

# EXPLORE PURPOSE IN WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE AND HOW HE HAS GIFTED YOU.

## EXPLORING YOUR GIFTS

### 1. Your Passions.

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

Romans 12:6–8

### 2. Your Life Experiences.

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life— your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him.”

Romans 12:1 MSG

### 3. Your Pain.

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.”

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 NLT

## DESIGN REVEALS DESTINY

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous— how well I know it.”

Psalms 139:13–14 NLT

# HOW TO TAKE THE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT

Step 1: Answer each question under sections 1–4 by circling the number that best describes you. Allow yourself two to three minutes to complete this step before moving on to other steps.

Step 2: Add the total of circled numbers for the five statements under each section. Write each total on the indicated total line for each section.

Step 3: Identify the group with the highest totaled number and the second highest totaled number to discover your dominant personality traits.

Box 1 = “D” personality

Box 2 = “I” personality

Box 3 = “S” personality

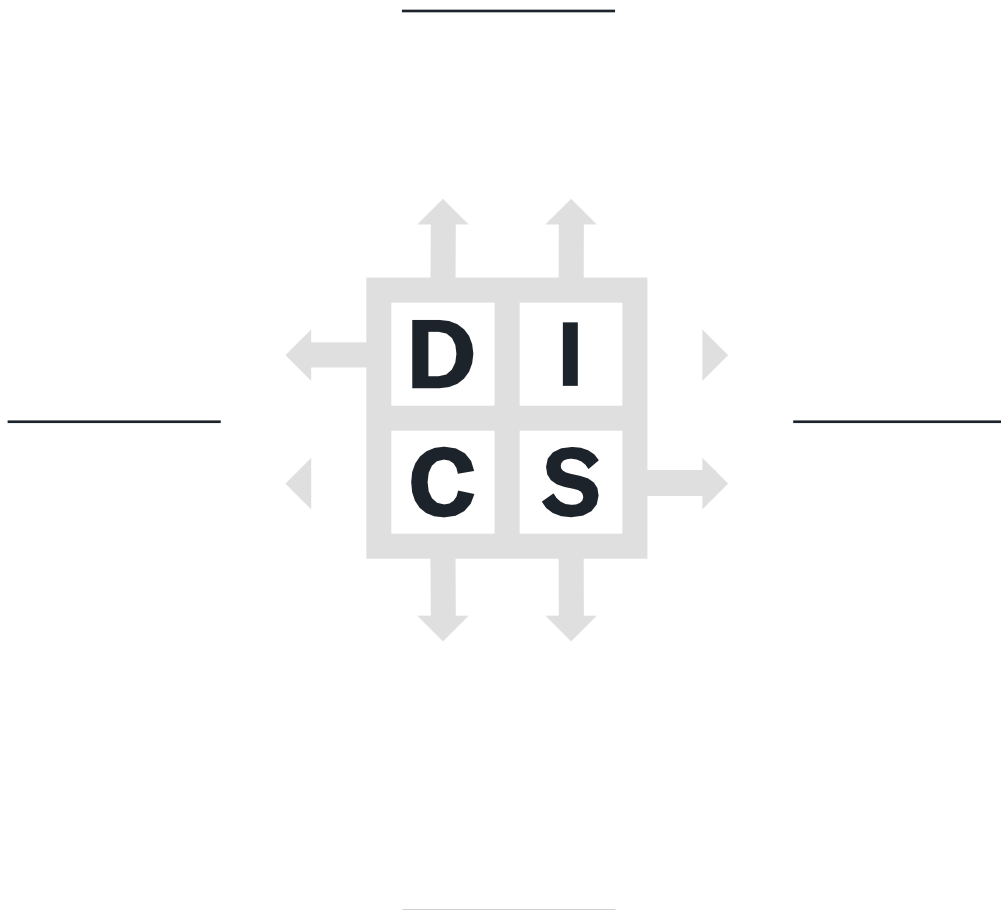
Box 4 = “C” personality

Write your predominant personality traits sequence in the top right-hand corner (DI, ID, SC, CD, etc.).

Step 4: Read the description of your most predominant personality trait (D, I, S, C) and the description of your two highest personality traits together (DI, ID, SC, CD, etc.).

## My Personality/Leadership Style \_\_\_\_\_

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	1. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
	I am assertive, demanding, and decisive.	1	2	3	4	5
	I enjoy doing multiple tasks at once.	1	2	3	4	5
	I thrive in a challenge-based environment.	1	2	3	4	5
	I think about tasks more than others or myself.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by accomplishment and authority.	1	2	3	4	5
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	I enjoy influencing and inspiring other people.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am optimistic about others.	1	2	3	4	5
	I tend to be the life of the party.	1	2	3	4	5
	I think about motivating people.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by recognition and approval.	1	2	3	4	5
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	I thrive in consistent environments.	1	2	3	4	5
	I prefer specifics over generalizations.	1	2	3	4	5
	I enjoy small groups of people.	1	2	3	4	5
	I prefer being a member of a team.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by stability and support.	1	2	3	4	5
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	I typically avoid big risks.	1	2	3	4	5
	I love tasks, order, and details.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am right most of the time.	1	2	3	4	5
	I comply with clearly defined rules.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by quality and correctness.	1	2	3	4	5



