

Embrace Your Design – Part 2

7/20/23 Daybreak Gathering

Questions

I hope you will prayerfully consider the questions below. Your Creator knows you better than you know yourself and sees abilities in you that you likely underestimate. When I stopped fighting and surrendered to His design for me, I became the truest version of myself, something I know has pleased Him over the years.

This week's material is more of an internal investigation, so supporting verses will likely be more personal to you. As you pray through the following questions, if verses do come to mind that you want to share with the group, make a note of them.

Personality

Your unique design can be a great clue as to how God may want to use you as a “watchman.”

From the list of personality traits below, circle ones that would best describe you. (Feel free to add personality traits not on this list.)

adaptable, attentive, charismatic, compassionate, confident, courageous, creative, determined, discerning, driven, empathetic, encouraging, enthusiastic, friendly, helpful, honest, hospitable, humble, insightful, intelligent, kind, loyal, optimistic, outgoing, patient, persistent, precise, reliable, sympathetic, understanding

- 1) Each member should share three of their most recognizable traits with the group.

- 2) Do you recognize the value of your personality traits?
- 3) In what ways have others affirmed what you know to be your gifts?
- 4) Of your personality traits, which do you think best allow you to interact with and have impact on others?
- 5) Which traits most often assist you in areas of ministry?
- 6) Would you consider yourself an introvert or extrovert or both at times? Are you able, if necessary, to step outside of your comfort zone?
- 7) Are your skills more geared toward online outreach or in-person communication?
- 8) Are you an on-the-stage or behind-the-scenes person?

Passions

We must—absolutely must—get the notion out of our head that the least desirable area of service is where God must want us to serve. Our inner, driving passions are given to us by God (Philippians 2:13).

- 1) Are you most passionate about discipleship or evangelism?
- 2) Which age group(s) do you most enjoy: infants, preschoolers, children, youth, adults, seniors?
- 3) What are some creative ways you can use your gifts to reach your preferred age group or their families with the truth of our days?
- 4) What last-days topics most fuel your passions and compel you to action?
- 5) Right now, in your walk with the Lord, what is God stirring in your heart? What most excites you?

Past Endeavors

Don't get stuck where you think you belong or where you've always been. The Potter is well known for dousing the clay with water and reshaping it as needed for His new-season purpose.

- 1) In the past, in what areas of ministry have you been involved?
- 2) Which felt the most natural and joy-filled?
- 3) What areas were the most tedious and exhausting?
- 4) Have you noticed God moving you from one area of ministry to another in the past?
- 5) Are there areas where you have served out of obligation rather than passion?
- 6) What experiences have you gained over the years that make you uniquely qualified for last-days service?
- 7) Do you see common themes in your history of professional work and church service? If so, how might those areas or activities aid you as a watchman?

Based on your answers to the above questions, you may begin to draw some conclusions about your unique design and how you might *you*-tilize the you that God created. Remember, this isn't about *doing*. It's first about *being*. Be with Jesus. Be His. Be surrendered. Out of the overflow of your

relationship with Him, your ability to reach others with this last-days message will come naturally. I'll say one final time: The Potter doesn't make mistakes.