Personality

Leveraging Your Personality S.H.A.P.E.

- **S** Spiritual Gifts
- **H** Heart Passion
- **A** Abilities
- **P** <u>Personality</u>
- **E** Experiences

For we are God's own workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

The Mystery of Personality

Identifying Some Practical Differences

Introvert vs. Extrovert Thinking vs. Feeling Structured vs. Flexible

Dealing with the Differences

1. Different personalities are neither right nor wrong.

2. Learn to appreciate, rather than judge the differences.

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Matthew 7:1-2

3. We were created to need each other's differences.

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. Iwill make a helper suitable for him."Genesis 2:18

What happens to our personality when we become a Christian?

1. God doesn't make us less ourselves - He makes us MORE ourselves.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NIV/NLT)

2. Character determines whether our personality glorifies God

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

3. Shadow Sides & No Excuses

God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil." 2 Timothy 2:19

Applying this to our Relationships

Parenting

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

Marriage

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

Work

The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers. 1 Corinthians 3:8-9

Your Relationship with God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30