

Gifts and Patterns

Have you ever noticed how a person's strength also has a mirror weakness, like two sides of a coin? Something that helps us function well in one situation can also trip us up in another.

Word for Today ran a series from 21-31 October 2018 where they highlighted some of these characteristics. Can you recognise any of these in you?

Reformers. Reformers are drawn to perfection. They have a high standard of excellence and their greatest fear is being flawed. They can be judgmental.

Servers. Servers are natural care givers who love to serve others, but can also love to be needed. Often the passion for serving comes from their own neediness.

Achievers. Achievers love to overcome challenges, perform and make an impact, but can be tempted to live for their own image and to become preoccupied with self.

Artists. Artists can see, love and create beauty, bringing colour to life; but can be dreamy and find "real life" difficult to cope with, suffering from mood swings.

Thinkers. Thinkers love to know and learn information. They have good memories, but can often be introverted and enjoy their own space to an extreme.

Loyalists. Loyalist love to be part of a great team, and are very dependable. However, they can become cynical when let down, and fearful.

Enthusiasts. Enthusiasts are the life and soul of the party, talking and telling stories. They love positivity, often overlooking the pain and challenges of others.

Commanders. Commanders understand power and leadership, and exercise these effectively. Opposition energises them. However, they can become intimidating, expect compliance and don't listen well.

Peacemakers. Peacemakers thrive when life is calm, however their relational warmth can prevent them from taking initiative or risks or holding a clear opinion on important matters.