

Your Personal Style

† **Psalm 139:13-16** *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

Your personality is your essential nature, a framework describing how you approach and react to life. Each personality is God-given, and no style is better or worse than another, just different. So whether you are fearless, or reserved and quiet, God has gifted you to be that way. It is part of your personal style, and it affects how you behave. You behave 'naturally' based on how you were gifted.

From conception, God has been fashioning your body, mind, personality, and all you are. He sees you, knows you, ordains for you a life of service, and a future in heaven. His design of your personality fits perfectly into his plan for your life. Your personality makes for interesting interactions. While to some you may seem quirky, to others the same personality traits are enduring. Different is just that, different, not better or worse.

When free to do so, twin sisters, Kerri and Karla organize their lives quite differently: Kerri is unstructured, Karla is structured. For vacation, Kerri wants to pack a bag, throw it into the back seat and head south. Karla wants to search online, get maps and tourist information, and plan where to stay, what to see, and where to eat.

They will figure out a way to get along on vacation. Their differences actually strengthen their association and plans. What one may forgets, the other may remember. God provides these personality differences with deliberate purpose. In our lives of personal ministry, as we interact with each other, we need to remember we are different. It is okay to be different. We treasure each other with God's blessing. Live in him, with him, for him.

Your life is not your own. Your life is your personal ministry to God.