

THE HEART GOD REVIVES

“Whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him I will not endure.” Psalm 101:5

Proud People	Broken People
Focus on the failure of others	Are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need
Have a critical, fault-finding spirit, look at everyone else’s faults with a microscope, but their own with a telescope	Are compassionate, can forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven
Are self-righteous, look down on others	Esteem all others better than themselves
Have an independent, self-sufficient spirit	Have a dependent spirit, recognize their need for others
Have to prove that they are right	Are willing to yield “the right to be right”
Claim rights, have a demanding spirit	Yield their rights, have a meek spirit
Are self-protective of their time, their rights, and their reputation	Are self-denying
Desire to be served	Are motivated to serve others
Desire to be a success	Are motivated to be faithful and to make others a success
Desire self-advancement	Desire to promote others
Have a drive to be recognized and appreciated	Have a sense of their own unworthiness, are thrilled that God would use them at all
Are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked	Are eager for others to get the credit and rejoice when others are lifted up
Have a subconscious feeling, “This ministry/church is privileged to have me and my gifts,” think of what they can do for God	Have a heart attitude that says, “I don’t deserve to have a part in any ministry,” know that they have nothing to offer God except the life of Jesus flowing through their broken lives
Feel confident in how much they know	Are humbled by how very much they have to learn
Are self-conscious	Are not concerned with “self” at all
Keep others at arm’s length	Are willing to risk getting close to others and to take the risks of loving intimately

Are quick to blame others	Accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation
Are unapproachable or defensive when criticized	Receive criticism with a humble, open spirit
Are concerned with being respectable, with what others think, work to protect their own image	Are concerned with being real, what matters to them is not what others think but what God knows, are willing to die to their own reputation
Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others	Are willing to be open and transparent with others as God directs
Want to be sure that no one finds out when they have sinned, their instinct is to cover up	Once broken, don't care who knows or who finds out, are willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose
Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"	Are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary
Tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin	Are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin
Are concerned about the consequences of their sin	Are grieved over the cause, the root of their sin
Are remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found out or caught	Are truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin
Wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness when there is a misunderstanding or conflict in a relationship	Take initiative to be reconciled when there is misunderstanding or conflict in relationship, they race to the cross, they see if they can get there first, no matter how wrong the other may have been
Compare themselves with others and feel worthy of honor	Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel a desperate need for His mercy
Are blind to their true heart condition	Walk in the light
Don't think they have anything to repent of	Realize they have a need of a continual heart attitude of repentance
Don't think they need revival, but are sure that everyone else does	Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and for a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” Psalm 5:17