

DIFFERENCES

Q: God made each of us different. Why?

Gaining understanding about the important people in our lives is important (I Peter 3:7; Prov 3:13, 4:5, 4:7, 16:16, 16:22, 19:8). Why?

DIFFERENT PERSONALITY TYPES

From Trent/Smalley: Lions, Otters, Golden Retrievers, Beavers

INTROVERTS vs EXTROVERTS

SENSERS vs INTUITIVES

THINKERS vs FEELERS

INITIATORS vs RESPONDERS

TASK vs RELATIONSHIP oriented

Analytical vs Driver vs Idea vs People oriented

TYPE "A" vs TYPE "B"

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

Mental/Emotional/Psychological

- 1) Women tend to be more personal than men -- women have a deeper interest in developing relationships and are more concerned about people and feelings; men are more task and "conqueror" oriented.
- 2) Women tend to become an intimate part of their surroundings (i.e. people & things around them) -- (e.g. the house becomes an extension of the women, therefore any criticism of the house is taken personally).
- 3) Women tend to find their identity in close relationship, men via their vocation.
- 4) Women often need more time to adjust to changes.

- 5) Women tend to express their hostility verbally, men tend to be more violent.
- 6) Men tend to be more aggressive, take greater risks, have a greater need to prove themselves, and are more achievement oriented and driven.
- 7) Men tend to be thinkers (75%); women tend to be feelers (75%)
- 8) Men tend to be more task oriented; women tend to be more people/relationship oriented.

Sexual differences

WOMEN	MEN
* Relationship to menstrual cycle	* fairly constant, testosterone driven
* stimulated by tender touching	* sight
* attracted by personality	* less discriminating, more physical oriented
* needs extended emotional, mental & physical preparation	* little or no preparation

Intuitive differences

Women catch subliminal messages faster and more accurately than men

Communication differences

- * Women generally far more verbal and willing and able to share their feelings

OTHER CAUSES OF DIFFERENCES:

- o genetics
- o birth order
- o family background
- o experiences
- o biological
- o cultural expectations

Past

- o Ancestral past; Personal past

Present

- o Needs; Emotions

Future

- o Goals; Dreams

TASK ORIENTED VS PEOPLE ORIENTED

Is being people oriented good? Is being task oriented good? If you had to choose, which is more important? Why?

Biblical Case Study: Luke 10:38-42

Sisters Mary & Martha (brother = Lazarus; lived in Bethany; friends of Jesus)

a) Look at Luke 14:28-32. What can we learn?

b) Look at John 12:1-8. What can we learn?

But ... planning is good (Proverbs 14:21, 15:22, 16:1, 16:3, 16:9, 19:21) and laziness is condemned but hard work is commended (Proverbs 10:4; 12:11,14,27; 13:4; 19:24; 20:4,13; 21:25; 22:29; 28:19)

CAN PEOPLE CHANGE?

Can people improve upon their weaknesses? Can people grow more like Jesus Christ?

YES!!

Biblical Case Study:

Apostle John (fisherman; brother of James; Jesus nicknamed the “Sons of Thunder” in Mark 3:19)

a) Earlier in life: for insight, refer to Luke 9:51-56

b) Later in life: wrote I John -- a book with substantial teaching about love (wrote book to expose false teaching and help people understand the truth and make sure they were truly saved; promoted loving fellowship with God and people). Had a repeated term of endearment ("dear children") that he used in 1 John 2:1, 12, 13, 28; 3:7, 18; 4:4, which grants an insight into his feelings for people.