

The Heart God Revives

"THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND A CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, THOU WILL NOT DESPISE." — PSALM 51:17

Proud People... Broken People...

Focus on the failures of others. Are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need.

Have a critical, fault-finding spirit; look at everyone Are compassionate; can forgive much because they know else's faults with a microscope, but their own with a how much they have been forgiven.

Are self-righteous; look down on others. Esteem all others better than themselves.

telescope.

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 to 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 Are self-denying. reputation.

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 Are eager for others to get the credit and rejoice when overlooked. others are lifted up.

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Have a subconscious feeling, "This ministry/church is Have a heart attitude that says, "I don't deserve to have a privileged to have me and my gifts," think of what they part in any ministry;" know that they have nothing to offer can do for God. 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. Are willing to risk getting close to others and to take risks Keep others at arms' length. 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 Are concerned with being real; what matters to them is think, work to protect their own image and reputation. 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 Once broken, don't care who knows or who finds out; sinned, their instinct is to cover up. are willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose. Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please Are quick to admit failure and seek forgiveness when forgive me?" necessary. Tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin. Are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin. Are grieved over the cause, the root of their sin. Are concerned about the consequences of their sin. Are remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found Are truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in out or caught. the fact that they forsake that sin. Wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness when Take the initiative to be reconciled when there is there is a misunderstanding or conflict in a relationship. misunderstanding or 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 with others and feel worthy of Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel a honor. 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 need of a continual heart attitude of repentance.

Don't think they need revival, but are sure that everyone Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with else does. God and for a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit.