



## Brokenness Bookmark (The Heart God Revives)

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Proud people focus on the failures of others.  
*Broken people are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need.*

Proud people have a critical, fault-finding spirit; they look at everyone else's faults with a microscope but their own with a telescope.  
*Broken people are compassionate; they forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven.*

Proud people are self-righteous; they look down on others.  
*Broken people esteem all others better than themselves.*

Proud people have an independent, self-sufficient spirit.  
*Broken people have a dependent spirit; they recognize their need for others.*

Proud people have to prove that they are right.  
*Broken people are willing to yield the right to be right.*

Proud people claim rights; they have a demanding spirit.  
*Broken people yield their rights; they have a meek spirit.*

Proud people are self-protective of their time, their rights, and their reputation.  
*Broken people are self-denying.*

Proud people desire to be served.  
*Broken people are motivated to serve others.*

Proud people desire to be a success.  
*Broken people are motivated to be faithful and to make others a success.*

Proud people desire self-advancement.  
*Broken people desire to promote others.*

Proud people have a drive to be recognized and appreciated.  
*Broken people have a sense of their own unworthiness; they are thrilled that God would use them at all.*

Proud people are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked.  
*Broken people are eager for others to get the credit; they rejoice when others are lifted up.*

Proud people have a subconscious feeling, "This ministry/church is privileged to have me and my gifts"; they think of what they can do for God.  
*Broken people's heart attitude is, "I don't deserve to have a part in any ministry"; they know that they have nothing to offer God except the life of Jesus flowing through their broken lives.*

Proud people feel confident in how much they know.  
*Broken people are humbled by how very much they have to learn.*

Proud people are self-conscious.  
*Broken people are not concerned with self at all.*

Proud people keep others at arms' length.  
*Broken people are willing to risk getting close to others and to take risks of loving intimately.*

Proud people are quick to blame others.  
*Broken people accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation.*

Proud people are unapproachable or defensive when criticized.  
*Broken people receive criticism with a humble, open spirit.*

Proud people are concerned with being respectable, with what others think; they work to protect their own image and reputation.  
*Broken people are concerned with being real; what matters to them is not what others think but what God knows; they are willing to die to their own reputation.*

Proud people find it difficult to share their spiritual need with others.  
*Broken people are willing to be open and transparent with others as God directs.*

Proud people want to be sure that no one finds out when they have sinned; their instinct is to cover up.  
*Broken people, once broken, don't care who knows or who finds out; they are willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose.*

Proud people have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"  
*Broken people are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary.*

Proud people tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin.  
*Broken people are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin.*

Proud people are concerned about the consequences of their sin.  
*Broken people are grieved over the cause, the root of their sin.*

Proud people are remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found out or caught.  
*Broken people are truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin.*

Proud people wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness when there is a misunderstanding or conflict in a relationship.  
*Broken people take the initiative to be reconciled when there is 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.*

Proud people compare themselves with others and feel worthy of honor.  
*Broken people compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel a desperate need for His mercy.*

Proud people are blind to their true heart condition.  
*Broken people walk in the light.*

Proud people don't think they have anything to repent of.  
*Broken people realize they have need of a continual heart attitude of repentance.*

Proud people don't think they need revival, but they are sure that everyone else does.  
*Broken people continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and for a fresh filling of His Spirit.*