

God's Design: Differences

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Acts 17:26 (ESV)

(God) made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.

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God determined the boundaries thus God determined the cultures. Which culture reflects God? Latin, Asian, Mid-Eastern, European, African? The goodness of each culture reflects the magnitude and majesty of God. **Sin distorts everything**, but there is something to be learned and appreciated by each culture.

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God created man in HIS image. Therefore, all Personality Types are an outflow from God!

DISC for concise example only.

D – Task Focused – No nonsense – Builders

I – People Focused – Impulsive – Influencer

S – People Focused – Smaller Groups – Diplomats

C – Detail Focused – No room for error – Doctors and Accountants

D – Paul – Task – No nonsense – Builder

Galatians 2:11 (ESV)

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

Personalities do not change with salvation! Look at Paul before he was saved.

Acts 9:1 (ESV)

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest.

Salvation does not change our personality, but salvation refines our personality to be expressed in a more godly way.

I – Peter – People – Impulsive – Influencer

John 21:7 (ESV)

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.

Peter was impulsive, but Jesus knew Peter was a natural influencer and in this same section of Scripture Jesus also told Peter, the Influencer, “Feed MY sheep!”

S – James – Smaller Group – Diplomat

Acts 15:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.

In a meeting of Christian Jewish leaders, James brilliantly addresses the opposing Jew and Gentile concerns!

In this meeting, James diplomatically shows the need to fully accept the Gentiles and still recognizes the basic concerns that were repulsive to the Jews. Diplomacy can Biblically reconcile opposing parties without compromising core Christian beliefs!

C – Luke – Details – No room for error – Doctor

Luke 1:3-4 (ESV)

It seemed good to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Luke was a Detailed doctor before salvation and Detailed investigator after salvation. Salvation does not change our personality, but it refines it to be expressed in godly ways.

People have different combination of these personality types which make it more complicated to identify. There are personality tests that identify more clearly our differences.

The point here is not to identify personality types. The point is to know that God created differences and that the differences are “good “and they are “identifiable”. Which personality reflects God? Which personality reflects Jesus? Each personality reflects God. Therefore, the coming together of these personalities with their differences is necessary to discern the whole counsel of God. However, sin clouds everything! Therefore, Honest self-evaluation and humility are necessary! Unless the issue violates a clear Scriptural command, we are to humbly present our thoughts, work for consensus, or defer to appointed authorities to decide!

Being very aware of people's culture and personalities can be great assistance in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul was very aware of this.

1 Corinthians 9:19–23 (ESV)

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ... ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Here is an excellent question every personality can use with every other personality, "If you were standing before God and HE asked you why HE should let you into heaven, 'What would you say?'" Their answer will help you understand their personality and their view of God. This will assist us to share the Only Answer, "God love us and we are forgiven!"

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.