

# Characteristics of Broken People Prepared for Revival

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## *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 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
- Wants to be sure no one finds out about their sin
- Are concerned about the consequences of their sin
- Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong. Would you forgive me?"
- Deal in generalities when confessing sin
- Are remorseful when for being caught
- Wait for 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 (everybody else does).

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- 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
- Risk getting close to others; are willing to take the risks of loving intimately
- Accept personal responsibility; can see where they were wrong
- 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; know 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.