3-6).

- 1) Willful breaking of God’s commandments
- 2) Take over God’s authority for themselves
- 3) Urge to get rid of God
- 4) Take over the knowledge that belongs with God and subject it to:
  - a. Ungodly service
  - b. Human reasoning and rationalization
  - c. Begetting schemes in opposition to God’s commandments
- 5) To resist and disobey God
- 6) To resist whatever / whomever represents His authority:
  - a. Their own fathers
  - b. Law enforcement
  - c. School administrators
  - d. Social and religious traditions, etc.
- 7) Aim to weaken, disable, overthrow, and ‘kill’ representatives of the Father
- 8) And take the Father’s place for themselves
- 9) Knowledge is forced to serve them rather than lead them to the Father
- 10) Issuing commandments, like God, to judge, condemn, and punish others
- 11) Radical revisions and out of contest selections of God’s law
- 12) Inventing their own laws that work against God’s
- 13) Notable legalism and moralism for the sake of self-righteousness
- 14) Those who do not keep a man’s laws are “unrighteous, criminal, evil”

**Women:** “The woman saw...contemplated...took and ate” (Gen. 3:6)

- 1) Being the origin of truth
- 2) The desire to BE (replace) God’s knowledge rather than take it over
  - a. To be together (co-equal, ‘comparable’) to God rather than Adam
  - b. To be divine wisdom itself
- 2) Desire to be the source of knowledge and reason
- 3) To appear to be the pure ‘wisdom’ coming straight from the Father
- 4) Her wisdom is superior
  - a. She should run things
  - b. Be in charge
  - c. Openly or subtly manipulate
- 5) Avoid examining a truth that will interfere with what she wants
- 6) Open to self-delusion that what she does is good (avoids outright disobedience)
- 7) Enthralled with the conviction that her intentions are good
- 8) Assumed ‘good’ intentions justify obviously bad behavior
- 9) Comfortable with playing ‘the holiness game’ in self-deception
  - a. Playing the role of a sinner
  - b. Going through motions of repentance
  - c. All the more convinced of being good and irresistible to God and man
- 10) Appearing and believing to radiate love; it is the devil working through her
  - a. Prefers the devil’s counsel and her own reasoning to God’s commandments
  - b. They sound better and more logical
- 11) Feigns love and closeness to the Father, but harbors disobedience
- 12) Able to deceive almost anyone who is not spiritually perceptive
- 13) Produces confused children

## The Commandments of Christ

“Be perfect,” we are commanded, “as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48). Therefore perfection in Christ is an eternal and indescribable process that cannot be contained by a list alone. Yet Christ and the Apostles give us commands that form the basis of our life in, and love for, Christ. “To enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matt. 19:17). And, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (Jn. 14:15). So we diligently read scripture and practice what is said.

1. Love your enemies: do good to them that hate you (Matt. 5:44).
2. Resist not evil: if a man slaps you on one cheek, turn to him the other also (Matt. 5:30-40).
3. Avenge not yourselves, give way to wrath, and suffer to be defrauded (Rom. 12:18, 19).
4. If a man takes away your goods, do not ask for their return (Luke 6:29, 30).
5. Agree with your adversary quickly, submitting even to wrong for the sake of peace (Matt. 5:25; 1 Cor. 6:7).
6. Labor not to be rich: be ready to every good work, give to those who ask; relieve the afflicted (1 Tim. 6:8; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:16; James 1:27).
7. Do not your alms before men: Let not your left hand know what your right hand does (Matt. 6:1-4).
8. Recompense to no man evil for evil: overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:17).
9. Bless them that curse you; let no cursing come out of your mouth (Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:14).
10. Render not evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing (1 Pet. 3:9).
11. Pray for them that despitefully use you and afflict you (Matt. 5:44).
12. Grudge not: judge not: complain not: condemn not (James 5:9; Matt. 7:1).
13. Put away anger, wrath, bitterness, and all evil speaking (Eph. 4:31; 1 Pet. 2:1).
14. Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16).
15. Be not conformed to this world: love not the world (Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15).
16. Deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts. If your right hand offends you, cut it off (Titus 2:13; Matt. 5:30).
17. Servants, be faithful, even to bad masters (Eph. 6:5-8).
18. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate (Rom. 12:16).
19. Owe no man anything (Rom. 13:7,8).
20. In case of sin (known or heard of) speak not of it to others, but tell the offending brother of the matter between you and him alone, with a view to recovery (Matt. 18:15; Gal. 6:1).
21. Love the Lord your God with all your heart (Matt. 22:37).
22. Pray always; pray with brevity and simplicity; pray secretly (Luke 18:1; Matt. 6:7).
23. In everything give thanks to God and recognize Him in all your ways (Eph. 5:20; Prov. 3:6).
24. As you would that men should do to you, do so to them (Matt. 7:12).
25. Take Christ for an example and follow in his steps (1 Pet. 2:21).
26. Let Christ dwell in your heart by faith (Eph. 3:17).

27. Esteem Christ more highly than all earthly things; yes, than your own life (Luke 14:26).
28. Confess Christ freely before men (Luke 12:8).
29. Beware lest the cares of life or the allurements of pleasure weaken his hold on your heart (Matt. 24:44).
30. Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 22:39).
31. Exercise lordship over no one (Matt. 23:11).
32. Seek not your own welfare only, nor bear your own burdens merely, but have regard to those of others (Phil. 2:4; Gal. 6:2).
33. Let your light shine before men: hold forth the word of life. Do good to all men as you have opportunity (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:16; Gal. 6:10).
34. Be blameless and harmless, as the sons of God in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (Phil. 2:15).
35. Be gentle, meek, kind-hearted, compassionate, merciful, forgiving (2 Tim. 2:24; Titus 2:2; Eph. 4:32).
36. Be sober, grave, sincere, temperate (Phil. 4:5; 1 Pet. 1:13; 5:8).
37. Speak the truth every man with his neighbor: put away all lying (Eph. 4:25).
38. Whatsoever you do, do it fully as unto the Lord, and not unto men (Col. 3:23).
39. Be watchful, vigilant, brave, joyful, courteous, and strong (1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:6-10).
40. Be clothed with humility; be patient toward all (Col. 3:12; Rom. 12:12).
41. Follow peace with all men (Heb. 12:14).
42. Sympathize in the joys and sorrows of others (Rom. 12:15).
43. Follow after whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and praiseful (Phil. 4:8).
44. Refrain utterly from adultery, fornication, uncleanness, drunkenness, covetousness, wrath, strife, sedition, hatred, emulation, boasting, vainglory, envy, jesting, and foolish talking (Eph. 5:3,4).
45. Whatever you do, consider the effect of your action on the honor of God's name among men. Do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31; 3:17).
46. Reckon yourselves dead to all manner of sin. Henceforth live not to yourselves, but to him who died for you, and rose again (Rom. 6-11; 2 Cor. 5:15).
47. Be zealous of good works, always abounding in the work of the Lord, wearying not in well doing (Titus 2:14; Gal. 6:9).
48. Speak evil of no man (Titus 3:2).
49. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Col. 3:16).
50. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt (Col. 3:8; 4:6).
51. Obey rules; submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake (Titus 3:1).
52. Be holy in all manner of conversation (1 Pet. 1:15, 16).
53. Give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully (1 Tim. 5:14).