

# *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made and the Difference Grace Makes*

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,  
And have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.  
And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge;  
And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.”  
1 Corinthians 13:1, 2

UNDERSTANDING THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR GOD-GIVEN PERSONALITIES WILL HELP US TO UNDERSTAND  
OURSELVES AND GET ALONG WITH OTHERS BETTER.

## Review:

We each are **bent** a certain way, “*for it is God which worketh in you . . . to do of his good pleasure.*”

1) Paul, a CRUSADER both before and after conversion;

• **principled, purposeful, controlled, perfectionistic, energetic**  
for the difference grace makes, see his sentimental side in Phil. 1:3-8

2) Mary, the Mother of Jesus; the Apostle John—HELPERS to the nth degree

• **open-hearted, generous, accommodating, selfless, discerning**  
for the difference grace makes, see Mary’s praise in Luke 1 and John’s “love” in 1 John

## PERSONALITY #3—KING SAUL, KING DAVID, MICHAL, MOSES, JACOB

*What common denominator can you find with these five people?*

\***KING SAUL**—chosen to be the first king of Israel and lead God’s people; made his own decision about offering the burnt offering when Samuel’s arrival was delayed; decided to not kill King Agag and all of the Amalekites as commanded

\***KING DAVID**—fought giants; led a group of “mighty men”; claimed Bathsheba as his own; disobeyed in numbering the people; was a man “after God’s own heart”

**MICHAL**—bravely protected her father from killing David; helped David escape through a window; despised and mocked David when he brought the ark of the Lord into the city

\***MOSES**—led the children of Israel out of Egypt, led them through the wilderness for forty years, showed the power of God in signs and wonders, got angry and struck the rock, was forbidden to go into the promised land

**JACOB**—fought with Esau in the womb; devised a plan to steal the birthright; pretended to be Esau, deceitfully received his father’s blessing; had a dream that included (wait for it) a ladder (climbing the ladder of success)

\*These three showed great humility in their beginnings:

1 Sam. 9:2, 21; 10:6-9, 24, 26

1 Sam. 18:23; 2 Sam. 7; 2 Sam. 22

Exo. 3:11; 4:10

GOD ISSUES THREE CALLS TO MANKIND:

1—TO SALVATION

2—TO SURRENDER (needed daily)

3—TO SERVICE

## THEIR UNIQUE PERSONALITY—AND POSSIBLY YOURS

### 1. Value relationships and put effort into them (I Samuel 18:1-4; II Samuel 1:26)

... **the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David**, and Jonathan **loved him as his own soul**... Then Jonathan and David **made a covenant**, because he loved him as his own soul.

And Jonathan **stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David**, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

*I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.*

David is invested. "it's all about people" even while getting things done, and they easily relate to those who welcome it and work with them.

### 2. Are admired by others for being highly competent (I Samuel 18:5-7)

... Saul set [**David**] **over the men of war**, and he was **accepted in the sight of all the people**, and **also in the sight of Saul's servants**. And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. And the **women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands**.

These personality people are often found in leadership and management positions because of their work ethic and their competence to get a job done at all costs.

### 3. Are sometimes criticized by others who feel inferior or intimidated by them. (I Samuel 18:7-9)

And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. **And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him**; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and **to me they have ascribed but thousands**: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And **Saul eyed David from that day and forward**.

Saul was intimidated by David; David not so much by Saul.

Note: These are reluctant to accept criticism, and avoid fear and defeat like the plague

See I Sam. 31:4.

### 4. Behave themselves wisely (I Samuel 18:5, 14, 30)

And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and **behaved himself wisely**...

And David **behaved himself wisely in all his ways**; and the Lord was with him.

David **behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul**; so that his name was much set by.

### 5. Love deeply and are loved; also hurt deeply—and draw lines. (I Samuel 16:21- 23; 18:10-16; 18:20-21, 28 vs. II Samuel 6:15-16, 20-23)

In I Samuel 19:11-15 Michal had protected David, but in II Samuel she despises him.

Saul loved David, but then tried to kill him.

David loved God so much that God said, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will" (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22)

6. Have good **discernment** (I Samuel 18:22-24)

*And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law. And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, **Seemeth it to you a light thing** to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?*

David questions why these men would give him this proposition. Discernment must be exercised in order to grow and be stronger. This personality has a sort of “sixth sense” for knowing things. King Saul had spiritual discernment in First Samuel 10:9-16), but in time, he failed to exercise it to gain more.

All Christians should learn to discern right from wrong, light from darkness, truth from error, best from better, righteousness from unrighteousness, purity from defilement, and principles from pragmatics. Those bent to this personality do this at a high level.

7. Are **workaholics** and pour all their energy into a project (I Samuel 18:25-27)

*And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired. Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.*

David went the second mile, literally, in getting the job done. He was willing to do more, do better, than what was required or expected. People with this personality are prone to protect themselves by becoming completely involved in their projects.

8. Have respect for authority and little tolerance for 8. Have respect for authority and little tolerance for **disloyalty** (II Samuel 1:23-27)

*Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. Ye daughters of Israel, **weep over Saul**, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. **How are the mighty fallen** in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places. **I am distressed for thee**, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. **How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!***

These people are confident, responsible and well regarded by others. They can also be preoccupied, defensive, impatient, and controlling. They are such warriors that they actually enjoy routine, mindless things sometimes.