"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalms 139:14

**D** We are direct and decisive. We are risk takers and problem solvers. We are more concerned with completing tasks and winning than we are with gaining approval from people. Though the internal drive tends to make us insensitive to those around us, “D”s are not afraid to challenge the status quo, and we thrive when it comes to developing new things. We need discipline to excel and respond to direct confrontation. Our greatest fear is to be taken advantage of, and even despite our possible weaknesses—which include an aversion to routine, a tendency to overstep authority, an argumentative nature, and a habit of taking on too much—we place a high value on time and use our innovative thinking to accomplish difficult tasks and conquer challenges.

**D/I** We are curious conclusers who place emphasis on the bottom line and work hard to reach our goals. We are more determined than we are inspirational, yet our high expectations and standards for ourselves and those around us typically cause us to make quite an impact, motivating others to follow us. We have an array of interests and can become distracted by taking on too many projects. We often need to focus, prioritize, and simply slow down. Because we thrive on activity and forward motion, we like to accomplish tasks through a large number of people.

Joshua (Joshua 1), Noah (Genesis 6-9), Sarah (Genesis 16, 1 Peter 3:6)

**D/S** We are achievers with an ability to persevere. We are more active than passive, but possess a kind of calm sensitivity and steadiness that makes us good leaders. We seem to be people-oriented but can easily be dominant and decisive when it comes to tasks and project planning. We strive to accomplish goals with fierce determination that comes from a strong internal drive, but we could benefit from contemplative and conservative thinking as well as spending more time focusing on relationships.

Daniel (Daniel 1-6), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11), Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

**D/C** We are challengers that can either be determined students or defiant critics. Being in charge is important to us, yet we care little about what others think as long as we get the job done. We have a great deal of foresight and examine every avenue to find the best solution. We prefer to work alone. Though we fear failure and the lack of influence, we are motivated by challenges and can often be excellent administrators. We could benefit from learning to relax and paying more attention to people.

Malachi (Malachi 4), Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-13), Nahum (Nahum 1-3)

**I** We are inspiring and impressive. Enthusiastic, optimistic, impulsive, and emotional— we tend to be creative problem solvers and excellent encouragers. We often have a large number of friends, but we can become more concerned with approval and popularity than with getting results. Our greatest fear is rejection, but we thrive when it comes to motivating others. Our positive sense of humor helps us negotiate conflicts. Though we can be inattentive to details and poor listeners, we can be great peacemakers and effective teammates when we control our feelings and minimize our urge to entertain and be the center of attention. We value lots of human touch and connection.

**I/D** We are persuaders who are outgoing and energetic. We enjoy large groups and use our power of influence to attain respect and convince people to follow our lead. Sometimes we can be viewed as fidgety and nervous, but it comes from our need to be a part of challenges that have variety, freedom, and mobility. We could benefit from learning to look before we leap and spending more time being studious and still. We make inspiring leaders and know how to get results from and through people.

John the Baptist (Luke 3), Peter (Matthew 16, 26; Acts 3), Rebekah (Genesis 24)

**I/S** We are influential counselors who love people, and it's no surprise that people love us. We live to please and serve, and tend to be good listeners. Looking good and encouraging others is important to us, as is following through and being obedient. We often lack in the area of organization and can be more concerned with the people involved than we are with the task at hand. However, we can be center stage or behind the scenes with equal effectiveness, and we shine when it comes to influencing and helping others.

Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19; 2 Kings 2-3), Nicodemus (John 3, 7, 19)

**I/C** We are inspiring yet cautious assessors who are excellent communicators through the combination of concerned awareness and appreciation of people. We excel in determining ways to improve production. We tend to be impatient, critical, and can also be overly persuasive—too consumed by the desire to win. We like to work inside the box, and we could benefit from trying new things and caring less about what others think. This personality type often possesses a gift for teaching; we are generally dependable when it comes to paying attention to details and getting the job done.

Miriam (Exodus 15-21), Ezra (Ezra 7-8), Shunammite Woman (2 Kings 4:8-37)

**S** We are steady and more reserved. We do not like change and thrive in secure, non-threatening environments. We are often friendly and understanding as well as good listeners and loyal workers who are happy doing the same job consistently. With an incredible ability to forgive, reliable and dependable “S”s tend to make the best friends. Our greatest fear, however, is loss of security, and our possible weaknesses naturally include not only resistance to change, but also difficulty adjusting to it. We can also be too sensitive to criticism and unable to establish priorities. In order to avoid being taken advantage of, we need to be stronger and learn how to say “no.” We also like to avoid the limelight, but when given an opportunity to genuinely help others, we will gladly rise to the occasion. We feel most valued when we have truly helped someone.

