

Title: PLACE

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- We are beginning a sermon series called PLACE. The goal is for each of us to find our PLACE in serving in the church.
- The key will be discovering ministries within the church where your unique blend of personality, spiritual gifts, abilities are combined to guide you to the right Place.

Scripture says in Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Part of His purpose for us is to edify the church and serve

Christ gave these gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger.

This work must continue until we are all joined together in what we believe and in what we know about the Son of God. Our goal is --to look more like Christ day by day.

I asked people what Personality means = here are some answers; different, traits, behavior, attitude unique character.

- Definition - Personality is the inward and outward expression of emotional traits and characteristics that shape who you are how you act and you do. Who you are! How you act and react to situation and sneories of life with its joys and challenges. No one like you!

- There are no bad personalities. Read together Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I made you in your mother's womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I chose you for a special work. I chose you to be a prophet to the nations."

We all need each other. God has made us that way... interdependent vs independent.

The challenge comes from our brokenness of sin in our lives. To work together as the body of Christ we need to surrender daily so that God can mold us make us individually to His will. . . Each of us need to Know ourselves and know others in the light of Christ. Without God everything is impossible but with God ...all things are possible. Your Place in the church to be fulfilled in caring out your spiritual act of worship

Roman 12:1 So I beg you, brothers and sisters, because of the great mercy God has shown us, offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him--an offering that is only for God and pleasing to him. Considering what he has done, it is only right that you should worship him and live in this way.

Examples in scripture include.

Moses and _____Aaron / Miram

Mary and _____Martha / Joseph

Paul and _____Silas / Timothy / Peter

Jesus _____Peter / Thomas/ disciples /women at well

Jesus and....

Jesus and you. These men and women were able to accomplish great tasks for God because of their differences. Part of their differences were their personalities. A benefit of understanding and knowing personalities is that we begin to understand and appreciate differences in others. When we understand and appreciate differences we too will be able to do great things with one another for Gods Glory.

- My experience – Linda and I are opposites. Yet we work well together. Extrovert introverts AR/CS we both are the oldest of our siblings. Why God would you put us together. It seems we are going to have a few challenges. in reading personality and birth order they say that will be a big challenge

We each need to be each other. We need to see the weakness not in each other but in ourselves and then look for the strengths in each other to be what God wants us to be. And it has been a blessing for over 40 years.

The same for the church. We are not the same. Why would God take so many differences and then say work together. We each need to be each other. We need to see the weakness not in each other but in ourselves and then look for the strengths in each other to be what God wants us to be.

- What would it take...for a church to do a play or drama. What would be involved? Actors and actress, building/sets props – tech crew - promotions details - script or writer – director

Who would be (show of hands)

Disc profile briefly

- D = dominate, are leaders, immediate results, decisive, want readers digest communication, often feel questioned, not afraid of pressure or confrontation, projects are important. Low tolerance for mistakes end justifies the means

- I = impulsive, curious optimistic avoid fine print, networkers, like people around them, want to have fun, like to talk, motivators and inspire people to action, focus on future, avoid confrontation, fold to peer pressure,

- S = steady, loyal, like close relationships, deep need to please others, hearts full of compassion, adaptable, do not like change, mediators supportive, patient and tolerant, compromising

- C = compliant analytical, like instructions to how to do things, make careful decisions, use critical skills to solve problems, keep their emotions close, Planners

- Each style has its own unique response to pressure

Each style has its own set of strengths and weakness

Each side has it own unique blind spots

The very best one can do to help others is to creates an environment which allows specific styles to become aware of their strengths and weakness and blind spots

For the spirit to control the person the unique sinful part of each individual style must be broken

Christ is the perfect mold for us that he is making and molding to make me like him. Christ like character

In DISC for each of the D – I – S – C

Personality /Character is your response for God's love to you, working in and through you!

Real, authentic Christian character is formed when you surrender to Christ and allow His piercing work to grow and enrich you, so that the Spirit flows.

It requires our continual hold and practice, in His Word, through our prayers and the practice walking by faith in love with Christ.

Personality / Character is not just having integrity or honesty or doing the right thing; it is not one aspect or even a few. It is a living, growing relationship in Christ to give him glory honor and praise in all things.

The Importance of Christ Character in our personality - Our Character is fueled by the power of the Spirit empowering us so we can model the character of Christ. Real authentic character is being surrendered to Christ and allowing His work to grow and enrich us, so the Spirit flows. It is Our spiritual discipline, motives, obedience, and persevering faith will be the key! All it takes is to be in love with Christ. Seek His presence, and be persistent in your prayers.

Character is God's love in and to and through us in our personality! Connected to the gifts awareness passions and experience to find our place in serving our God and giving him worship and praise.

In Jesus Name