

Lessons for Life

WHY GOD MADE YOU UNIQUE! Making A Difference - 1 October 10/11, 2011 Pastor Michael Rochelle

"God shaped man from the soil of the ground and blew the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living being." Genesis 2:7 (NJB)

"You made my whole being; You formed me in my mother's body. I praise You because You made me in an amazing and wonderful way. You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there, You saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in Your book before I was one day old." Psalm 139:13-16 (NCV)

"Your hands formed and shaped me..." Job 10:8a (GN)

I. WHAT "SHAPE" IS ...

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

H<u>EART</u>

ABILITIES

PERSONALITY

EXPERIENCES

My shape is...
unique...inter-related ...fixed ... irrepressible

II. WHY "SHAPE" MATTERS ...

1. It <u>reveals</u> God's purpose.

"Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A spokesman to the nations – that's what I had in mind for you." Jeremiah 1:5 (Mes)

- 2. It <u>equips</u> God's people.
 - "... (God) formed me in my mother's womb to be His servant, and He commissioned me" Isaiah 49:5 (NLT)
- 3. It's a test for eternity.

"From where He sits God overlooks all of us on earth. He has shaped each person in turn; now He watches everything we do." Psalm 33:14-15 (Mes)

4. It shows God's glory .

"Bring Me all the people who are Mine, whom I made for My glory, those I formed and created." Isaiah 43:7 (NCV)

"The people I have shaped for Myself will broadcast My praises." Isaiah 43:21 (NJB)

III. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

1. Accept that God knows <u>best</u>

"My friend, I ask, 'Who do you think you are to question God? Does the clay have the right to ask the potter why he shaped it the way he did?'" Romans 9:20 (CEV)

"You guided my conception and formed me in the womb." Job 10:10 (NLT)

2. Receive God's love

"Let Your love, God, shape my life with salvation, exactly as You promise." Psalm 119:41 (Mes)

3. Focus on the inside

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

"By the grace of God I am what I am." 1 Corinthians 15:10 (NLT)