

YOU'VE GOT PERSONALITY

Finding Your Fit In Ministry -- Part 5

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Job 10:8 (NIV) *"Your hands shaped me and made me..."*

Personality refers to the way you
THINK, FEEL, and ACT.

The way you **TREAT** other people is
the best indicator of personality.

UNDERSTANDING WHY OTHERS MISUNDERSTAND YOU

1. We are all **DIFFERENT**.

1 Corinthians 12:6 (NCV) *"And there are different ways that God works through people but the same God. God works in all of us in everything we do."*

2. God loves **VARIETY**.

1 Corinthians 2:11a (ESV) *"For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him?"*

HOW TO GET ALONG BETTER WITH OTHERS...

1. Be **AWARE** of personality differences.

Proverbs 19:11 (CEV) *"It's wise to be patient and show what you are like by forgiving others."*

Genesis 25:27 (GNT) *"The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilled hunter, a man who loved the outdoors, but Jacob was a quiet man who stayed at home."*

Proverbs 22:6a (NIV) *"Start children off on the way they should go..."*

2. **ACCEPT** personality differences.

Romans 15:7a (NIV) *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..."*

People who look **UP** to God
rarely look **DOWN** on people.

Romans 14:13 (Phillips) *"Let us therefore stop turning critical eyes on one another. If we must be critical, let us be critical of our own conduct and see that we do nothing to make a brother or sister stumble..."*

To accept the differences of others
means you don't criticize them.

Ephesians 4:2-3 (NCV) *"Always be humble, gentle, and patient, accepting each other in love. ³You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way."*

3. **APPRECIATE** personality differences.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (TLB) *"Now here is what I am trying to say: All of you together are the one Body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it."*

Romans 12:10 (GNT) *"Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another."*

HOW GOD WANTS TO IMPROVE YOUR PERSONALITY...

1. His Holy Spirit **TRANSFORMS** the expression of your personality.

Galatians 5:16-17a (NIV) *"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh."*

2. He wants to **MAXIMIZE** your personality.

Galatians 5:22-23a (NLT) *"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control."*