



**WISDOMFEST 2025**



Fear, Faith, and Social Skills  
June 22



Learning to Listen  
June 29



Curiosity over Control  
July 6





My Brother's Keeper  
July 13



Introversion, Extroversion, and Dwelling in Unity  
July 20



Earth Trekkers

“I am working from the understanding that introverts, to paraphrase: seek solitude, concentrate well, are contemplative, dislike small talk, love one-on-one conversations,

“find long periods of socializing draining, and are often, though not always, shy and sensitive.

“And that extroverts are: highly sociable, risk-taking, relaxed in the spotlight, loud, enthusiastic, and enjoy large groups of people.”

Jessica Pan

# Optimism vs. Pessimism

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Peacemaker vs. Reformer

“Personality is the enduring configuration of characteristics and behavior that comprises an individual’s unique adjustment to life,



“including major traits, interests, drives, values, self-concept, abilities, and emotional patterns . . . .

“Personality is generally viewed as a complex, dynamic integration or totality shaped by many forces, including hereditary and constitutional tendencies;

“physical maturation; early training;  
identification with significant individuals and  
groups;

“culturally conditioned values and roles; and critical experiences and relationships.”

Adapted from the  
APA Dictionary of Psychology

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- **withdrawing** from those with different personalities

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- using personality as an **excuse** not to fulfill the New Testament one another commands



Love one another.

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Be devoted to one another in love.

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Accept one another.

Love one another.

Be devoted to one another in love.

Accept one another.

Live in harmony with one another.

Don't grumble against one another.

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Stop passing judgment on one another.

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Stop passing judgment on one another.

Pursue what makes for peace and mutual  
upbuilding with one another.

Have equal concern for one another.



Have equal concern for one another.  
Use your gifts to serve one another.

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Encourage one another.

Have equal concern for one another.

Use your gifts to serve one another.

Encourage one another.

Build up one another.

Instruct one another.

Instruct one another.

Admonish one another.

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Admonish one another.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns,  
and spiritual songs.

Teach one another.

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Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.



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Confess your sins to one another.

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Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.

Forgive one another.

Forgive one another.

Honor one another above yourselves.

Forgive one another.

Honor one another above yourselves.

Greet one another.

Have fellowship with one another.



Have fellowship with one another.

Show hospitality to one another without  
grumbling.

Our tendency can be to assume our personality is **superior** to another's, or to judge another's **character** based on their different personality.

Introvert about extrovert –  
They are overbearing.

Introvert about extrovert -

They are overbearing.

Extrovert about introvert -

They do not care for people.

Optimist about pessimist –  
They do not trust in God.

Optimist about pessimist –

They do not trust in God.

Pessimist about optimist –

They do not live in reality.

Risk-taker about cautious –  
They live by fear.

Risk-taker about cautious –

They live by fear.

Cautious about risk-taker –

They are reckless.



Assertive about passive –  
They are spineless.

Assertive about passive –

They are spineless.

Passive about assertive –

They bulldoze people.

Agreeable about aggressive –  
They are harsh and unkind.

Agreeable about aggressive –

They are harsh and unkind.

Aggressive about agreeable –

They care more about peace than truth.

1. Our personalities may be **definite**,  
but they are not **defining**. (1, 4-6)

“For three chapters Paul has been unfolding for his readers the eternal purpose of God being worked out in history.

“Through Jesus Christ, who died for sinners and was raised from death, God is creating something entirely new, not just a new life for individuals, but for a new society.

“Paul sees an alienated humanity being reconciled, a fractured humanity being united, even a new humanity being created. It is a magnificent vision.”

John Stott



“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.”

Colossians 3:11

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

“And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

2. Our personalities may be **descriptive**,  
but they are not **determinative**. (2)

- **humility** - the heart posture that esteems others above oneself

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2:3-5



- **gentleness** - a spirit of restraint, tenderness, consideration, and kindness toward others

- **patience** - the spiritual grace of facing hardship or frustration without losing love or composure

- **bearing with one another in love** -  
enduring the weaknesses and differences  
of others with Christlike love and without  
resentment or irritation

Humility allows us to look at others and not feel like our way is the only way.

