

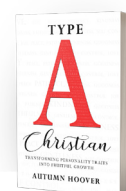
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PERSONALITY TYPE QUIZ

- 1.** Your husband is preparing to serve the weekly church communion when an unknown guest sitting beside you asks, “*how often does the church take communion*”—you quickly answer, “*weekly*”—but, the guest informs you that she does not feel communion should be done that frequently as it loses its importance. Which one of the following would you most likely say in response:

 - A. “*Communion is part of worship and it is very important to stay on a schedule.*”
(spoken very aggressively toward the guest)
 - B. “*I’ve never really thought about it; it’s just something I’ve grown accustomed to each week.*”
 - C. “*I was always used to quarterly communion at my other church; I guess you’re right.*”
 - D. “*No one in the church listens to anyone’s opinions and everyone does whatever they want.*”
 - E. “*I agree with the decisions of the elders within my church in holding a weekly communion and would be happy to discuss Scripture following the service to indicate the basis and importance for their decision in having a weekly communion.*”
- 2.** Your church is hosting a guest speaker who you have looked forward to hearing speak over the last few months. Unfortunately, the speaker had a change in his schedule, and you just realized he is preaching on the same day you have nursery duty. Which one of the following actions would you most likely take:

 - A. You quickly walk to the nursery avoiding others who say “*hello,*” pace the floors in the nursery while holding a crying infant, and overreact to the other volunteer worker after she informed you of your mistake in using a wrong diaper.
 - B. You tell your spouse to take good notes to determine if the speaker was worth the excitement as you head off to the nursery to play with the new toddlers.
 - C. You really want to ask another church member to trade nursery rotations with you, but you are too afraid they will say “*No,*” so you do not ask.
 - D. You loudly and hastily complain to the nursery director about serving in the nursery as it is a waste of your time and the room smells like dirty diapers.
 - E. You ask a member of the media staff to record the message as you continue serving in the nursery and fulfill your commitment.



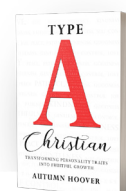
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3. At the end of church service, the children's minister expresses his gratitude to the church for graciously budgeting a portion of funding toward a youth conference. He feels this will be a great outreach for the community and cannot wait to invite the teens in the surrounding areas. You currently do not have any children in the youth group. Which of the following would be your response:

- A. You become very hostile when you learn the church is not funding any trips for younger children and decide to approach fellow church members on the financial committee to question their decisions.
- B. After the children's minister offers a word of thanks, you look at your weekly church bulletin to check upcoming events for younger children.
- C. After listening to the children's minister, you reach for your checkbook to write a special offering specifically for the youth conference; however, you change your mind when your spouse advises against giving an offering to groups in the church which don't involve your children.
- D. You think it's ridiculous to send youth on an overnight trip when they could learn at church for free.
- E. You fondly remember all the youth trips you attended and how your Christian walk was strengthened, and you decide to pledge a special offering specifically for this youth conference. You later ask the children's minister for ways to volunteer in preparation for the upcoming conference.

4. Your church has experienced wonderful growth within the youth group, and the leadership team has recommended the addition of a gymnasium to accommodate the increase. However, after various research, the leadership team votes against the addition at this time. Which one of the following identifies how you would react:

- A. While you tried to be patient with the leadership team as they came to a conclusion, you quickly become angry as you do not agree with their decision and fear the church will not continue to grow.
- B. You are glad the leadership team finally came to a decision, but it didn't matter as you do not have any children who could benefit from having a gym.
- C. While you believed the church had potential, you are frustrated that the leadership team never asked for ideas regarding other areas for improvement.
- D. You quickly complain to the leadership team and preacher that your current church is too small and growth will soon stop. In fact, you are thinking of leaving to find a new church.
- E. While a gymnasium addition may offer opportunities, you embrace the current decision made by the leadership team and offer your help to improve the current church in order to maintain and promote growth.



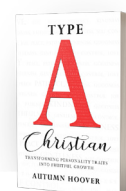
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5. Your preacher had unexpected surgery, and while his wife is still able to prepare meals for him, the leader of the food team encourages various teams to take three meals rather than the one meal that is typically taken to families in need within the church. You respond in the following way:

- A. You are upset by having to cook another meal as this week is terribly busy at work, but in order to outdo others on the food teams, you know you have to cook your best dish and you do not ask your spouse to help because you cook better by yourself.
- B. You kindly agree to cook a dish but probably cannot have it ready for a few days.
- C. You quickly become frustrated and angry and think to yourself how ridiculous it is to treat the pastor any different, but you decide to sign up to bring the extra meal anyway.
- D. You complain to the leader of the food team and ask why we should treat the preacher any differently.
- E. You realize that your preacher is literally on-call for every member of the congregation including weekends and holidays, and you gladly request to bring his favorite dish to show your appreciation to him and his family for their service to the church.

