

Number 3

Hardwired

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#1 The family is a 'world in miniature', where life lessons are learned!

#2 A healthy marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!

#3 A healthy marriage relationship will teach healthy lifelong values to children!

#3 Sin messes up everything!

The title of the message is “Hardwired” meaning that we have built in personality traits.

Psalm 139:15–16 (ESV)

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

Paraphrase: At conception when we are barely a physical being in the womb, the Lord is weaving us together from the undeveloped embryo for a purpose.

At conception God placed in us, in our children, personality traits. **We come into this world “Hardwired”. Now we can experience events that have positive and negative impact on us. However, as the verse says our basic personality is established in the womb. God is creating people in HIS image to reflect the fulness of HIS being.**

Personality traits identify the Creator Himself which HE uses appropriately as the occasion occurs. To identify human personality traits the DISC model which has been well researched and is considered an excellent human resource.

D – Dominance

Person places emphasis on accomplishing results! They are:

Practical

Productive

Look at Bottom Line

Human Negative – Domineering

I – Influence

Person places emphasis on influencing! They are:

Outgoing

Enthusiastic

Like Freedom from control and details

Human Negative - Impulsive

S – Steadiness

Person places emphasis on cooperation! They are:

Dependable

Easy-going

Loyal

Human Negative – Unmotivated

C – Conscientiousness

Person places emphasis on quality and accuracy! They are:

Analytical

Perfectionist

Dislikes sudden changes

Human Negative – Indecisiveness

These personality traits create some interesting human relationships and marriages.

#1 D marries an S – Productive and Cooperation!

One focusing on producing and the other focusing on cooperation can create tension. Here is a non-marriage example but nevertheless communicates the tension that may arise. Paul a “D” teams up with Barnabas a “S”.

Acts 9:1 (ESV)

But Saul (Before coming to Jesus was “Domineering D”) he was still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord.

Acts 9:27 (ESV)

But Barnabas (his name means son of encouragement is seeking cooperation and unity) he took Paul and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord.

Acts 15:38 (ESV)

(Going on a second trip) The “Productive” Paul thought best not to take Mark with them because he had withdrawn from them and had not gone with them to finish the work. (Mark wasn’t productive.)

Acts 15:39 (ESV)

And there arose a sharp disagreement between Barnabas and Paul, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas seeking cooperation took Mark who wasn’t productive with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

The lesson here is that personality differences can cause issues even between the godliest of people.

However, as Paul, Barnabas, and Mark we need to learn to work together. In the last book Paul wrote, he saw his need for Mark.

2 Timothy 4:11 (ESV)

Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

#2 C marries an I – Perfectionist and Freedom from details!

Mr. Dull with everything in order “C” is attracted to Ms. Life of the Party “I” whose has nothing in order. They get married.

Ms. Life of the Party comes in the house kicks off her shoes in the middle of the floor and throws her coat over the couch.

Mr. Everything in order “C” is about to have a hard attack.

-OR- Mr. Everything in Order “C” plans for a vacation. He gets a map and charts out the route, places to stop for gas, places to eat, and the exact amount of money they need. Ms. Life of the Party “I” says that is not a vacation. It is a death march!

#3 S marries a C – (negative traits) Unmotivated and Indecisiveness! This couple is on welfare!

#4 D marries a C – Bottom Line and Perfectionist!

There is a big danger of a homicide here.

#5 S marries an I – Easy-going and Enthusiastic!

After a few years, Ms. Enthusiastic tells Mr. Easy-going that he is as dull as watching grass grow.

We can start looking at our spouse as an aberration.

Definition of aberration: A departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically one that is unwelcome!

However, the differences are not aberrations but the diversity, majesty, and fullness of God. Your uniqueness and your spouse's uniqueness are necessary to reflect the fullness of God. **What personality was Jesus?** Jesus as fully human had the fullness of all personalities reflecting the fullness of God. **No one personality is best or godlier!** Appreciate your spouse's differences and grow together. **Few people are a pure D or I or S or C.** Most all people are a combination of these traits which make one's personality harder to identify. **My intention is not to identify one's personality, but to have us to become aware of these differences and appreciate them and embrace them to better reflect the fullness of God.** **Last week we looked at gender differences.** Personality differences are totally separate set of differences. The combination of gender and personality differences make each individual more complicated and diverse. **As a reminder, Children come hardwired!** They are not blank slates. **Parents need to take who they are and mold them in their hardwired uniqueness and teach them how to appreciate the God given differences in others.** The following verse addresses appreciating different spiritual gifts. However, the application can also be made for appreciating our different personalities.

1 Corinthians 12:4–6 (ESV)

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, **but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.**

Closing:

Sin messes up everything, but proper teaching and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit will lead God's people to behave like Christ which will Exalt the woman and demand Leadership by the man which will model godliness to your children.