

# The Heart God Revives

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*“The sacrifices of God are a **broken** spirit;  
a **broken** and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.”  
(Psalm 51:17)*

## **Proud People . . .**

1. Focus on the failures of others
2. Are self-righteous; 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

## **Broken People . . .**

1. Are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need
2. Are compassionate; can forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven
3. Have an independent, self-sufficient spirit
3. Have a dependent spirit; recognize their need for others
4. Have to prove that they are right
4. Are willing to yield the right to be right
5. Claim rights; have a demanding spirit
5. Yield their rights; have a meek spirit
6. Are self-protective of their time, their rights, and their reputation
6. Are self-denying
7. Desire to be served
7. Are motivated to serve others
8. Desire to be a success
8. Are motivated to be faithful and to make others a success
9. Desire self-advancement
9. Desire to promote others
10. Have a drive to be recognized, to be appreciated; are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked
10. Have a sense of their own unworthiness; are thrilled that God would use them at all in any ministry; are eager for others to get the credit, and rejoice when others are lifted up

11. Have a subconscious feeling, "This ministry is privileged to have me and my gifts"; think of what they can do for God
12. Feel confident in how much they know
13. Are self-conscious
14. Keep others at arm's length
15. Are quick to blame others
16. Are unapproachable
17. Are defensive when criticized
18. Are concerned with being respectable, with what others think; work to protect their own image and reputation
19. Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others
20. Want to be sure that no one finds out when they have sinned; instinct is to cover up
21. Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"
22. Tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin
23. Are concerned about the consequences of their sin
11. 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
12. Are humbled by how very much they have to learn
13. Are not concerned with self at all
14. Are willing to risk getting close to others and to take risks of loving intimately
15. Accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation
16. Are easy to be entreated
17. Receive criticism with a humble, open spirit
18. Are concerned with being real; what they care about and what matters to them is not what others think but what God knows; are willing to die to their own reputation
19. Are willing to be open and transparent with others as God directs
20. Once broken, don't care who knows or who finds out; are willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose
21. Are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary
22. Under the conviction of God's Spirit, are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin
23. Are grieved over the cause, the root of their sin
24. Are remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found out or caught fact that they forsake that sin
25. Wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness when there is a misunderstanding or conflict in relationships
26. Compare themselves with others and feel worthy of honor
27. Are blind to their true heart condition
28. Don't think they have anything to repent of
29. Don't think they need revival but are sure that everyone else does
24. Are truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, which is evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin
25. Take the initiative to be reconciled when there is a misunderstanding or conflict in a relationship; race to the cross; see if they can get there first, no matter how wrong the other may have been
26. Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel a desperate need for His mercy
27. Walk in the light
28. Realize they have need of a continual heart attitude of repentance
29. Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit