

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 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**
- 6) LOYALISTS: Peter, Mary Magdalene, Ruth
• **loyal, likeable, practical, helpful, responsible, hyper-vigilant**

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

Fear: being without support

Desire: to have security

Personality #7—The Adventurer

Bible Examples: Solomon; Woman at the Well

THEIR UNIQUE PERSONALITY—AND POSSIBLY YOURS

1. Radiate joy and optimism; experience life as a _____
And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.
Eccl. 3:13

The *Song of Songs* presents Bible readers with many riddles and wonderful puzzles, and the point, it seems, is not just to solve them with the right answer. Rather, a book like this one invites us into a wonderful world of idyllic gardens and youthful love. It's a book full of bliss, and unless we let it enchant us and draw us into the wonder of the human experience of love and delight, we are sorely missing the point (The Bible Project).

These are relaxed and full of good humor. Known for their imagination, they make everyday life seem almost magical. They often have a “permanent smile.”

“The life of Solomon is primarily described in 2 Samuel, 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles. His two names mean ‘peaceful’ and ‘friend of God,’ both considered ‘predictive of the character of his reign.’”

And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. I Kings 3:3

What about the woman at the well?

The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. John 4:17-19

2. Are _____ as if what they already know or have is never enough

And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. I Kings 3:7

Solomon applied his heart to seek and find out all things. Eccl. 7:23-25

See Eccl. 7:28. Could this be indicative of Proverbs 31:10 “Who can find a virtuous woman?”

Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

These people need change, stimulation, and new experiences.

3. Desire (and exhibit) _____

I Kings 3:7-9 “that I may discern between good and bad”

III.: the story of the two mothers claiming the same child (I Kings 3:16-28).

The Queen of Sheba traveled 1,200 miles to confirm the stories of his wisdom and honor. Solomon was not only wise in his rule as king but had excellent wisdom generally speaking.

And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. I Kings 10:6, 7

Remember this is a Personality-Plus-Grace series. In I Kings 2, he was taking care of business.

Some people miss balance. God-is-all-love thinkers are naïve. Sometimes there are consequences to actions.

4. Are often “generalists” rather than “specialists”

“I made me” verses in Ecclesiastes 2

These people always have several irons in the fire. Solomon knew a little bit about everything. Ill.: Song of Solomon—49 words used nowhere else in Scripture; 3,000 proverbs; 1,005 songs

These people are mental types who are forward thinkers and forward movers. They usually bring an optimistic and positive attitude to all of their activities. They are interested in many different subjects. They don't want to be limited to doing one thing and they prefer to keep their options and possibilities open.

However, too much of a good thing can be a problem for them. Because their attention shifts so quickly, it's challenging for them to go into things in depth and to stay the course in work and relationships.

5. Want to be _____ instead of sad

And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. I Kings 4:25

There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God. Eccl. 2:24

These people tend to exaggerate everything—more eating, more drinking, more working, beginning more projects, seeking more recognition, living in more and more beautiful places. They seem to be searching for more happiness for themselves, but, interestingly . . .

They are unhappy when others are unhappy.

And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people. I Kings 8:65-66

1 Kings 3:15 (a banquet for all his servants); 4:29 “largeness of heart”; 10:8 “happy are these thy servants”

The woman at the well also desired happiness over sadness: Jesus said: *Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.* The woman saith unto him, *Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.* John 4:14, 15

6. Want to **enjoy life** and feel that it has _____

For the woman at the well... *The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.* John 4:28-29, 39

As for Solomon: *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: Eccl. 3:1*
Read Solomon's prayer of dedication in I Kings 8:22ff vs. I Kings 11:1-9

ADDITIONAL FACTS:

- They tend to work hard and play hard.
- They are probably the most upbeat of all the personalities.
- They light up a room with their presence.
- They sometimes are driven by an underlying fear that sometimes goes back to their childhood.
- They “gobble up” experiences and hurry on to the next thing.

At their best: fun-loving, spontaneous, imaginative, productive, enthusiastic, quick, confident, curious

At their worst: narcissistic, impulsive, unfocused, rebellious, undisciplined, possessive, self-destructive

Basic fear: being deprived

Overwhelming desire: to be satisfied and content