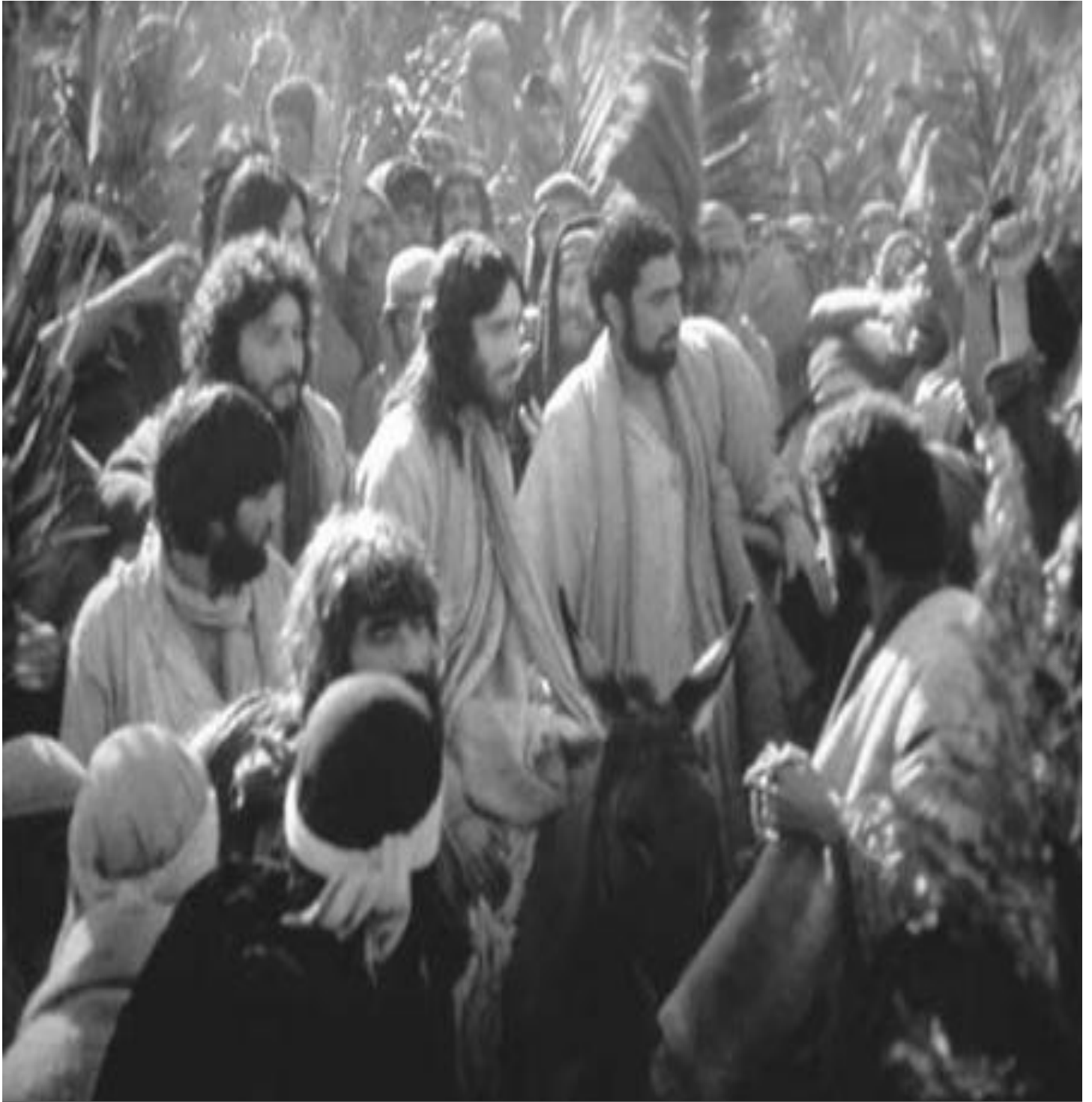




Living A “Called” Life

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Who” Am I vs “Whose” Am I?

The question “*Who am I?*” deals with our identity. The question “*Whose am I?*” deals with our identity in relation to our Creator. **To really know ourselves, we must also know something of the nature and character of the One who made us** – and what is His design, plan, and purpose for our lives. **We must then be willing to admit the voids we have *and accept them*.** It’s only after we take these courageous steps can we live up to our true potential.