6. You helped organize a clean-up day at the church and made appropriate lists for all the tasks that need to be completed. The pastor wants to show his appreciation by supplying lunch to all those participating in the clean-up; however, lunch arrived before all the tasks were completed and everyone stopped cleaning to eat. Which reaction would you probably have in this situation:

- A. You realize you have 30 minutes of work left and are already scheduled to meet friends for coffee, so you offer a quick "thank you" to the preacher but continue working to complete your tasks.
- B. Even though you have 30 minutes of work left, you are excited to eat your favorite pizza and decide to finish your tasks after lunch.
- C. You realize you only have 30 minutes to clean and try to continue, but the preacher tells you that the church looks great and to finish at the next scheduled clean-up, so you stop cleaning to eat against your preference to keep working.
- D. In front of the preacher, you walk into the kitchen and tell everyone to finish cleaning before eating. Besides, you don't like that cheap pizza anyway.
- E. You decide to take a time-out to eat lunch, and commend the preacher as well as the church volunteers regarding their desire to serve.



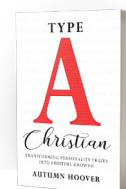
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7. An evening church service is devoted to other believers offering their personal testimonies and the importance of maintaining a Christian life. One of the church members later admits to using drugs in her past life before becoming a Christian—a fact you did not realize. Which response is in line with how you would react:

- A. On the car ride home, your husband shares his admiration for her testimony, but you, on the other hand, just don't understand how people can make such bad decisions and remark that they should learn to make better choices.
- B. You were deeply moved by her testimony and look forward to the next speaker.
- C. You were totally captivated by her testimony until your friend walks by and whispers to you not to invite her to the next small group meeting for fear of being associated with her former lifestyle, and you reluctantly agree.
- D. You are completely blindsided by the fact that the church would let a former drug-addict speak in front of the congregation and plan to inform the preacher of your utter disappointment after the service.
- E. You quickly find the woman who offered her testimony and express your gratitude and appreciation for her humility, integrity, and desire to speak. You then share what obstacle God helped you overcome in your life before accepting Christ and how humbled you felt when other Christians embraced you into their family of believers.

8. During an open church prayer request time, a young married couple requests prayer to become pregnant after two unsuccessful years of trying. They do not wish to see a fertility specialist as they are fully trusting and reliant on God's ability to help them conceive. You respond with which of the following:

- A. You quickly find your way to the couple and advise they have waited too long without seeing a professional, and you would be happy to contact the fertility specialist who evaluated one of your friends and try to get them an appointment as soon as possible.
- B. You find the couple after church and wish them well with becoming pregnant.
- C. You sadly remember the difficult time in becoming pregnant yourself and think about giving the young couple your contact information, but you are not ready to discuss your past medical information, even though it could prove beneficial.
- D. You quickly walk up to the couple and loudly ask in front of other members of the congregation if it is the wife's or the husband's fault for not being able to conceive?
- E. You take a moment and write down the young couple's name to remember during your personal prayer time, and then quietly walk over to the couple and advise them that you would be happy to pray for their request and encourage them to continue in their faithfulness and patience as they wait for God's blessing in having a baby.



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- 9.** It is Youth Sunday and all the youth will be serving a luncheon after church service to raise money for their next mission trip. All the youth have taken over the kitchen duties that you and other church members typically execute for such meals. When you walk over to the beverage station, you notice one particular youth member is not keeping up the pace in preparing drinks.
- A. You politely go over to the adolescent and present your personal method for preparing drinks, and in doing so, you completely take over without noticing the teen left the beverage station.
 - B. You take your drink from the teenager, say “*thank you,*” step over the spilled tea on the floor, and find your seat in the dining hall.
 - C. You notice lots of liquid spilled on the floor, but you are too afraid to say anything to upset the adolescent because his parents are in line behind you.
 - D. As the teen hands you a drink, you quickly grab it and remark on how long you had to wait in line as well as the amount of melted ice, which caused your soda to taste different.
 - E. You inform the adolescent, “*Hey, I don’t know if anyone told you, but preparing the drinks is the hardest job and you are doing excellent! Keep up the good work. Is there anything I can do to help?*”

PERSONALITY RESULTS

Scoring for this quiz is as easy as A, B, C, and D. So, if you answered with mostly A’s, then you most likely exhibit Type A personality traits. If you answered mostly B’s, then you are closer to a Type B. If you answered with mostly C’s then you are Type C, and if you answered with mostly D’s, then you are Type D. If, however you answered with mostly E’s, then you are doing pretty well in your Christian walk and are mature in producing fruit, so keep up the excellent work! Did you find out anything interesting about yourself as a Christian after taking this quiz? Or maybe you already know something in your personality needs changing, but you have a difficult time admitting your faults, like me? (Disclosure: I have also found research for individuals having an actual Personality E type, but for this quiz, we will utilize it as the best possible answer.)

Remember, we each respond differently to any given situation. Sometimes we will act like Type B and sometimes Type C, or we may think like Type D but act like Type E—God knows the secrets of our hearts (Psalms 44:21) and knows our thoughts even before we speak them (Psalms 139:4).

One more note about reflecting on your answers: let’s say you wanted to grow up to be a school teacher when you were younger, but a random college quiz placed you on another career path based on your answers. You may be totally unhappy and living a life full of regret due to answers given on a simple quiz. Here’s the good news—you don’t have to feel the same about these quiz results. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you are still a precious child of God and will never have your adoption papers revoked—no matter what answers you gave or what personality type you currently are.

