

# The Beauty of Humility

*True revival starts with recognizing our desperate need of a Saviour!*



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

“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

“He who falls into some of the grosser sins may feel a sense of his shame and poverty and his need of the grace of Christ; but pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ and the infinite blessings He came to give.” *Steps to Christ*, p. 30

“Kneeling in faith at the cross, [man] has reached the highest place to which [he] can attain.” *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 209

“Our only claim to [God’s] mercy is our great need.” *Ministry of Healing*, p. 161

## **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 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, appreciated, and honored for their service  
Always thinking about all the things they can do for God  
Feel like everything is ok, but they are blind to their true 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  
Very 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 Self-less People**

Desire to be faithful so 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’s 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 more  
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 stay unknown and let others get credit as long as God is glorified  
Realize that without God, they can do nothing, as self works are filthy rags  
Have a continual attitude of “Lord be merciful to ME, a sinner!”  
Willing to be vulnerable and ask for help, prayer 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**