Always remember, you represent God’s crowning achievement. **You are God’s most excellent creation.** You are the full expression of His creative genius. **God was at His very best when He made you!**

Following you will discover “*Who you are.*” And “*Whose you are.*” You will also begin to incorporate the “*Strongholds*” in your life that may be holding you in bondage from reaching your full calling.

DIRECTIONS

Respond to each statement on the following pages which follow, according to the following scale:

Please describe yourself according to the personality-type scales given below. Read the personality-type description on either side of each scale. Think about how you are most of the time, and try to determine which personality-type best describes you. Most people have some traits from each personality-type on either side of the scale. However, most people tend to prefer or feel most comfortable with one personality-type more than the other. Place a (ü) somewhere on the scale, which represents how you are most of the time. Remember, this is only a self-evaluation, not an exact measure of your personality.

INTROVERT

- ☐ Like quiet for concentration.
- ☐ Tend to be careful with details, dislike sweeping statements.
- ☐ Have trouble remembering names and faces.
- ☐ Tend not to mind working on one project for a long time uninterrupted.
- ☐ Are interested in the idea behind their job.
- ☐ Dislike telephone intrusions and interruptions.
- ☐ Work contentedly alone.
- ☐ Have some problems communicating.

☐ **Total**

EXTRAVERT

- ☐ Like variety and action.
- ☐ Tend to be faster, dislike complicated procedures.
- ☐ Are often good at greeting people.
- ☐ Are often impatient with long slow jobs.
- ☐ Are interested in the results of their job, in getting it done and in how other people do it.
- ☐ Often don't mind the interruption of answering the telephone.
- ☐ Often act quickly, sometimes without thinking.
- ☐ Like to have people around.
- ☐ Usually communicate freely.

☐ **Total**

INTUITIVE

- ☐ Like solving new problems.
- ☐ Dislike doing the same thing over and over again.
- ☐ Enjoy learning a new skill more than using it.
- ☐ Work in burst of energy powered by enthusiasm, with slack periods in between.
- ☐ Put two and two together quickly.
- ☐ Are impatient with routine details.
- ☐ Are patient with complicated situations.
- ☐ Follow their inspirations, good or bad.
- ☐ Often get their facts a bit wrong.
- ☐ Dislike taking time for precision.

☐ **Total**

SENSING

- ☐ Dislike new problems unless there are standard ways to solve them.
- ☐ Like an established way of doing things.
- ☐ Enjoy using skills already learned more than learning new ones.
- ☐ Work more steadily, with realistic idea of how long it will take.
- ☐ Usually reach a conclusion step by step.
- ☐ Are patient with routine details.
- ☐ Are impatient when the details get complicated.
- ☐ Don't often get inspired, and rarely trust the inspiration when they do.
- ☐ Seldom make errors of fact.
- ☐ Tend to be good at precise work.

☐ **Total**

FEELING

- ☐ Tend to be very aware of other people and their feelings.
- ☐ Enjoy pleasing people, even in unimportant things.
- ☐ Like harmony. Efficiency may be badly disturbed by office feuds.
- ☐ Work in burst of energy powered by enthusiasm, with slack periods in between.
- ☐ Often let decisions be influenced by their own or other people's personal likes and wishes.
- ☐ Need occasional praise.
- ☐ Dislike telling people unpleasant things.
- ☐ Relate well to most people.
- ☐ Tend to be sympathetic.

☐ **Total**

THINKING

- ☐ Are relatively unemotional and uninterested in people's feelings.
- ☐ May hurt people's feelings without knowing it.
- ☐ Like analysis and putting things into logical order. Can get along without harmony.
- ☐ Tend to decide impersonally, sometimes ignoring people's wishes.
- ☐ Need to be treated fairly.
- ☐ Are able to reprimand people or fire them when necessary.
- ☐ Tend to relate well only to other thinking types.
- ☐ Don't often get inspired, and rarely trust the inspiration when they do.
- ☐ May seem hard-hearted.

☐ **Total**

PERCEPTIVE

- ☐ Tend to be good at adapting to changing situations.
- ☐ Don't mind leaving things open for alterations.
- ☐ May have trouble making decisions.
- ☐ May start too many projects and have difficulty in finishing them.
- ☐ May postpone unpleasant jobs.
- ☐ Want to know all about a new job.
- ☐ Tend to be curious and welcome new light on a thing, situation or person.

