

The Beauty of Humility

True revival starts with recognizing our great need!



“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” Eph. 5:14

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” 2 Cor. 13:5

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” Isa. 64:6 “It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.” Lam. 3:22

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall 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 will heal their land.” 2 Chron. 7:14

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth 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.” Isa. 57:15

Proud Self Filled People

Humble Self-less 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 a difficulty saying, “I was wrong, will you forgive me?”
Tend to focus on the failures and weakness 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 very 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 appreciated, and honored
Always thinking about all the things they can do for God
Feel like everything is ok, but they are blind to heart condition
Tend to walk alone and have difficulty sharing spiritual needs
Focus on spiritual performance and achievements while neglecting 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
Are 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

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 other focused, willing to take a servant’s role, see a different way
Have a broken heart for those in need, weep with Christ, long to do something
Giving spirit, allowing 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 daily continual revival!

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