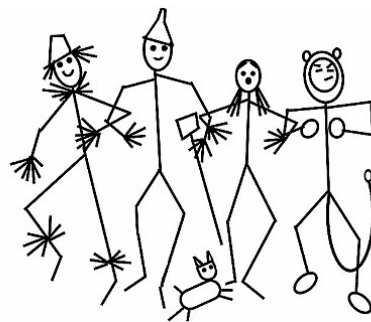


I'LL GET YOU, AND YOUR LITTLE DOG, TOO!



Objectives: to understand how uniquely we are made; to gain a better understanding of ourselves and others; to grow in grace and in personal growth/ministry

We are **fearfully** and **wonderfully** (and **uniquely**) made (Psalm 139:14)—one of God's marvellous works. However different we are from each other, we have some things in common with other people:

PERSONAL PROFILE 1: GENDER

- ☐ MALE
☐ FEMALE

Our gender helps create our persona (identity). Besides the obvious DNA difference, our _____ are different...our _____ is different...our _____ are different.

PERSONAL PROFILE 2: BIRTH ORDER—with variables—heredity, life experiences, education, and more
The traits below are typical, generally speaking, of strengths and weaknesses according to birth order:

- ☐ **FIRST BORN**—perfectionistic, reliable, organized, scholarly, cautious, rule-oriented
But can be . . . judgmental, inflexible, boring
- ☐ **SECOND BORN**—outgoing, independent, adaptable, friendly, competitive
But can be . . . impulsive, jealous, insecure
- ☐ **MIDDLE CHILD**—independent, loyal, sociable, flexible
But can be . . . unpredictable, impulsive, defensive
- ☐ **YOUNGEST**—charming, friendly, uncomplicated, precocious
But can be . . . manipulative, stubborn, disorganized, immature
- ☐ **ONLY**—self-confident, smart, organized, outgoing, mature
But can be . . . self-absorbed, clingy, possessive

*We're All Wired
Differently!*

PERSONAL PROFILE 3: PERSONALITY

There are different opinions about temperament/personality, but everybody has one. The root word is "person." Never underestimate the importance. If you've ever been offended, somebody was "off putting."

We are all a blend of our _____ and _____, exhibited in our disposition, our spirit, our attitude, and our tendency, evidenced by our actions. While the Bible does not define temperament or personality "types," we must acknowledge that people are different and that the Holy Spirit works in us and through us according to our individual needs and God's purpose in our lives.

Proverbs 20:27—*The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the **inward parts of the belly**.*
I Corinthians 15:45—*The first man Adam was made a **living soul**; the last Adam was made a **quickening spirit**.*
Ephesians 3:16—*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit **in the inner man**.*

TEMPERAMENT

WAY OF DOING THINGS

THE GOAL

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| ☐ Sanguine —personal, talkative, life of the party | (let's do things the fun way) | Sanguine but also spiritual |
| ☐ Choleric —strong willed, born leader, organized | (let's do things my way) | Choleric but not cranky |
| ☐ Melancholy —thoughtful, deep thinker, analytical | (let's do things the perfect way) | Melancholy but not moody |
| ☐ Phlegmatic —easy going, cool, calm, peaceful | (let's do things the peaceful way) | Phlegmatic but not poky |

No one personality is better than another. Each personality has its strengths and weaknesses. Embracing your God-given personality, you begin to experience what a powerful and positive difference you can make in the lives of others.

