

## God loves you!

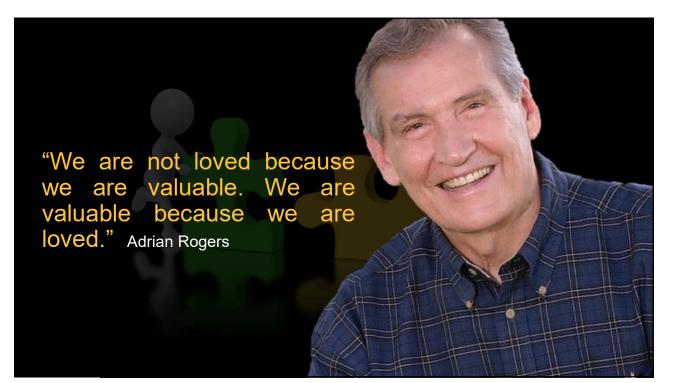
"[Cast] all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." 1 Pet 5:7

"We love Him because He first loved us." 1 Jn 4:19

## You should love you!

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mt 22:39

"husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.<sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it," Eph 5:28-29



"The art of being yourself at your best is the art of unfolding your personality into the person you want to be. ... Be gentle with yourself, learn to love yourself, to forgive yourself, for only as we have the right attitude toward ourselves can we have the right attitude toward others." Wilfred Peterson



Ps 139:14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

**2** Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

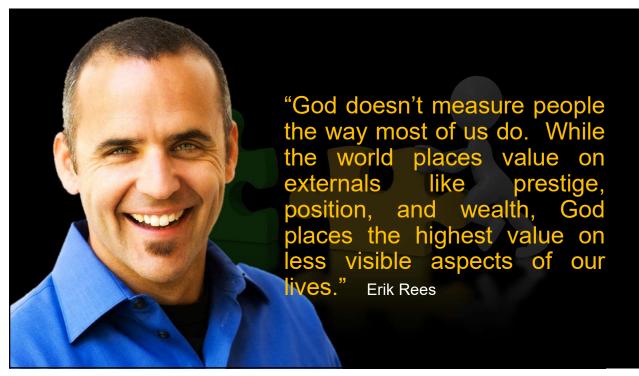
Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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Rom 8:29 He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son

1 Cor 2:16 ... But we have the mind of Christ.

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

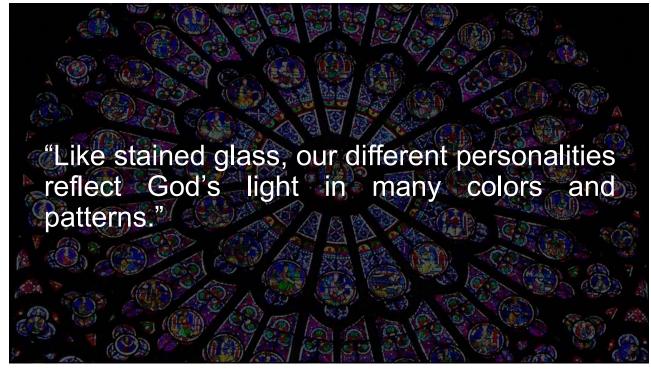






- Know who we really are
- Know what we're made of
- Know why we react as we do
- Know our strengths and how to amplify them
- Know our weaknesses and how to overcome them

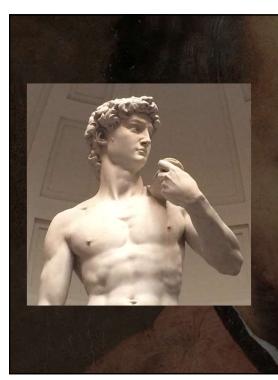
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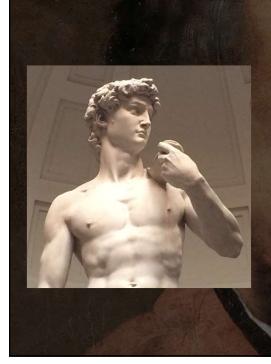
Dan Fisher: Pastors Class - SHAPED To Serve (Part 10) Personality - Why I Act And Interact The Way I Do



