

This week we will look at some prayer temperaments to consider how we are all wired differently, even for prayer!

These are over-simplified paragraphs of each temperament and each person can be a mixture of multiple temperaments. But if you are someone who cannot seem to pray at the same time each day or keep a journal, it doesn't make you a bad Christian or a bad pray-er. It just isn't your temperament!

**Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Rest and think about the way that you pray

**Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** - Read Psalm 106:1-2, 6-8. The temperament of Tradition sees God as a master architect, creator and designer of the universe. Everything they see and experience is part of God's design. The purpose of prayer is to reveal the destiny God has in mind for each of us. Those who are strong in this temperament stand between God and humanity in a priestly role to try and help convey and bring about God's purpose in every situation. They pray most comfortably in a church or conventional surrounding and utilize praying Psalms, liturgies, litanies, and ancient prayers. The Traditionalist has a prayer language of repentance, to clear the past for the community to receive God's plan while also continuing an emphasis of God's many promises and faithfulness to uphold them. Church history has a prayerful significance because it documents God's faithfulness over time.

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**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Read Luke 18:1-8. The Temperament of Love sees God as a righteous judge, the redeemer and champion of justice. Persons of this temperament go to God and plead the case for someone else. Intercessors in this temperament of love have a gift for seeing people and situations through "grace-enhanced" lenses that allow them to see things not as they are but as God intended them to be. That is the picture they use to pray for others, long after others have given up on praying for the person "not worth your time," or "living in sin and doing drugs." People in this temperament are generally very selfless. They might be accused of being too caught up in someone else's problem because they feel so much for them. The love temperament also is very relational and they often feel more comfortable praying with others in a circle holding hands and sharing feelings. They love to listen because it gives even more information on how to pray.

**Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** - Read Exodus 15:1-3, 6-7, 11, 18. The Temperament of Mystery sees God as an exalted King who loves and is revealed to us but can never really be known or understood. God rules over all the nations and God's majesty is unequalled by anything on earth, the Holy One, the Beginning and the End, the Great "I Am." And yet the man Jesus was the true revelation of God, fully man and fully divine (Hebrews 1:3). To know Jesus is to experience the life of God (John 10:10). Because of their view of God, mystics focus on the attributes, nature and character of God, not what God can "do." Who God is takes center stage. Mystics are typically humble because their perception of God is so big that they peacefully experience smallness. Mystics are obsessed with knowing God and seeking a revelation from God. While others want to "hear" from God, mystics want to see God. The most common attribute for mystics is the love of solitude. They don't want anything getting in the way of experiencing God. Mystics are often described as aloof or indifferent, anti-social or "out of it." A prayer meeting or Bible study would not interest someone like this. They are content to sit quietly and not even say a word.

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Read Psalm 44:7, Psalm 68:21, Exodus 15:3. The temperament of Confrontation sees God as a Commander in Chief and most circumstances in life as a struggle between good and evil. Prayer is a weapon to be used to enforce God's way over the enemy's schemes. God is the supreme leader and commissions people to enforce the kingdom. Those who pray in this temperament can be intimidating because they focus on spiritual warfare. Their prayer language for a confrontationalist is authoritative, they pray for God instead of to God. They pray to bind or loosen, to bless or heal. They are sometimes accused of being too radical as every situation is seen in spiritual dynamics and Satan or a twisted helper of his is directly connected. They are very drawn to pray based on Ephesians 6:10-18 9 (The Armor of God). This prayer temperament identifies their target before they fire. They often work with traditionalists to identify and isolate sins of the past to make a clear path for God's Kingdom in the future.

The Temperament of Perception sees God as a bold innovator who continues to love creating. God favors progress, creating new things and making all things new (Revelation 21:5). God is in no way limited to work within the current systems that we love and cherish. God is inventive and supremely creative, constantly giving birth to new works, new ideas and ways of reaching lost and hurting people. This is the temperament of dreams and visions and because they are so finely tuned into God's frequency, this group hears from God the most. This group dials in to the apocalyptic and is futuristic. They are comfortable journaling, loving to see things come to pass. They are very spontaneous and can pray anywhere as they feel the Spirit moving. They are like a blank screen for God's projector and are risk-takers. This group is often dramatic, excitable and demonstrative as their message is of great importance and urgency.