

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



*“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:  
Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” 1 Peter 5:6, 7*

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

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

- 1) CRUSADERS: Paul, a CRUSADER both before and after conversion  
• ***principled, purposeful, controlled, perfectionistic, energetic***
- 2) HELPERS: Mary, the Mother of Jesus; the Apostle John  
• ***open-hearted, generous, accommodating, selfless, discerning***
- 3) ACHIEVERS: Saul, David, Michal, Moses, Jacob  
• ***highly competent, hard working, admired, loyal, confident***
- 4) DREAMERS (Individualists): Eve, Joseph  
• ***compassionate, creative, introspective, intuitive, supportive***
- 5) INVESTIGATORS: Nicodemus, Thomas, Jochebed  
• ***analytical, persevering, perceptive, wise, informed, curious***

**Fear: being corrupt**  
Desire: to have integrity  
**Fear: being unwanted**  
Desire: to feel loved  
**Fear: being unworthy**  
Desire: to feel valuable  
**Fear: being left out**  
Desire: to be included  
**Fear: being misunderstood**  
Desire: to be competent

## **Personality #6—The Loyalist**

**Bible Examples: Peter and Mary Magdalene (Honorable Mention: Ruth)**

**THEIR UNIQUE PERSONALITY—AND POSSIBLY YOURS**

1. Are often cooperative and reliable **team players**.

*“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother; and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart.” Matt. 17:1*

The Bible is all about being a team player. Even Jesus enlisted the help of others. He allows us to help Him in His work.

Peter was a team player and advocated teamwork.

*“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Pet. 4:8-10*

BIBLE TEAMS:

Moses & ____	Elijah & ____	Mary & ____
Priscilla & ____	David & ____	Ruth & ____
Joshua & ____	Paul & ____	Joseph & ____

2. Are marked by **warm-hearted** deep friendships

*"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance." Luke 8:1-3*

3. Can be a **stabilizing** presence

*Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. John 19:25*

This requires being spiritually and emotionally healthy . . . Interesting since Mary Magdalene (B.C.) was anything but that.

4. Give their **body** and **soul** for people they love

*And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. Luke 22:31-33*

5. Often have an **anxious, busy** mind

*"There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus." John 21:2-4*

Nothing is wrong with going fishing, except that was Peter's security blanket—and his old life. As for Mary Magdalene, she was willing to go to the grave in the dark. See John 20.

6. Observe things with extraordinary perception and **insight**

*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Luke 22:32*  
Peter finally "gets it." He goes on to write 1 & 2 Peter to persecuted Christians.

### ADDITIONAL FACTS:

- They live in their heads and let their thoughts run away with them.
- They tend to worry about what they are going to worry about.
- They're suspicious and struggle to trust others.
- They value safety, security, and stability.
- They are faithful, reliable, hard-working, courageous, vigilant, charming, funny, affectionate.
- They play the devil's advocate and tell you everything that could go wrong with your suggestion.
- They're usually good leaders as well as team players.

### HOW TO RELATE:

- Reassure them, laugh with them, joke with them.
- Try not to react to their overreacting.