 Total
JUDGING

- ☐ Best when they can plan their work and follow the plan.
- ☐ Like to get things settled and wrapped up.
- ☐ May decide things too quickly.
- ☐ May dislike to interrupt the project they are on for a more urgent one.
- ☐ May not notice new things that need to be done.
- ☐ Want only the essentials needed to get on with it.
- ☐ Tend to be satisfied once they reach a judgment on a thing, situation or person.

 Total
“WHO” ARE YOU ASSESSMENT KEY

<u>I</u>ntrovert	<u>E</u>xtrovert	Enter the <u>L</u> etter with the highest total in the box following.....	
<u>I</u>ntuitive	<u>S</u>ensing	Enter the <u>L</u> etter with the highest total in the box following.....	
<u>F</u>eeling	<u>T</u>hinking	Enter the <u>L</u> etter with the highest total in the box following.....	
<u>P</u>erceptive	<u>J</u>udging	Enter the <u>L</u> etter with the highest total in the box following.....	
			
			TYPE

----- Enter the Highest Letter in Each Category -----

DIRECTIONS

Respond to each statement on the following pages which follow, according to the following scale:

- 3 = Consistently, definitely true**
- 2 = Most of the time, usually true**
- 1 = Some of the time, once in a while**
- 0 = Not at all, never**

Using response sheet below at the end write your response to each statement in the block whose number corresponds to that number statement in the assessment.

Important: Answer according to who you are, not who you would like to be or think you ought to be. How true are these statements of you? What has been your experience? To what degree do these statements reflect your usual tendencies?

1. I like to organize people, tasks, and events.
2. I would like to start churches in places where they do not presently exist.
3. I enjoy working creatively with wood, cloth, paints, metal, glass, or other materials.
4. I enjoy challenging people's perspective of God by using various forms of art.
5. I can readily distinguish between spiritual truth and error, good and bad.
6. I tend to see the potential in people.
7. I communicate the gospel to others with clarity and effectiveness.
8. I find it natural and easy to trust God to answer my prayers.
9. I give liberally and joyfully to people in financial need or to projects requiring support.
10. I enjoy working behind the scenes to support the work of others.
11. I view my home as a place to minister to people in need.
12. I take prayer requests from others and consistently pray for them.
13. I am approached by people who want to know my perspective on a particular biblical passage.
14. I am able to motivate others to accomplish a goal.
15. I empathize with hurting people and desire to help in their healing process.
16. I can speak in a way that results in conviction and change in the lives of others.
17. I enjoy spending time nurturing and caring for others.
18. I am able to communicate God's word effectively.
19. I am often sought out by others for advice about spiritual or personal matters.
20. I am careful, thorough, and skilled at managing details.
21. I am attracted to the idea of serving in another country or ethnic community.
22. I am skilled in working with different kinds of tools.
23. I enjoy developing and using my artistic skills (art, drama, music, photography, etc.).
24. I frequently am able to judge a person's character based upon first impressions.
25. I enjoy reassuring and strengthening those who are discouraged.
26. I consistently look for opportunities to build relationships with non-Christians.
27. I have confidence in God's continuing provision and help, even in difficult times.
28. I give more than a tithe so that kingdom work can be accomplished.
29. I enjoy doing routine tasks that support the ministry.
30. I enjoy meeting new people and helping them to feel welcomed.
31. I enjoy praying for long periods of time and receive leadings as to what God wants me to pray for.
32. I receive information from the Spirit that I did not acquire through natural means.
33. I am able to influence others to achieve a vision.
34. I can patiently support those going through painful experiences as they try to stabilize their lives.
35. I feel responsible to confront others with the truth.
36. I have compassion for wandering believers and want to protect them.
37. I can spend time in study knowing that presenting truth will make a difference in the lives of people.
38. I can often find simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict or confusion.
39. I can clarify goals and develop strategies or plans to accomplish them.
40. I am willing to take an active part in starting a new church.