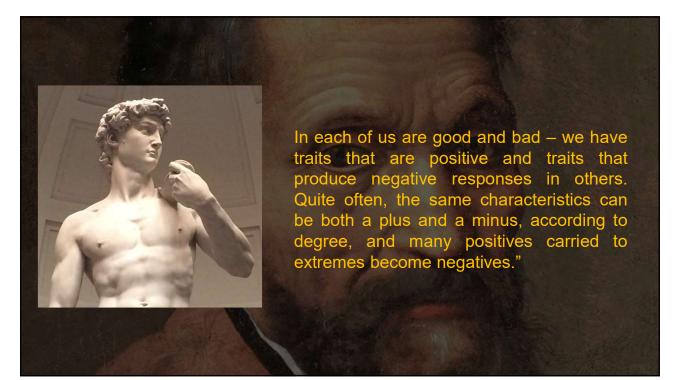
Florence Littauer: "When Michelangelo was ready to carve the statue of David, he spent a long time in selecting the marble, for he knew the quality of the raw material would determine the beauty of the finished product. He knew he could change the shape of the stone, but he couldn't transform the basic ingredient.

Every masterpiece he made was unique, for even if he had wanted to, he would not have been able to find a duplicate piece of marble. Even if he cut a block from the same quarry, it wouldn't have been exactly the same. Similar, yes, but not the same.



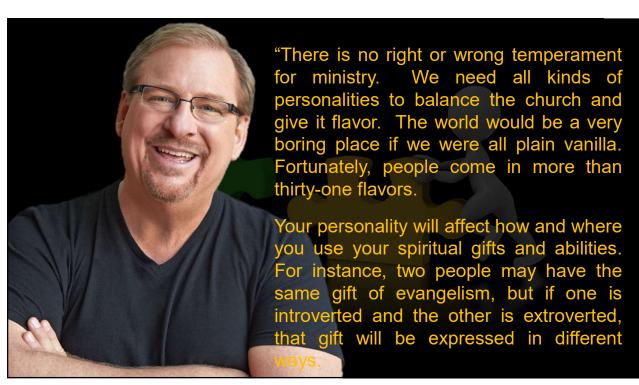


We started out with a combination of ingredients that made us different from our brothers and sisters. We were all born with our own temperament traits, our raw material, our own kind of rock. Some of us are granite, some marble, some alabaster, some sandstone. Our type of rock doesn't change, but our shapes can be altered. So it is with our personalities. We start with our own set of inborn traits. Some of our qualities are beautiful with strains of gold. Some are blemished with fault lines of gray. Our circumstances, IQ, nationality, economics, environment, and parental influence can mold our personalities, but the rock underneath remains the same.



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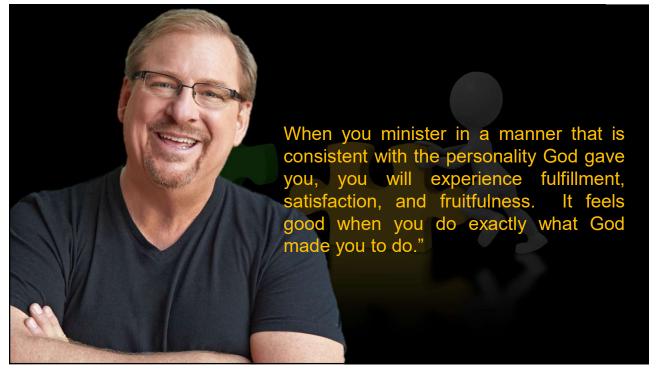
**Personality:** the unique patterns of thoughts, feelings, and behaviors that distinguish a person from others.