BIBLE PERSONALITIES—AND MAYBE YOURS TOO

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| 1) CRUSADERS: Paul, a CRUSADER both before and after conversion
• <i>principled, purposeful, controlled, perfectionistic, energetic</i> | Fear: being corrupt
Desire: to have integrity |
| 2) HELPERS: Mary, the Mother of Jesus; the Apostle John
• <i>open-hearted, generous, accommodating, selfless, discerning</i> | Fear: being unwanted
Desire: to be appreciated |
| 3) ACHIEVERS: Saul, David, Michal, Moses, Jacob
• <i>highly competent, hard working, admired, loyal, confident</i> | Fear: being unskilled
Desire: to feel respected |
| 4) DREAMERS (Individualists): Eve, Joseph
• <i>compassionate, creative, introspective, intuitive, supportive</i> | Fear: being inadequate
Desire: to be authentic |
| 5) INVESTIGATORS: Nicodemus, Thomas, Jochebed
• <i>analytical, persevering, perceptive, wise, informed, curious</i> | Fear: being incompetent
Desire: to be independent |
| 6) LOYALISTS: Peter, Mary Magdalene, Ruth
• <i>loyal, likeable, practical, helpful, responsible, hyper-vigilant</i> | Fear: being without support
Desire: to have security |
| 7) ADVENTURERS: Solomon, Woman at the Well
• <i>fun-loving, spontaneous, imaginative, productive, confident, curious</i> | Fear: being deprived
Desire: to be satisfied |
| 8) CHALLENGERS/ASSERTERS: Samson
• <i>loyal, caring, positive, truthful, straightforward, committed, generous</i> | Fear: being controlled
Desire: to be secure |
| 9) PEACEMAKERS: Mary of Bethany
• <i>self-accepting, trusting, stable, good-natured, easygoing, supportive</i> | Fear: being overlooked
Desire: to be seen and heard |

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 1 Corinthians 15:10

Understanding the uniqueness of our God-given personalities will help us
to understand ourselves and to get along better with others.

PERSONAL PROFILE 4: SPIRITUAL GIFTS (ROMANS 12; 1 CORINTHIANS 12)

They're inexhaustible. When Jesus ascended He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men (Eph. 4:8). Every saved person has at least one of the following motivational spiritual gifts...

MOTIVATIONAL SPIRITUAL GIFTS

☐ THE EXHORTER (the _____ in the body of Christ)

Positive: wants a visible response when speaking or teaching; is a people person; is fluent in communication; is greatly loved for a positive attitude; makes decisions easily. **Negative:** outspokenly opinionated; tends to interrupt others.

☐ THE TEACHER (the _____ in the body of Christ)

Positive: loves books; loves to read; is fascinated with words; uses a large vocabulary; is self-disciplined and emotionally controlled. **Negative:** is slow to accept other views; is legalistic.

☐ THE SERVER (the _____ in the body of Christ)

Positive: quickly recognizes and meets practical needs; has the ability to work well with their hands; prefers doing a job to delegating it. **Negative:** can be critical of others who don't help; finds it hard to sit still and be seen.



☐ THE ADMINISTRATOR (the _____ in the body of Christ)

Positive: communicates clearly; enjoys long-range goals; will endure criticism to accomplish the task; constantly writes notes to self; doesn't like delays. **Negative:** is frustrated when others do not share the same goal

☐ THE COMPASSION PERSON (the _____ in the body of Christ)

Positive: always looks for the good in people; is attracted to people who are hurting; is typically cheerful and positive. **Negative:** tends to be indecisive; easily takes up another's offense

☐ THE GIVER (the _____ in the body of Christ)

Positive: wants gifts to be of high quality; gives freely of time and possessions; has natural and effective business ability; is definitely not gullible. **Negative:** tends to pressure others; tends to spoil own children

☐ THE PERCEIVER (the _____ in the body of Christ)

Positive: quickly identifies good and evil (sees everything black & white); easily perceives the character of others; doesn't mince words; is very persuasive in speaking. **Negative:** tends to be judgmental & blunt; is pushy about others doing right

THE GOAL . . . to be Spirit-filled & Spirit-controlled & used up for God.

The more we are Spirit-controlled, the less others see our weaknesses.

THE EQUALIZER . . .

Fruit of the Spirit—Galatians 5:22, 23

Love—joy—peace—longsuffering—gentleness—goodness—faith—meekness—temperance



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