

# The **Heart** God Revives

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a **broken**  
and a contrite **heart**, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:17

## **Proud People . . .**

- focus on the failures of others.
- have a critical, fault-finding spirit; look at everyone else's faults with a microscope, but their own with a telescope; look down on others.
- are self-righteous; look down on others.
- have an independent, self-sufficient spirit.
- have to prove that they are right.
- claim rights; have a demanding spirit.
- are self-protective of their time, their rights, and their reputation.
- desire to be served.
- desire to be a success.
- desire self-advancement.
- have a drive to be recognized, and appreciated.
- have a subconscious feeling, "This ministry/ church is privileged to have me and my gifts"; think of what they can do for God.
- feel confident in how much they know.
- are self-conscious.
- keep others at arms' length.

## **Broken People . . .**

- are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need.
- are compassionate; can forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven; esteem all others better than themselves.
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- have a dependent spirit; recognize their need for others.
- are willing to yield the right to be right.
- yield their rights; have a meek spirit.
- are self-denying.
- are motivated to serve others.
- are motivated to be faithful and to make others a success.
- desire to promote others.
- have a sense of their own unworthiness; are thrilled that God would use them at all.
- have a heart attitude that says, "I don't deserve to have any part in this ministry"; know that they have nothing to offer God except the life of Jesus flowing through their broken lives.
- are humbled by how very much they have to learn.
- are not concerned with self at all.
- are willing to risk getting close to others and to take risks of loving intimately.

### **Proud People . . . (cont.)**

- are quick to blame others.
- are unapproachable or defensive when criticized.
- are concerned with being respectable, with what others think; work to protect their own image and reputation.
- find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others.
- want to be sure that no one finds out when they have sinned; instinct is to cover up.
- have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"
- tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin.
- are concerned about the consequences of their sin.
- are remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found out or caught.
- wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness when there is a misunderstanding or conflict in relationships.
- compare themselves with others and feel worthy of honor.
- are blind to their true heart condition.
- don't think they have anything to repent of.
- don't think they need revival, but are sure that everyone else does.

### **Broken People . . . (cont.)**

- accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation.
- receive criticism with a humble, open spirit.
- 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.
- are willing to be open and transparent with others as God directs.
- once broken, don't care who knows or who finds out; are willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose.
- are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary.
- are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin.
- are grieved over the cause, the root of their sin.
- are truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin.
- take the initiative to be reconciled when there is a misunderstanding or a conflict in relationships; they race to the cross; they see if they can get there first, no matter how wrong the other may have been.
- compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel desperate need for His mercy.
- walk in the light.
- realize they have need of a continual heart attitude of repentance.
- continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and for a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit.

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