



ACTIONS OF FRUIT BEARING AND NON-FRUIT BEARING SHEPHERDS

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By their fruits you shall know them (Matthew 7:20)

The true test of shepherding is FRUIT, not wants, plans, or talk. Jesus made this very clear. Every person, or group, is known by their fruits. No fruit, no results oriented leadership.

NON-FRUIT BEARING SHEPHERDS

VS.

FRUIT-BEARING SHEPHERDS

1. Are strict managers
2. Are resistant to change
3. Are “cannot do” oriented
4. Looking for problems
5. See only the negatives possibilities
6. Are blind to own faults
7. Avoid accepting blame
8. Reluctant to accept responsibility
9. Make excuses for mistakes
10. Plays the blame game
11. Very poor listener

1. Are out-front leaders
2. Are open to change
3. Are “can-do” oriented?
4. Seeking solutions to problems
5. See positive possibilities
6. Admit limitations
7. Quick to accept blame
8. Eager to accept responsibility
9. Refuse to make excuses
10. Accepts the blame
11. Quick and attentive listener



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| 12. Holds grudges | 12. Quick to forgive |
| 13. Bound by fear | 13. Is not a coward |
| 14. Lives in the past | 14. Futuristic in thinking |
| 15. Low energy level | 15. High energy level |
| 16. Tells others what to do | 16. Shows others what to do |
| 17. Difficult to make decisions | 17. Very decisive |
| 18. Likes to control others | 18. Enjoys freeing others |
| 19. Often works too hard | 19. Works smart |
| 20. Afraid to take risks | 20. Is a risk taker |
| 21. Walks by sight | 21. Walks by faith |
| 22. Bound by traditions | 22. Open to new ideas |
| 23. Closed minded | 23. Open minded |
| 24. Avoids failure at all costs | 24. Isn't afraid to try and fail |
| 25. Has low self-esteem | 25. Has God-esteem |
| 26. is prone to gossip | 26. Refrains from rumors/gossip |
| 27. Keeps power for self | 27. Empowers others |
| 28. Is non goal oriented | 28. Is a goal setter |
| 29. Love's others conditionally | 29. Practices "agape" freely |
| 30. Does things right | 30. Does the RIGHT thing |
| 31. Talk oriented | 31. Result oriented |
| 32. No personal vision | 32. Has a dynamic vision |
| 33. Creates pity parties | 33. Celebrates victories |
| 34. Complains about everything | 34. Tries to see the good |



35. Refrains from self-examination

36. Fault finder

37. Doesn't make new friends

38. Operates behind closed doors

39. Short sighted

40. Stingy

41. Is always upset or angry

42. Doesn't know what's happening

43. Is at the back of the pack

44. Ineffective people skills

45. Brings our worst in others

46. Wallows in setbacks

47. Avoids confrontation

48. Harsh and rude to others

49. Is a solo player

50. Quits in tough times

51. Is easily influenced by others

52. Is unstable

53. Has a negative attitude

54. Rarely prays about ministry

55. Infrequent Bible study

56. Loves being the boss

57. Hates being questioned

35. Freely examines himself

36. Potential finder

37. Makes new friends quickly

38. Operates with open door

39. Long-range visionary

40. Freely gives

41. Cool, clam and collected

42. Makes things happen

43. Is out front leading

44. Effective people skills

45. Brings out best in others

46. Bounces back from setbacks

47. Lovingly confronts

48. Speaks the truth in love

49. Is a team player

50. Energized in tough times

51. Knows his own mind.

52. Is steadfast (1 Cor. 15:58).

53. Has attitude of Christ

54. Is a prayer warrior

55. Perpetually in the word.

56. Loves being a servant

57. Invited questions



58. Stubborn and set in ways

59. Is joyous and bitter

60. Leads reluctantly

58. Is flexible and pliable.

59. Happy and joyous

60. Leads with desire

As a spiritual shepherd where do you find yourself on the above list? What are the fruits of your leadership? How would your followers rate you on the above list?

HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YOU BE MY DISCIPLE (John 15:8).

**YOU CANNOT BE A
SPIRITUAL PERSON
WITHOUT A LIFESTYLE
THAT SUPPORTS
SPIRITUALITY**