

Proud, Unbroken People*

Focus on the failures of others

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

Look down on others

Are independent; have a self-sufficient spirit

Maintain control; must have their way

Have to prove that they are right

Claim rights

Have a demanding spirit

Are self-protective of time, rights, reputation

Desire to be served

Desire to be a success

Desire for self-advancement

Are driven to be recognized and appreciated

Are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked

Think “the ministry is privileged to have me!”

Think of what they can do for God

Feel confident in how much they know

Are self-conscious

Keep people at arm’s length

Are quick to blame others

Are unapproachable

Are defensive when criticized

Are concerned with being respectable

Are concerned about what others think

Work to maintain image and protect reputation

Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others

Want to be sure no one finds out about their sin

Have a hard time saying, “I was wrong. Would you forgive me?”

Deal in generalities when confessing sin

Are concerned about the consequences of their sin

Are remorseful for being caught

Wait for the other party to come and ask for forgiveness in a conflict

Compare themselves with others and feel deserving of honor

Are blind to their true heart condition

Don’t think they have anything of which to repent

Don’t think they need revival (think everybody else does)

Humble, Broken People*

Are overwhelmed with their own spiritual need

Are compassionate; have a forgiving spirit; look for best in others

Esteem all others better than self

Have dependent spirit; recognize others’ needs

Surrender control

Are willing to yield the right to be right

Yield rights

Have a giving spirit

Are self-denying

Are motivated to serve others

Desire to be faithful to make others a success

Desire to promote others

Have a sense of unworthiness; are thrilled to be used at all; are eager for others to get the credit

Rejoice when others are lifted up

Think “I don’t deserve to serve in this ministry!”

Know that they have nothing to offer God

Are humbled by how much they have to learn

Have no concern with self at all

Are willing to take the risks of loving intimately

Accept personal responsibility

Are easy to be entreated

Receive criticism with a humble, open heart

Are concerned with being real

Know all that matters is what God knows

Die to own reputation

Are willing to be transparent with others

Are willing to be exposed; knowing once broken, there’s nothing to lose

Are quick to admit fault and to seek forgiveness

Deal in specifics

Are grieved over the root of their sin

Are repentant over sin and forsake it

Take the initiative to be reconciled; gets there first

Compare themselves with the holiness of God and feel desperate for mercy

Walk in the light

Have a continual heart attitude toward repentance

Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with the filling of the Holy Spirit

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