



Theme: Beautiful and Beloved – Enneagram and Understanding
"Martha, the Canaanite Woman and the Powerful Person – Type 8"

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Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10, John 11:17-27, Matthew 15:21-28

VIDEO Sermon Starter

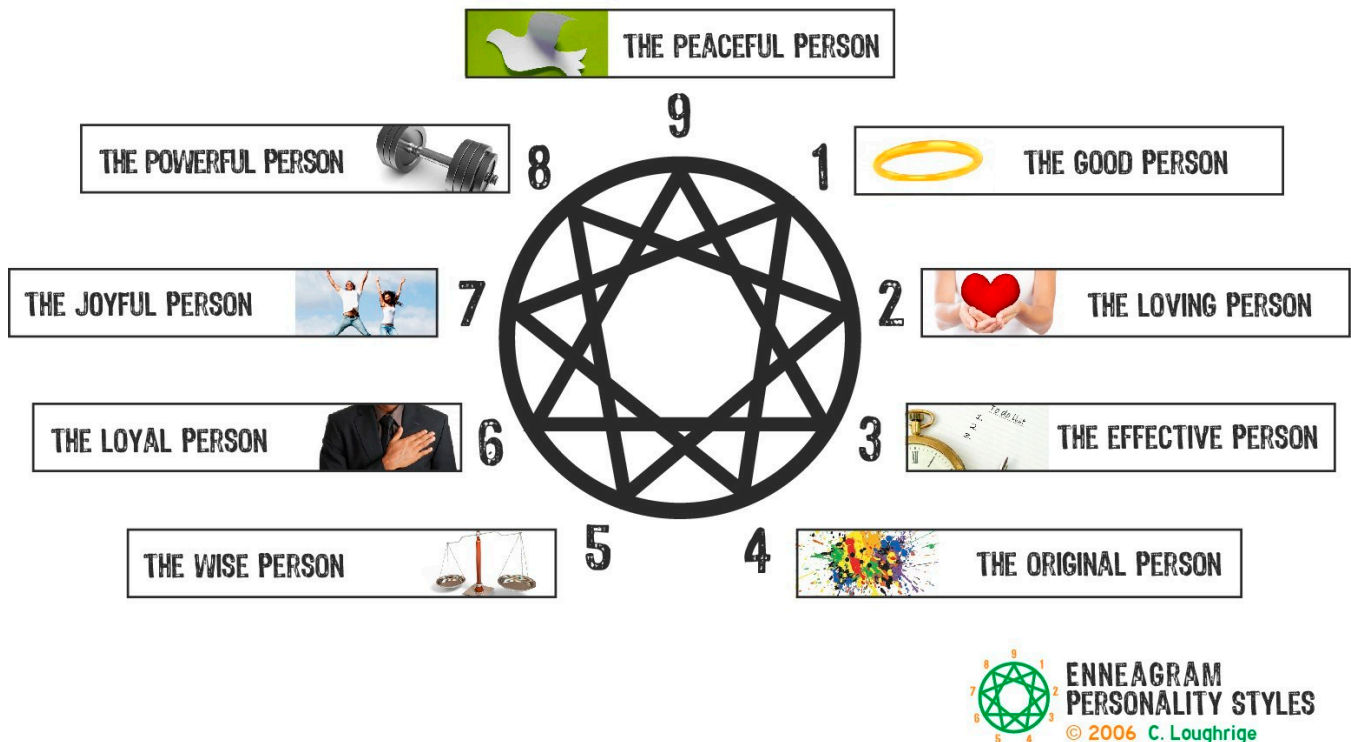
SLIDE "Martha, the Canaanite Woman and the Powerful Person – Type 8"

My name is Jeff Huber and I'm Lead Pastor here at Summit Church. We've are in the middle of a sermon series looking at what it takes to love God and love others as we love ourselves. To do that, we've been using a tool called the Enneagram. I have been reminding you each week that the Enneagram is simply a tool that can serve the Gospel. I realize not all may be familiar with this tool, but many of you have sent me notes and emails about how helpful it has been to look at what motivates you, and the people around you.

In case you have not seen some of the visuals we have been using, you can check out our Enneagram Resource page on our website which is under the resources tab. We have been looking at images like these, where we see the different types and it gives us a summary of them.

GRAPHIC Enneagram Personality Types - Persons

PERSONALITY TYPES

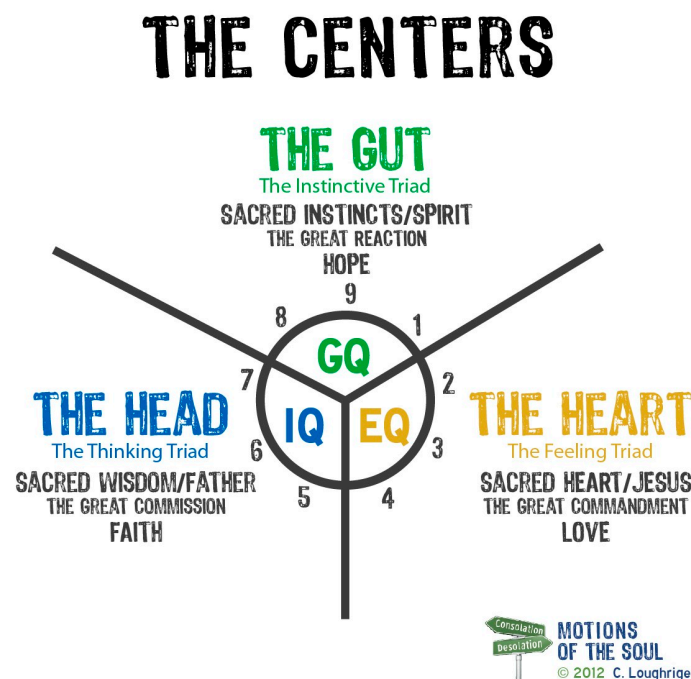


This diagram shows how we are talking about each type in our Spiritual Formation Resource on our resource page. Jesus said to love God with your heart; which is represented by type 2, the loving person, type 3, the effective person, and type 4, the original person; your soul which is meant to capture the entirety of what it means to be connected to God and Christ; your mind which is represented by types 5, the wise person, type 6, the loyal person and type 7, the joyful person; and your strength or gut which is represented by type 8, the powerful person, type 9, the peaceful person, and type 1, the good person.

Today, we turn to type 8, known as the powerful person and this is the

first of what is known as the gut triad. Notice that this diagram gives you some other words, like **feeling for heart**, **thinking for head** and **instinct for gut**. They are represented in some ways by the Trinity, Father or Creator and Wisdom for the head, the Holy Spirit for the gut, and Jesus for the heart. They are represented by the Great Commandment, the Great Commission and the **Great Reaction**. And I love the idea of faith, **hope** and love as the Apostle Paul talks about. In these three types we find biblical characters like Martha, Paul, John the Baptist and Abraham

GRAPHIC **Enneagram Head-Faith Gut-Hope Heart-Love**



You might be a type 8, if this graphic fits you.

GRAPHIC **Type 8 at Their Best and Worst**

Enneagram Type 8	
AT THEIR BEST	AT THEIR WORST
Compassionate	Loud
Inspiring	Vengeful
Direct	Excessive
Resilient	Controlling
Loyal	Rebellious
Energetic	Insensitive
Empowering	Domineering
Protective	Self-Centered
Self-Confident	Skeptical
 Your Enneagram Coach	

I was able this week to spend time with Andy Sloan. Andy is the youth pastor at the River Church and has become a good friend over the years. He is an 8 on the Enneagram and was willing to spend some time with me this week talking about that.

QUESTION: Andy, what have you learned about yourself working with the Enneagram?

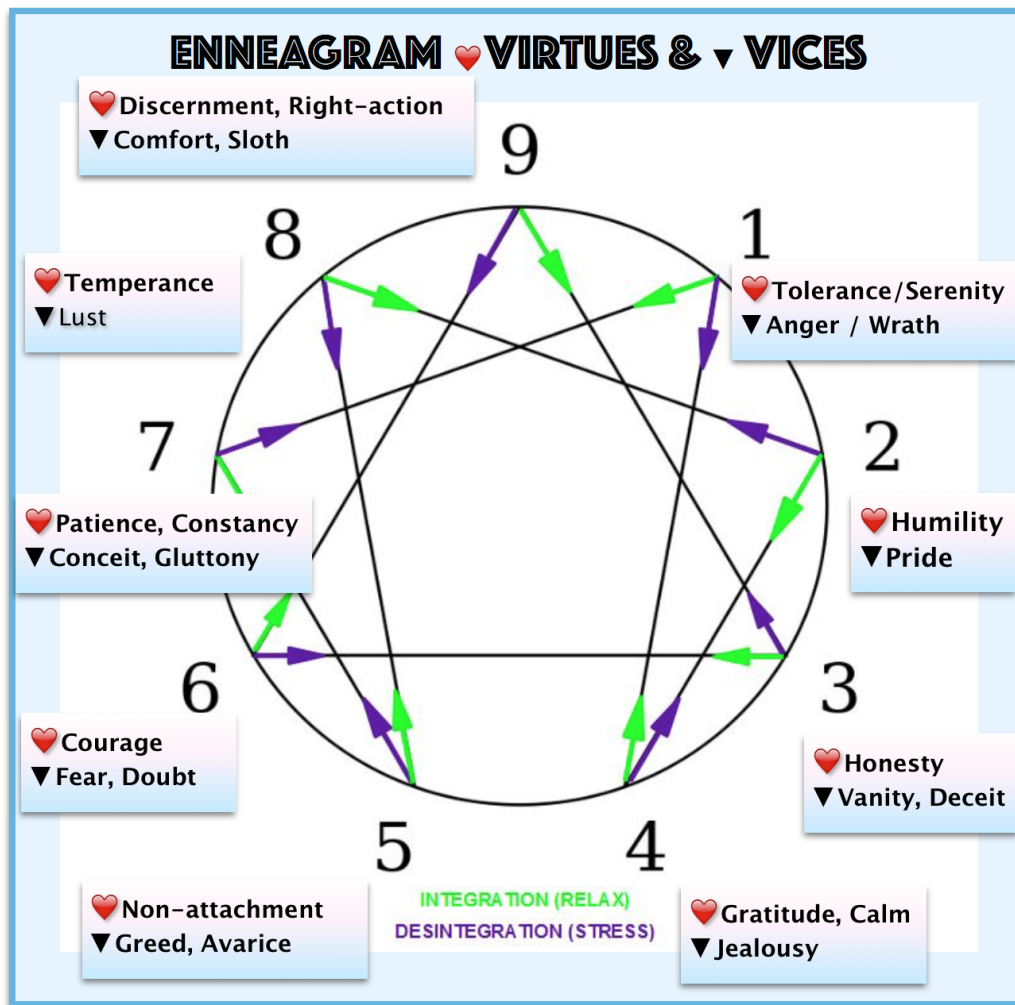
QUESTION: How has it impacted your spiritual life?

Another way that people have used this tool is to help us understand the vice and the virtue of each type. I did a series of sermons on the **Seven Deadly Sins** a number of years ago and in those sermons, I reminded us that each sin has a correlating virtue. They each actually start out as good things

but they become broken places in us when we become upset by them.

QUESTION: As you look at this idea of the virtue being temperance for an 8 with lust being a vice, how does that strike you?

GRAPHIC Enneagram with Vices and Virtues – Stress and Relax



QUESTION: What does it look like for your to move towards a 2 when you relax and towards a 5 when you are stressed?

GRAPHIC Type 8 Put to Death - Bring to Life

TYPE 8

The Protective Challenger



PUT TO DEATH

your Core Weakness of lust, that leads you to seek intensity and control for fear of being harmed, manipulated, or betrayed. Through Christ, you are strong and protected.



BRING TO LIFE

your heart's Core Longing to know that you will not be betrayed. Christ is your true advocate, and you can trust Him to always have your back.



YourEnneagramCoach

QUESTION: Does any of that ring true for you?

QUESTION: Which spiritual practice have you found most helpful and why?
(Taken from the Enneagram Spiritual Formation page...

<https://saturatetheworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Enneagram-Spiritual-Formation-Plan.pdf>)

- i. Downstream practices that seem to come easier.
 - 1. Justice.
 - 2. Compassion.
- ii. Upstream practices which can be more challenging.
 - 1. Accountability
 - 2. Confession

QUESTION: What Bible characters speak to you?

- 1. Martha in John 11...

BIBLE ***¹⁷ When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. ²⁰ When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.”***

²³ Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the

Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.”

2. The Canaanite Woman in Matthew 15.

BIBLE ***²¹ Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.”***

²³ But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. “Tell her to go away,” they said. “She is bothering us with all her begging.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.”

²⁵ But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, “Lord, help me!”

²⁶ Jesus responded, “It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷ She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters’ table.”

²⁸ “Dear woman,” Jesus said to her, “your faith is great. Your request is granted.” And her daughter was instantly healed.

QUESTION: **What encouragement would you give to others who feel they are in the type 8 category as powerful, inspiring people?**

QUESTION: Is there anything else you would like to share?

Let me leave you with these scriptures that are so helpful for these difficult times and if you find yourself a type 8.

BIBLE *¹ We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. ² We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. ³ For even Christ didn't live to please himself. – Romans 15: 1-2*

BIBLE *...So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.*

⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. –2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

A great Scripture to commit to memory is verse 9.

BIBLE *⁹ [God said to Paul], "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.*

We ALL do need God's grace. None of us can do life on our own because none of us is perfect. Let's pray together...

SLIDE Prayer

Lord Jesus, we do not have to be strong and in control because you are our strength, and your grace is what we need. When we were weak and helpless, you used your perfect power to come to our aid and rescue us from my sin and false self. You have proven to be trustworthy and that your love for us is unconditional. This means we are free to be vulnerable with God and others and boast all the more of our weaknesses without fear of being dominated or controlled, for a we are controlled with your love for us. It is that love for us which makes us strong. May we receive that gift today so we might share it with your world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.