

## Characteristics of Broken People Prepared for Revival

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#### Proud, Unbroken People

Focus on the failures of others.

Self-righteous; have critical, fault-finding spirit; look at own life / faults through a telescope but others with a microscope.

Look down on others.

Independent / self-sufficient spirit.

Maintain control; must be *my* way.

Have to prove that they are right.

Claim rights.

Demanding Spirit.

Self-protective of time, rights, reputation.

Desire to be served.

Desire to be a success.

Desire for self-advancement.

Driven to be recognized / appreciated.

Wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked.

"The ministry is privileged to have me!"

Think of what they can do for God.

Feel confident in how much they know.

Self-conscious.

Keep people at arm's length.

Quick to blame others.

#### Broken People

Overwhelmed with sense of their own spiritual need.

Compassionate; forgiving; look for best in others.

Esteem all others better than self.

Dependent spirit / recognize need for others.

Surrender control.

Willing to yield the right to be right!

Yield rights.

Giving Spirit.

Self-denying.

Motivated to serve others.

Desire to be faithful to make others a success.

Desire to promote others.

Sense of unworthiness; thrilled to be used at all; eager for others to get credit.

Rejoice when others are lifted up.

"I don't deserve to serve in this ministry!"

Know that they have nothing to offer God.

Humbled by how much they have to learn.

Not concerned with self at all.

Risk getting close to others / willing to take the risks of loving intimately.

Accept personal responsibility - can see where *they* were wrong.

## **Proud, Unbroken People**

Defensive when criticized.

Concerned with being "respectable."

Concerned about what others think.

Work to maintain image / protect reputation.

Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others.

Want to be sure nobody finds out about their sin.

Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"

When confessing sin, deal in generalities.

✓ Concerned about the consequences of their sins.

Remorseful over their sin - got caught / found out.

When there is a misunderstanding or conflict, wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness.

Compare themselves with others and feel deserving of honor.

Blind to their true heart condition.

Don't think they have anything to repent of.

Don't think they need revival (think everybody else does!)

## **Broken People**

Receive criticism with a humble, open heart.

✓ Concerned with being real.

All that matters is what God knows.

✓ Die to own reputation.

✓ Willing to be open / transparent with others.

✓ Willing to be exposed. (Once broken, you don't care who knows -- nothing to lose!)

Are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness.

Deal in specifics.

✓ Grieved over the cause / root of their sins.

✓ Repentant over sin (forsake it).

Take the initiative to be reconciled; see if they can get to the cross first!

✓ Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel desperate need for mercy.

Walk in the light.

✓ Continual heart attitude of repentance.

✓ Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with the filling of His Spirit!