41. I enjoy making things for use in ministry.
42. I help people understand themselves, their relationships, and God better through artistic expression.
43. I can see through phoniness or deceit before it is evident to others.
44. I give hope to others by directing them to the promises of God.
45. I am effective at adapting the gospel message so that it connects with an individual's felt need.
46. I believe that God will help me to accomplish great things.
47. I manage my money well in order to free more of it for giving.
48. I willingly take on a variety of odd jobs around the church to meet the needs of others.
49. I genuinely believe the Lord directs strangers to me who need to get connected to others.
50. I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray.
51. I am committed, and schedule blocks of time for reading and studying scripture.
52. I can adjust my leadership style to bring out the best in others.
53. I enjoy helping people sometimes regarded as undeserving or beyond help.
54. I boldly expose cultural trends, teachings, or events which contradict biblical principles.
55. I like to provide guidance for the whole person — relationally, emotionally, spiritually, etc.
56. I pay close attention to the words, phrases, and meaning of those who teach.
57. I can easily select the most effective course of action from among several alternatives.
58. I can identify and effectively use the resources needed to accomplish tasks.
59. I can adapt well to different cultures and surroundings.
60. I can visualize how something should be constructed before I build it.
61. I like finding new and fresh ways of communicating God's truth.
62. I tend to see rightness or wrongness in situations.
63. I reassure those who need to take courageous action in their faith, family, or life.
64. I invite unbelievers to accept Christ as their Savior.
65. I trust God in circumstances where success cannot be guaranteed by human effort alone.
66. I am challenged to limit my lifestyle in order to give away a higher percentage of my income.
67. I see spiritual significance in doing practical tasks.
68. I like to create a place where people do not feel that they are alone.
69. I pray with confidence because I know that God works in response to prayer.
70. I have insight or just know something to be true.
71. I set goals and manage people and resources effectively to accomplish them.
72. I have great compassion for hurting people.
73. I see most actions as right or wrong, and feel the need to correct the wrong.
74. I can faithfully provide long-term support and concern for others.
75. I like to take a systematic approach to my study of the Bible.
76. I can anticipate the likely consequences of an individual's or a group's action.
77. I like to help organizations or groups become more efficient.
78. I can relate to others in culturally sensitive ways.
79. I honor God with my handcrafted gifts.
80. I apply various artistic expressions to communicate God's truth.
81. I receive affirmation from others concerning the reliability of my insights or perceptions.
82. I strengthen those who are wavering in their faith.
83. I openly tell people that I am a Christian and want them to ask me about my faith.
84. I am convinced of God's daily presence and action in my life.
85. I like knowing that my financial support makes a real difference in the lives of God's people.
86. I like to find small things that need to be done and often do them without being asked.
87. I enjoy entertaining people and opening my home to others.
88. When I hear about needy situations, I feel burdened to pray.
89. I have suddenly known some things about others, but did not know how I knew them.
90. I influence others to perform to the best of their capability.
91. I can look beyond a person's handicaps or problems to see a life that matters to God.
92. I like people who are honest and will speak the truth.
93. I enjoy giving guidance and practical support to a small group of people.
94. I can communicate scripture in ways that motivate others to study and want to learn more.
95. I give practical advice to help others through complicated situations.

96. I enjoy learning about how organizations function.
97. I enjoy pioneering new undertakings.
98. I am good at and enjoy working with my hands.
99. I am creative and imaginative.
100. I can identify preaching, teaching, or communication which is not true to the Bible.
101. I like motivating others to take steps for spiritual growth.
102. I openly and confidently tell others what Christ has done for me.
103. I am regularly challenging others to trust God.
104. I give generously due to my commitment to stewardship.
105. I feel comfortable being a helper, assisting others to do their job more effectively.
106. I do whatever I can to make people feel that they belong.
107. I am honored when someone asks me to pray for them.
108. I discover important biblical truths when reading or studying scripture which benefit others.
109. I am able to cast a vision that others want to be a part of.
110. I enjoy bringing hope and joy to people living in difficult circumstances.
111. I will speak God's truth, even in places where it is unpopular or difficult for others to accept.
112. I can gently restore wandering believers to faith and fellowship.
113. I can present information and skills to others at a level that makes it easy for them to grasp & apply.
114. I can apply scriptural truth that others regard as practical and helpful.
115. I can visualize a coming event, anticipate potential problems, and develop backup plans.
116. I am able to orchestrate or oversee several church ministries.
117. I am able to design and construct things that help the church.
118. I regularly need to get alone to reflect and develop my imagination.
119. I can sense when demonic forces are at work in a person or situation.
120. I am able to challenge or rebuke others in order to foster spiritual growth.
121. I seek opportunities to talk about spiritual matters with unbelievers.
122. I can move forward in spite of opposition or lack of support when I sense God's calling.
123. I believe I have been given an abundance of resources so that I may give more to the Lord's work.
124. I readily and happily use my natural or learned skills to help wherever needed.
125. I can make people feel at ease even in unfamiliar surroundings.
126. I often see specific results in direct response to my prayers.
127. I confidently share my knowledge and insights with others.
128. I figure out where we need to go and help others to get there.
129. I enjoy doing practical things for others who are in need.
130. I feel compelled to expose sin wherever I see it and to challenge people to repentance.
131. I enjoy patiently but firmly nurturing others in their development as believers.
132. I enjoy explaining things to people so that they can grow spiritually and personally.
133. I have insights into how to solve problems that others do not see.

