

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made and the Difference Grace Makes

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” John 15:11



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

Review:

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

Grace is the difference maker, and Spirit-controlled personalities are seen as listed below:

Personality #4—The Individualist (DREAMERS)

Bible Examples: Eve, Joseph

EVE—the first and only woman on earth for a while; helped Adam take care of God’s creation; entertained the serpent

JOSEPH—had dreams that drove his brothers crazy; was his own man in Potiphar’s house and Pharaoh’s court

THEIR UNIQUE PERSONALITY—AND POSSIBLY YOURS

1. Are motivated by the need to experience their feelings and to be understood; they search for meaning in life and **avoid being ordinary** (Genesis 3:6)

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Those with this personality often have a hard time expressing themselves, but they are **deep** thinkers.

The above example was Eve. But what about Joseph? He was a dreamer and misunderstood by his brothers.

2. Are highly **sensitive** to their surroundings (Genesis 3:6)

They are sensitive to **everything** around them—colors, things created, visuals ...

Eve, along with Adam, were the first to admire God’s creation, and Eve was put in the Garden of Eden to help Adam tend it.

3. Are often **quiet** ones, but they are also quietly (or openly) strongly **opinionated**. (Genesis 37:2)
*Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and **Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.***
That is how Eve fell, and that is how Joseph came to be at odds with his brothers.
4. Draw their energy from **outside** themselves. (Genesis 3:1-6; Genesis 41:9-16)
Eve drew her energy from Adam in the beginning, and from the serpent when he came along.
Joseph's first concern was not with his own comfort, but with God's glory. That was what generated his energy to do what needed to be done.
5. Often feel that their life is unbearable or **meaningless** (Genesis 3:6)
And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. (1 Tim. 2:14)
6. Find little joy or satisfaction in **possessions** or **provisions** (Genesis 3:6)
It was an apple!—not much of a possession but to her it held promise, false though it was.
Eve had everything she could ever want. To these, **longing** is more important than **having**.
7. Often dress in clothes not considered to be **common** attire. (Gen. 3:7; 37:3)
*And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and **they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.***
*Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him **a coat of many colours.***
8. Sometimes see themselves as a **victim**. (Gen. 3:13; 40:14-15)
*And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, **The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.***
*But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and **here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.***
9. Are usually **competent** in doing things that others find difficult.
Eve was comfortable talking face to face with a serpent/Satan!
Joseph was comfortable talking to Pharaoh.

10. Often overcome difficulties and go on to **influence** others.

*And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and **gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.***

*And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, **I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.***

Eve influenced Adam. Joseph influenced an entire nation.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS:

Consider all options

May not want to be cheered up

Often over focus on negative

Like long conversations about feelings

Are creative enough to make the rest of us jealous

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