

Divine Truth Document

Mary Magdalene's Life Story & Diary

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Many of you who have spoken to me recently would know that I am really working at the moment with willingness towards true humility. I am praying constantly for 'the awakening' of my true soul condition that allows our God connection. I feel passionate about it. The reason being that, as I step into this process I have found that, what I thought would feel humiliating actually feels wholly liberating and what I thought would make me unlovable to everyone (i.e. owning and sharing all my imperfections) has actually opened me to feeling more authentic and I have received the most awesome gift - the beginning of a connection with God.

As I began to pray and desire this process I found a book (which I also mentioned in my last post) called [Brokenness: The Heart God Revives](#) by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. The list I have pasted below has been adapted by me from a chapter in the book. I have it printed out and incorporate into my daily prayer time most days now.

Some of the words in the prayer that I have written that follows the list use a concept that Nancy refers to in the book i.e. (my paraphrase here) in order to be truly 'broken' or humble we must learn to become humble with others, *walls down*, as well as with God, *roof off*.

For those who attend the Wednesday group at the Wilkesdale Learning Centre we agreed yesterday to discuss the list at next weeks meeting. I'm posting it here so that everyone may have the chance to read it before then.

By the way if you have never attended this group everyone is welcome. It starts at 10.30am.

I've enjoyed being present with you all the past couple of weeks and I'm excited to think that we all may grow and share in humility.

Love to all,
Mary

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Humility & Pride

Proud people focus on the failures of others.

Humble 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.

Humble 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.

Humble people esteem all others. They have faith in the potential for good in others.

Proud people have an independent, self-sufficient spirit.

***Humble people have a dependent spirit; they recognize their need for God. They value gifts from God and from others. They do not resist giving God or others credit for the wisdom or gifts they have given them.**

Proud people have to prove that they are right.

Humble people are willing to yield the right to be right.

Proud people claim rights; they have a demanding spirit.

Humble people yield their rights; they have a meek spirit.

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

***Humble people are able to love themselves. They do not DEMAND attention or love out of lack or fear. They do not value themselves above others.**

Proud people desire to be served.

Humble people are motivated to serve others.

Proud people desire to be a success.

Humble people are motivated to be faithful and to make others a success.

Proud people desire self-advancement.

***Humble people desire to promote love and God.**

Proud people have a drive to be recognized and appreciated.

***Humble people recognise their relationship with God is their primary relationship. They are humble to feelings of unworthiness and sensitive to when they may be becoming arrogant.**

Proud people are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked.

***Humble people are eager for others to get the credit; they rejoice when others are lifted up. They are humble to their feelings if overlooked and turn to God with these feelings.**

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.

***Humble people know that the true way to teach or 'minister' is through humility and demonstration of God's Grace. They are not afraid to expose their true selves. They realise what God does for them in every moment, especially when teaching others. They recognise all Truth comes from God.**

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Proud people feel confident in how much they know.

Humble people are humbled by how very much they have to learn.

Proud people are self-conscious.

Humble people are not pre-occupied with what others think of them.

Proud people keep others at arms' length.

Humble people are willing to risk getting close to others and to take risks of loving intimately.

Proud people are quick to blame others.

Humble people accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation.

Proud people are unapproachable or defensive when criticized.

Humble people receive criticism with a humble, open spirit.

Proud people become bitter and resentful when they are wronged; they have emotional temper tantrums; they hold others hostage and are easily offended; they carry grudges and keep a record of other's wrongs

Humble people give thanks in all things; they are quick to forgive those that wrong them.

Proud people are concerned with being respectable, with what others think; they work to protect their own image and reputation.

Humble 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.

Humble 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.

Humble people, once Humble, 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?"

***Humble people are quick to admit failure, to feel the cause of their unlovingness and to seek forgiveness when necessary.**

Proud people tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin.

Humble people are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin.

Proud people are concerned about the consequences of their sin.

Humble 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.

Humble people are truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin.

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Proud people wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness when there is a misunderstanding - or conflict in a relationship.

***Humble people take the initiative to be reconciled when there is misunderstanding or conflict in relationships. They are loyal to the principles of love and truth first and always and do not allow pride to prevent them from admitting a transgression.**

Proud people compare themselves with others and feel worthy of honour.

Humble 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.

***Humble people walk in the light – they fully face their true condition and reach out to God from that space.**

Proud people don't think they have anything to repent of.

Humble 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.

Humble people continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and for a fresh filling of His Spirit.

List adapted from <http://www.reviveourhearts.com/pdf/uploads/TheHeartGodRevives.pdf>

Notes with * beside have been altered from the original text by me. The word broken and brokenness has been replaced with humble throughout.

"God please help me to be Humble before you today and everyday. Teach me to live with the walls down and the roof off.

I desire to be near you and to bring glory to you. Help me to be humble to my failings and pain so that I may never cultivate addiction and instead live in the shadow of your love every hour and moment of my life."