

Lessons for Life

THE PURPOSE OF YOUR PERSONALITY Making A Difference - 5 November 5/6, 2011 Pastor Michael Rochelle

Spiritual Gifts – Heart – Abilities – <u>Personality</u> – Experiences

"You must love the Lord your God with all your <u>HEART</u>, all your <u>SOUL</u>, all your <u>MIND</u>, and all your <u>STRENGTH</u>." Mark 12:30 (NLT)

"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it." Rom. 12:9a (Mes)

1. TALKERS Love God With Their Hearts.

"I have not kept this good news hidden in my heart; instead I have talked about Your faithfulness and saving power. I have told everyone ... of Your unfailing love and faithfulness." Psalm 40:10 (NLT)

• The Purpose:

The World Needs COMMUNICATION

"The words of the wise bring healing." Pr. 12:18 (NLT)

"The words of the wise keep people out of trouble." Pr. 14:3 (NLT)

The Weakness:

The more you talk the more chance of saying the WRONG THING

"The more you talk, the more likely you are to sin." Pr. 10:19 (TEV)

Talking all the time reveals **INSECURITY**

"Those who are sure of themselves do not talk all the time." Pr. 17:27 (TEV)

• The Warning:

You Must Also ACT

"Get to work and you'll earn a living; if you just sit around talking you'll be poor." Pr. 14:23 (TEV)

"Sometimes mere words are not enough – discipline is needed." Pr. 29:19 (LB)

2. FEELERS Love God With Their Souls.

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God." Ps. 42:1 (NIV)

• The Purpose:

The World Needs COMPASSION

"Be kind and compassionate to each other, tender-hearted, for-giving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." Eph. 4:32 (NLT)

• The Weakness:

Feelers are manipulated by <u>MOODS</u>

"Since your real home is in heaven, keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls." 1 Peter 2:11 (LB)

• The Warning:

Let God <u>LEAD</u> you

"Let the Spirit direct your lives, and you will not satisfy the desires of the human nature." Gal. 5:16 (TEV)

3. THINKERS Love God With All Their Minds.

"How I love Your law! I think about it all day long." Ps. 119:97 (TEV)

Purpose:

The World Needs CONSIDERATION

"We should think about the way we are living, and turn back to the Lord." Lam. 3:40 (CEV)

• Weakness:

PRIDE

"Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds them up." 1 Cor. 8:1 (GW)

INDECISION

"... always studying but are never able to recognize the truth." 2 Tim. 3:7 (GW)

• Warning:

Practice **HUMILITY**

"Don't be impressed with your own wisdom." Pr. 3:7 (NLT)

Practice what you **KNOW**

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 (NIV)

4. **DOERS** Love God With All Their Strength.

"Oh, God, here I am, Your servant, Your faithful servant: set me free for Your service!" Ps. 116:16 (Mes)

• Purpose:

The World Needs <u>CONTRIBUTION</u>

"Offer your bodies to Him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God." Rom. 12:1 (CEV)

• Weakness:

OVERWORK

"It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest." Ps. 127:2 (LB)

• Warning:

SLOW DOWN

"Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Pr. 23:4 (NLT)