

Brokenness

Understanding Pride/Insecurity. Cultivating True Humility - *Nancy Leigh DeMoss*

Manifestations of Pride (Rooted in Arrogance and/or Insecurity)

a focus on the failures of others.

self-righteous; a critical fault-finding spirit. look at your own life/failures with a telescope but others with a microscope.

look down on others.

independent; a self-sufficient spirit.

maintain control; must have your way.

must prove you are right.

claim personal rights.

a demanding spirit.

self-protective of time, rights, reputation.

a desire to be served.

a desire to be a success.

a desire for self-advancement.

driven to be recognized and appreciated; wounded when others are promoted and you are overlooked.

think "the ministry is privileged to have me."

think of what you can do for God.

feel confident in how much you know; impress people with your own knowledge of something.

self-conscious.

keep people at arm's length.

quick to blame others.

unapproachable.

defensive when criticized.

concerned with being respectable.

concerned about what others think.

maintain image and protect reputation.

difficulty sharing spiritual needs with others.

difficulty moving at deep levels of grace, mercy, love.

want to be sure no one finds out about your sin.

a hard time saying, "I was wrong. will you forgive me?" wait for the other party to come and ask forgiveness in a conflict.

deal in generalities when confessing sin.

concerned about the consequences of your sin; remorseful for being caught.

compare yourself with others and feel deserving of honor.

blind to your true heart condition.

don't think you have anything of which to repent.

don't think you need revival (but think everybody else does).

Evidences of Humility (Rooted in Authentic Brokenness)

overwhelmed with your own spiritual need.

compassionate; have a forgiving spirit; look for the best in others.

esteem others better than yourself.

a dependent spirit; willing to let others help.

surrender control.

willing to yield the right to be right.

yield personal rights.

a generous/giving spirit.

self-denying.

motivated to serve and bless others.

a desire to be faithful to make others a success.

a desire to promote others.

eager for others to get the credit; rejoice when others are promoted

thrilled to be used at all. think "I don't deserve to serve in this ministry."

know that you have nothing to offer God.

humbled by how much you have to learn; know that true wisdom is worked through humility.

lose yourself as you focus on God and others.

vulnerable; take the risk of loving intimately. risk being misunderstood.

accept personal responsibility; can see where you were wrong.

easy to be entreated/challenged/rebuked.

receive criticism with a humble, open heart.

concerned with being real/genuine/authentic.

know all that matters is what God knows.

die to your own reputation.

willing to be transparent with others.

exhibit the fruit of the spirit; a safe place for someone in need.

willing to be exposed; know once broken, you have nothing to lose.

quick to admit fault and seek forgiveness.

deal in specifics when confessing sin.

grieved over the root of your sin; see God's discipline as His love.

compare yourself with the holiness of God and feel desperate for mercy.

walk in the light; invite others to watch your blind spots.

a continual heart attitude toward repentance.

continually sense your need for a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit.