

A Different Perspective
Personality GPS – Which Personality Type Am I? (2)
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The Teacher (3 o'clock)
MAX

Every now and then something happens that gives me a rare and exquisite sense of delight and today on the program, well today's one of them. Because as well as being joined by my good friend, Keith Henry. Who's leading us through understanding the different personality types that God's created.

Well today, today we're joined by Max. Now Max is a special man because Max is my partner in crime in recording these radio programs. In fact, over the last 4 or 5 years, he's been sitting on the other side of the glass panel in the studio, while I sit on this side behind a microphone.

Max is the knob twiddler extraordinaire. And he's the man who actually records and produces these programs. And the reason that today is such a sweet, sweet delight for me is this. Max loves being on the other side of the glass panel, twiddling knobs, but we had to hire a team of wild horses to drag him over to this side of the glass and stick him behind the mike. And today we've achieved that.

Out of his comfort zone, Max welcome to my world.

Max: Hi Berni.

Berni: And also Keith, welcome again to the program.

Keith: Thanks Berni.

Berni: Now without further ado we're going to dive into it. This week we've started working our way through each of the nine personality types that Keith and I discussed on air last week. And we're doing that by lining up victims, like Max, one from each personality type, to dig deeper to find out what makes them tick.

The idea of that is not only so that you can figure out your personality type by recognising a bit of yourself in each of these guests. But also that you might recognise some of your loved ones and friends and colleagues to figure out where they're coming from and who they might be.

Keith, as you'll recall, has come up with a bog simple way to understand personalities. It's a tool called Personality GPS. Where

he takes the personality types that we find in Romans chapter 12 in the New Testament and just lays them out across the numbers of a clock face. So Keith, refresh my memory, at the moment we're dealing with the personality types from?

Keith: Well from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock on the clock face Berni, these are the big picture thinkers, the holistic people. They use their mind, their will and their emotions. On Monday we kicked off at 1 o'clock with the achiever. Yesterday we met an encourager, 2 o'clock on the clock face. And today, the last personality type among this group that I've called holistic or soul people is 3 o'clock - the teacher.

Berni: Okay, we're going to be talking to Max in a moment but first, tell us about this personality type, the teacher. Which one does that relate to from Romans chapter 12? What do they look like? How do I know if I'm one of those or someone I know has the personality type of a teacher?

Keith: Well Berni, the teacher is not always the person we think that a teacher will be. These are easy going people. They can teach but that's not always their calling. People like to get along side them because they're not judgemental and they're actually very caring type of people. So they're people that really you're attracted to naturally.

Berni: Why do we call them teacher though? Why that label of this personality type?

Keith: Well, if you look at a university teacher, they might just be the person who gives you the facts. What a teacher does is to get alongside you, they'd then say 'Let me show you how this works. Let me show you what ...' So they care about the person not just the facts.

Berni: So is it more of a life coach type of person?

Keith: Yeah, that's a good way of putting it.

Berni: Okay.

Keith: Yeah.

Berni: Alright, anything else? So how do I identify this personality type if I run into one?

Keith: Well, they're easy going. They're very trusting people, as I said, that don't judge others. They relate easily with everybody, any type of personality type they can relate to. They like to go to social events, not to be the star but just to be one of the people in the group.

Berni: Okay Max, you're on. In a moment I'm going to ask you how you related to what Keith's been saying but first, tell us a bit about yourself. Tell us about the work and the ministry you're involved in.

Max: Well, I do this recording as you well know. That's part of what I do. Involved in music at Church. I'm involved in a ministry outside of Church which is a healing and deliverance ministry. I do worship there as well. So it's a whole range of things.

Berni: Quite a variety of things. I'm interested in this healing and deliverance ministry because that's a place where we were talking about the life coach type model before. It's a place where you do pull alongside people a lot and spend time with them, don't you? Just tell us a little bit about that.

Max: Well yes, I've been "trained", in inverted commas, as a counsellor and I love doing that. I get really nervous every time I get called to go and do that sort of stuff but once I'm there and I start talking and I start listening to God, it's amazing what He does through me and that's what I love.

Berni: Okay. So what do you love doing yourself? What are your hobbies? I mean if you have two hours to yourself other than coming down here and producing radio programs, what would you do with that time for yourself?

Max: Probably go and paddle a canoe out in the ocean somewhere. I've got a sea kayak and I love doing that.

Berni: Okay and then you've got the bees to look after.

Max: I've got the bees to look after, yeah. That's hard work.

Berni: Yeah, good honey though.

Max: Good honey.

Berni: Mate what really flicks your switch? What really motivates you as a person? Why do you get up in the morning? What drives you?

Max: I enjoy people. I think I've always enjoyed people. Or maybe that's not true, I know I hated crowds when I was a kid. To go to a thing like the Easter show or something in Sydney, that was the last place on earth that I'd want to be as a kid. I'm okay with it now but 1 to 1, small groups, I enjoy that. Even to have a crowd of 6 or 10 or 40 people over for a party is really hard work for me. But 2 or 3 - love it, I can connect with them.

Berni: Okay. What makes you feel different from other people you know? How do you feel unique? How do you feel different?

Max: I've heard you ask that question a few times Berni and I don't have an answer for that. I don't know that I feel unique. I know there are some areas that I cope with. For instance, my wife, she will not cope with people doing things or saying things around her very easily. I do and I don't know why she doesn't. So in that sense I guess when I look at other people, yeah they have issues with some comment, with something that was said and I think 'well, what's the problem? Just ...

Berni: Just be easy going like me.

Max: Yeah. (All laugh) Yeah, just like you Berni.

Berni: We all want people to be like us, don't we in a sense?

Max: Absolutely.

Berni: Why can't they be like me? What drives you nuts about other people quickly?

Max: I guess it is that. It's just they're inability to see where the other person is coming from and intolerance.

Berni: Keith, what makes Max your classic teacher personality type? You've listened to him now.

Keith: Well we can see that he's peaceful, right, stress free. They like being peaceful and stress free. They're the peace makers between people.

Berni: Okay.

Keith: Because of that they also dislike conflict so they don't ...

Berni: Max is nodding.

Max: Big time, big time.

Keith: They don't want to be around argumentative people, they would rather get them together than having something been pulled apart.

Berni: Well, that's cool. So Max is Mr Easy Going. I guess you have to be to work with me for a whole bunch of years, don't you Max?

Max: Yeah.

Berni: That's awesome. Thanks for joining us. Yeah, it's been really good. Thanks Max.

Max: Thanks Berni.

Berni: And Keith, we'll catch you again a little bit later.

Keith: Look forward to it.

Berni: Thanks matey.