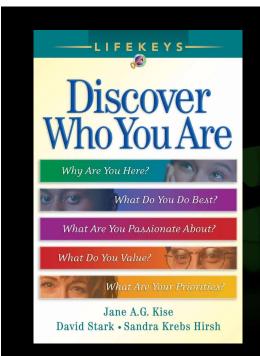
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Woodworkers know that it's easier to work with the grain than against it. In the same way, when you are forced to minister in a manner that is out of character for your temperament, it creates tension and discomfort, requires extra effort and energy, and produces less than the best results. This is why mimicking someone else's ministry never works – you don't have their personality. God made you to be you! You can learn from the examples of others, but you must filter the lessons you learn through you ewn shape.

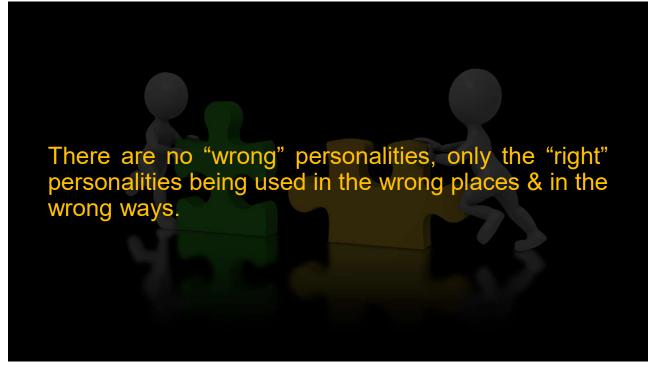


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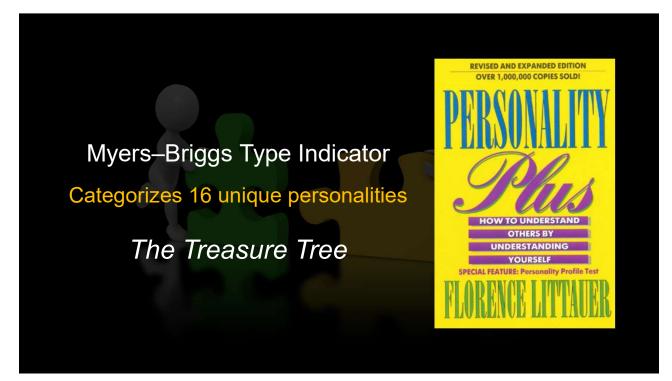


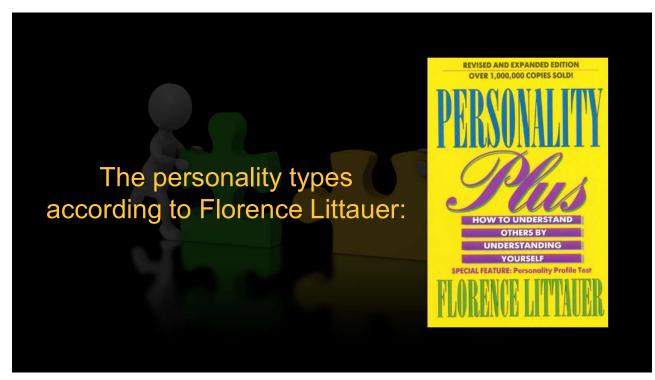
"These differences are natural, Godgiven aspects of personality. Being who you are - the person God intended you to be - is of paramount importance the . . . differences make life interesting. Can you imagine what the world would be like if everyone were just like you - your gifts and your shortcomings magnified by the billions?"

"Attempting to conform to personality types and patterns that are outside our natural S.H.A.P.E. goes against everything God, as our Creator, wants us to grasp about ourselves. We honor God when we accept our distinct personalities and use them for His purposes; not just accept them grudgingly ... but joyfully live out the S.H.A.P.E. God created within us. ... Of course, each of us can work outside our personality pattern for a while. ... But if you continually stay outside your own personality style – trying to be someone you're not – you will be ineffective for God." Erick Rees









## 1. Sanguine: an extrovert, a talker, an optimist

Are best:

- In dealing with people enthusiastically
- In expressing thoughts with excitement
- In up-front positions of attention

### 2. Melancholy: an introvert, a thinker, a pessimist

Are best:

- In attending to details and in deep thinking
- In keeping records, charts, and graphs
- In analyzing problems too difficult for others