Gentleness allows us to deal with others' personality traits that make us feel uncomfortable and respond with kindness and grace rather than frustration, condescension, or judgmentalism.

Patience allows us to endure personality clashes and irritations without demanding change or compatibility and without withdrawing or judging.

Bearing with one another in love is the Spirit-empowered willingness to put up with people's personality quirks and traits with compassion and grace.

3. Our personalities may be **diverse**,  
but they must not be **divisive**. (3)



Practical applications:

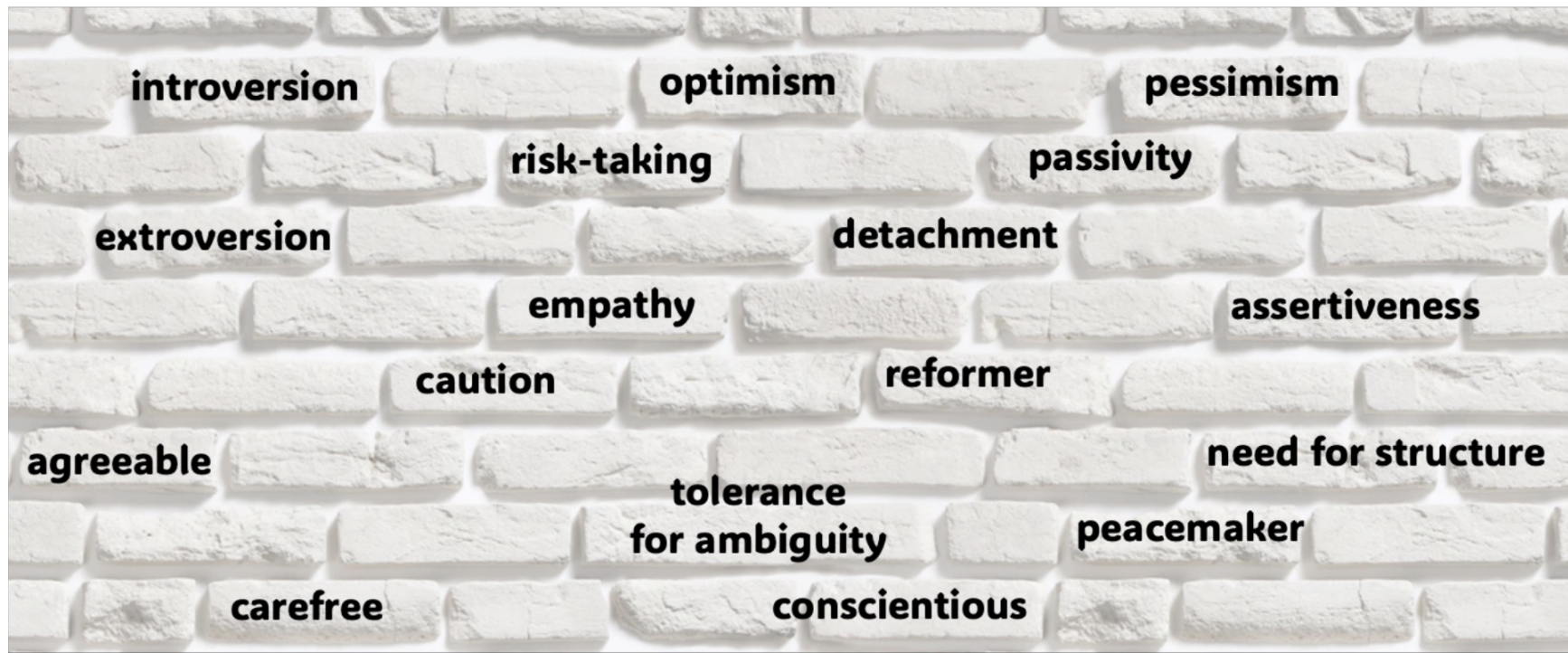
- **Confess** where you have used personality as an excuse for withdrawal, inaction, or judgmentalism.

- **Cultivate** the habit of pursuing the one another commands in Scripture that may be difficult for your personality type.

- **Celebrate** the diversity of personalities in our body.

“Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together.”

Corrie Ten Boom



## **Foundation - Union with Christ**

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Spirit

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

“to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21