

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up.” James 4:10

Proud Self-filled People

Desire to be a success so others will see

See all the good they do and feel worthy of Salvation

Feel confident and proud of how much they know

Thank God that they aren’t like the world around them

Are quick to cast blame on others for problems

Have difficulty saying, “I was wrong, will you forgive me?”

Tend to focus on the failures and weaknesses of others

Feel good when they realize they have strength above others

Have an independent, self-sufficient spirit

Have to keep personal control: “Everything must be my way!”

Have to prove they are right and save face even when wrong

Talk only about themselves, their life, their accomplishments

Are self-focused, self-serving, and only see things their way

Are often unmoved, apathetic, and aloof to pain and suffering in others

Protective of personal space, time, and reputation

Too busy to notice or care about the “small people” in their life

Desire to be served and feel entitled to special treatment and respect

Desire to be recognized and applauded and honored

Always thinking about all the things they can do for God

Feel like everything is ok, but are blind to heart condition

Tend to walk alone and have difficulty sharing spiritual needs

Focus on spiritual performance and achievements while neglecting the heart

Are often cold and unapproachable, and avoid heart connection

Often defensive when criticized, and easily offended

When confessing sins to God and others, deal in generalities

Concerned with being respectable and not a spectacle

Concerned with outside profile and what others think

Compare themselves to others and feel deserving of salvation and honor

Don’t think they need revival, but think everyone else does

Humble Selfless People

Desire to be faithful that God’s glory may be seen

Know that only through Christ’s blood can they gain Salvation

Feel humbled by how much they have yet to learn

Realize that “pride” itself is as deadly as sins of the world

Are quick to accept personal responsibility for problems

Are quick to say, “I’m sorry, let’s work this out.”

Feel deeply their own weaknesses and great spiritual need

Esteem others better than themselves and try to lift others up

Have a dependent spirit, recognizing their constant need of Christ help

Are willing to surrender control: They only want God’s way

Willing to yield the “right to be right,” even when right!

Are more interested in asking questions and learning about others

Are others-focused, willing to take a servant’s role, see a different way

Have a broken heart for those in need, weep with Christ

Allow God to protect space, time, reputation

Seek to serve and minister to “small people,” even the “least of these”

Are always looking for ways they can bless and serve others, above self

Content to go unnoticed as long as God gets the glory and honor

Realize that without God they can do nothing, self works are filthy rags

Have a continual attitude of “Lord be merciful to me, a sinner!”

Willing to appear weak and ask for help and spiritual accountability

Are always seeking to connect heart-to-heart and share Christ’s love

Are easy to be entreated, warm, humble, welcoming in manner, loving

Receive criticism with humble, open heart and seek to grow

When confessing sins to God and others, deal with specifics

More concerned with being right with God, regardless of what others see

More concerned with purity of heart and what God thinks

Compare themselves to God’s glory and realize complete unworthiness

Are always the first to acknowledge they need continual daily revival!

 “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove yourselves.” 2 Corinthians 13:5

“But we are all as an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.” Isaiah 64:6

 “Through the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.” Lamentations 3:22

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

 “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” Isaiah 57:15

The Beauty of Humility

True revival starts with recognizing our great need!