

# Proud, Unbroken People vs. Humble, Broken people

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
Psalms 51:17*

## Proud People

Focus on the failures of others

A critical, fault-finding spirit; look at everyone else's faults with a microscope, but their own with a telescope

Self-righteous; look down on others

Independent, self-sufficient spirit

Have to prove that they are right

Claim rights; have demanding spirit

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

Wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked

Have a subconscious feeling, "This ministry/church is privileged to have me and my gifts"; thinks what they can do for God

Feel confident in how much they know

Self-conscious

Keep others at arms' length

Quick to blame others

Unapproachable or defensive when criticized

Concerned with being respectable, with what others think; work to protect their own image and reputation

Find it difficult to share their spiritual need with others

## Humble People

⌘ Overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need

⌘ Compassionate; can forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven

⌘ Esteem all others better than themselves

⌘ Have a dependent spirit; recognize their need for others

⌘ Willing to yield the right to be right

⌘ Yield their rights; have a meek spirit

⌘ Self-denying

⌘ Motivated to serve others

⌘ Motivated to be faithful and to make others a success

⌘ Desire to promote others

⌘ Have a sense of their own unworthiness; thrilled that God would use them at all

⌘ Eager for others to get the credit; rejoice when others are lifted up

⌘ Heart attitude is, "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

⌘ Humbled by how very much they have to learn

⌘ Not concerned with self at all

⌘ Willing to risk getting close to others and take risks of loving intimately

⌘ Accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation

⌘ Receive criticism with a humble, open spirit

⌘ 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

⌘ 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?"	✂	Quick to admit failure and seek forgiveness when necessary
Tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin	✂	Able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin
Concerned about the consequences of their sin	✂	Grieved over the cause, the <i>root</i> of their sin
Remorseful over their sin, sorry that they were found out or caught	✂	Truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin
Wait for the other party to come and ask forgiveness when there is a misunderstanding or conflict in a relationship	✂	Take the 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 desperate need for His mercy
Blind to their true heart condition	✂	Walk in the light
Don't think they have anything to repent of	✂	Realize they have need for a continual heart attitude of repentance
Don't think they need revival, but are sure that everyone else does	✂	Continually sense their need for fresh encounters with God and for the fresh filling of His Holy Spirit

*"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" **He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?***

Micah 6:6-8

*but this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*  
Isaiah 66:2b

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did to count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*  
Philippians 2:3-8

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
Matthew 5:3

*But he said to me, "But grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*  
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

*And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: **“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”*

Isaiah 6:1-7

*Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:27-31

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:1-3

*Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.*

1 Peter 3:8

*Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility towards one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

1 Peter 5:5

*Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, berating with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the LORD has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

Colossians 3:12-13

