

So who are you?

For the last two weeks, we've been talking about being made in God's Image and reflecting God's character into the world around us. Using the Enneagram as a basis, we've talked about 9 different traits of God that we all embody to one extent or another. We've delved into these 9 characteristics and said that while we all embody all 9, we also all tend to lean into one of the 9 traits more naturally than the other 9.

So who are you?

Which of the 9 characteristics we've look at rang most true for you? In the words of many spiritual directors, did any of the 9 "sparkle"? While an Enneagram test may give you some insights into which is your dominant trait, the best test is simply to hold the in prayer before God and see which one feels the most like you.

For example, by the Enneagram Test, I lean most heavily toward Curiosity (a 5 on the scale), but I clearly identified with Helpfulness (a 2 on the scale) so that I call myself a 2, not a 5. However, I strongly embody both of these traits, and so enjoy their inherent strengths and watch closely for their inherent weaknesses.

So who are you?

Take some time and hold each of the 9 traits before God. Think about them, pray about them, and watch to see which one makes the most sense, or "sparkles" for you. Here they are...

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| 1. Order | 4. Creativity | 7. Enthusiasm |
| 2. Helpfulness | 5. Curiosity | 8. Power |
| 3. Achievement | 6. Loyalty | 9. Peace |

Once you feel a kinship with one of these characteristics of God, then let me encourage you to do a few things about it this week. First, thank God for it. Many people don't like the numbers God has chosen for them, but each is a gift. Second, ponder how the other 8 numbers play out in your life. Remember, we all embody all of the numbers and can tap into each of them at need. Third, read up a bit on your particular number, your particular aspect of God's Image reflected in you. And finally, live into your number, but also the other 8 characteristics of God.

I'll be vacationing the next two weeks, so there won't be any blogs for a while. Use these weeks to read up on these numbers, to further explore your identity in Christ, and if you feel so inclined, write up a blog of your own and send it to me. When I get back, I'll put together some of your blogs and use those for a while.