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## 3. Choleric: an extrovert, a doer, an optimist

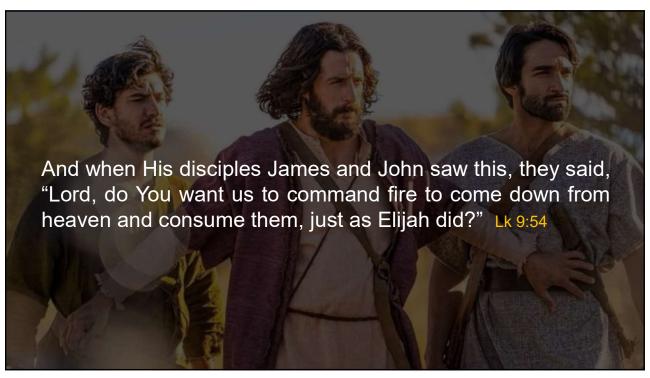
Are best:

- In jobs that require quick decisions
- In spots that need instant action and accomplishments
- In areas that demand strong control and authority

### 4. Phlegmatic: an introvert, a watcher, a pessimist

Are best:

- In positions of mediation and unity
- In storms that need a calming hand
- In routines that might seem dull to others



How God used different types of people:

- 1. Sanguine: Peter
- 2. Melancholy: Jeremiah
- 3. Choleric: Paul
  - Phlegmatic: Barnabas





#### 1. Am I outgoing or reserved?

Which of these statements best describes me? I tend to:

- Look for ways to be part of the crowd.
- · Build deep relationships with a few individuals, as opposed to many people
- Start conversations with people I don't know
- Hesitate in being part of a large group

#### 2. Am I self-expressive or self-controlled?

I tend to:

- · Share my feelings freely with those I have just met
- · Withhold my thoughts and feelings from others at certain times
- Seek opportunities to share my life with others
- Hold my cards closer to my vest so that only a few people can truly know me





#### 1. Do I prefer high risk or low risk? I tend to:

- Avoid too much change
- Relish chaotic environments
- Thrive when risk is very low
- Become motivated when I have the chance to overcome obstacles in order to achieve success

# 2. Do I prefer people or projects?

#### I tend to:

- Embrace opportunities that impact people directly
- Look for ways to complete projects
- Enjoy orchestrating and coordinating many projects
- Find fulfillment when I am able to work with someone 1-on-1 or in a small group

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## 3. Do I prefer following or leading?

#### I tend to:

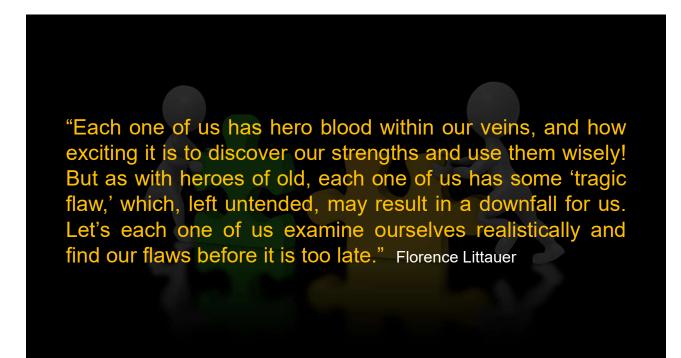
- Find myself in positions of leadership
- Feel comfortable when I can follow someone else
- Impact others with my life
- Receive fulfillment by helping others find success

## 4. Do I prefer working with a team or solo?

I tend to:

- Enjoy working within a team environment
- Look for opportunities that allow me to operate solo
- Become energized by being around others
- Work most effectively when I'm alone

5. Do I prefer the routine or var	iety?
<ul> <li>Begin many projects at one time</li> <li>Find fulfillment when I can complete one pro</li> <li>Have a high capacity and look for ways to sp</li> <li>Become overwhelmed with constant change</li> </ul>	bin many plates
High-risk	Low-risk
People	Process/Projects
Follow	Lead
Teamwork	Solo
Routine	Varietv



Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.