**S/D** We are quiet leaders who can be counted on to get the job done. We perform better in small groups and do not enjoy speaking in front of crowds. Though we can be soft- and hard-hearted at the same time, we enjoy close relationships with people, being careful not to dominate them. Challenges motivate us, especially ones that allow us to take a systematic approach. We tend to be determined, persevering through time and struggles. We benefit from encouragement and positive relationships.

Martha (Luke 10:38-42), Job (Job 1:5; James 5:11)

**S/I** We are inspirational counselors who exhibit warmth and sensitivity. Tolerant and forgiving, we have many friends because we accept and represent others well. Our social nature and desire to be likable and flexible make us inclined to be overly tolerant and non-confrontational. We could benefit from being more task-oriented and paying more attention to detail. Kind and considerate, we include others and inspire people to follow us. Words of affirmation go a long way with us, and with the right motivation, we can be excellent team players.

Mary Magdalene (Luke 7:36-47), Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19; 2 Kings 2-13)

**S/C** We are diplomatic and steady, as well as detail-oriented. Stable and contemplative, we like to weigh the evidence and discover the facts to come to a logical conclusion. More deliberate, we prefer to take our time, especially when the decision involves others. Possible weaknesses include being highly sensitive and unable to handle criticism, and we also need to be aware of the way we treat others. Operating best in precise and cause-worthy projects, we can be a peacemaker; this makes us a loyal team member and friend.

Moses (Exodus 3, 4, 20, 32), John (John 19:26-27), Eliezer (Genesis 24)

- C** We are compliant and analytical. Careful and logical lines of thinking drive us forward, and accuracy is a top priority. We hold high standards and value systematic approaches to problem-solving. Though we thrive when given opportunities to find solutions, we tend to ignore the feelings of others and can often be critical and downright crabby. Verbalizing feelings is difficult for us, but when we are not bogged down in details and have clear-cut boundaries, we can be big assets to the team by providing calculated “reality checks.” Our biggest fear is criticism, and our need for perfection is often a weakness, as is our tendency to give in when in the midst of an argument. However, we are thorough in all activities and can bring a conscientious, even-tempered element to the team that will provide solid grounding. We value being correct.
- C/I** We are attentive to the details. We tend to impress others by doing things right and stabilizing situations. Not considered aggressive or pushy, we enjoy both large and small crowds. Though we work well with people, we are sometimes too sensitive to what others think about us and our work. We could benefit from being more assertive and self-motivated. Often excellent judges of character, we easily trust those who meet our standards. We are motivated by genuine and enthusiastic approval as well as concise and logical explanations.
- Miriam (Exodus 15-21; Numbers 12:1-15), Ezra (Ezra 7, 8)
- C/S** We are systematic and stable. We tend to do one thing at a time—and do it right. Reserved and cautious, we would rather work behind the scenes to stay on track. We seldom take risks or try new things and naturally dislike sudden changes in our environments. Precisionists to the letter, we painstakingly require accuracy and fear criticism, which we equate to failure. Diligent workers, our motivation comes from serving others.
- Esther (Esther 4), Zechariah (Luke 1), Joseph (Matthew 1:1-23)
- C/D** We are cautious and determined designers who are consistently task-oriented and very aware of problems. Sometimes viewed as insensitive, we do care about individual people but have a difficult time showing it. We often feel we are the only ones who can do the job the way it needs to be done, but because of our administrative skills, we are able to bring plans for change and improvements to fruition. We have a tendency to be serious and could benefit from being more optimistic and enthusiastic. Despite our natural drive to achieve, we should concentrate on developing healthy relationships and simply loving people.
- Bezalel (Exodus 35:30-35, 36:8, 37:1-9), Jochebed (Exodus 1:22-2:4), Jethro (Exodus 2, 18)



# Making the Most of Your Personality

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...”  
Ephesians 2:10 NASB

Every personality has strengths and challenges. The following will give you specific areas to focus on to help you work well with others.

**“D” personalities are dominant, direct, task-oriented, decisive, organized, outgoing, and outspoken. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:**

- Listen attentively to others.
- Support other team members.
- Invest in personal relationships.
- Balance controlling and domineering tendencies.
- Value the opinions, feelings, and desires of others.

**“I” personalities are influential, witty, easygoing, outgoing, and people-oriented. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:**

- Be aware of tasks that need to be accomplished.
- Balance your emotions, words, and actions.
- Remember to consider details and facts.
- Slow down your pace for others when necessary.
- Listen attentively to others instead of only talking.
- Choose thoughtful over impulsive decision-making.

**“S” personalities are steady, stable, analytical, introverted, and people-oriented. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:**

- Take initiative.
- Practice flexibility.
- Approach confrontation constructively.
- Be direct in your interactions when necessary.
- Realize change can be healthy, and be willing to adapt.
- Consider the overall goals of your family or group, not just specific processes or procedures.

**“C” personalities are compliant, competent, goal-oriented, focused on tasks, and introverted. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:**

- Be decisive when necessary.
- Cultivate personal relationships.
- Be open to others’ ideas and methods.
- Balance your focus between facts and people.
- Focus on doing the right things, not just doing things right.
- Help others accomplish their goals.