“WHOSE” ARE YOU ASSESSMENT KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
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96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114
115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S

----- Total Each Column -----

A	= Administration
B	= Apostleship
C	= Craftsmanship
D	= Creative Communication
E	= Discernment
F	= Encouragement
G	= Evangelism
H	= Faith
I	= Giving
J	= Helps
K	= Hospitality
L	= Intercession
M	= Knowledge
N	= Leadership
O	= Mercy
P	= Prophecy
Q	= Shepherdng
R	= Teaching
S	= Wisdom

----- Circle the Letter of the Highest Three from the Above Columns -----

Living As a “Called” Person

From: Ordering Your Private World
Gordon MacDonald

It is the quality of certitude for which we seek when we compare *called* persons and *driven* persons. Driven people are confident they have that quality as they forge ahead. But often, at the moment when it is least expected, life hits and they surrender to their “*ism*’s” whether consciously or unconsciously. Called people on the other hand surrender to a Power outside themselves. They draw strength from within through that Power which fuels a perseverance that is impervious to the blows from without.

Called men and women can come from the strangest places and carry the most unique qualifications. They can be the unnoticed, the unappreciated, the unsophisticated. Look at the men Christ picked: few if any of them would have been candidates for high positions in organized religion or big business today. It is not that they were unusually awkward. It is just that they were among the ordinary. But Christ called them, and that made all the difference.

Rather than living according to drive-ness, some are drawn toward the beckoning hand of the calling Father. Such calls are usually heard within an ordered private world.

Following are some of the characteristics of a *called* person. Check those that may apply to you. Should they not apply, list the “*ism*” or “*ism*’s” identified in the previous training session that you think you might be using as a substitute causing you to be seizing back your life in the particular area.

☐ **A *called* person understands stewardship.**

The driven Saul assumed that he owned his throne in Israel and could do anything with it he wished. When one owns something, it has to be held onto, it has to be protected.

Substituted “*ism*” / “*ism*’s”

☐ **A *called* person knows exactly who they are.**

Knowing who you are not by identifying *and accepting* your limitations will help you to know who you are. A called person knows who they are and they have identified their gifts.

Substituted “*ism*” / “*ism*’s”

☐ **A *called* person possesses an unwavering sense of “Purpose.”**

This is the main dimension of “called-ness.” A called person is committed to being the person God created them to be for His glory *and nothing else*.

Substituted “*ism*” / “*ism*’s”

☐ **A *called* person understands an unswerving commitment.**

The called person understands the meaning of commitment. Especially to God. They never attempt to please anyone nor do they ever compromise themselves for personal gain or to keep a surface relationship.

Substituted “*ism*” / “*ism*’s”

Called vs Driven Test

	Yes	No
1. Do you tend to take responsibility for the successes in your life?	☐	☐
2. Do you tend to blame others for your failures?	☐	☐
3. Do you tend to assist God when it comes to the financial part of your life?	☐	☐
4. If you've made a decision to put God in the center of your life, do you consider yourself to be a " <i>mature</i> " follower?	☐	☐
5. While change is progress in many ways, do you usually see a reason to change or improve the things in your life?	☐	☐
6. Are you dissatisfied (<i>this does not mean unhappy</i>) with your life?	☐	☐
7. If you are married, are you disenchanted in your marriage?	☐	☐
8. Do you think your spouse is disenchanted in your marriage?	☐	☐
9. Are you dissatisfied with the accomplishment of those around you? This includes spouse, children, co-workers, and spiritual leaders.	☐	☐
10. Are there other relationships in your life that are suffering?	☐	☐
11. Are you usually hard-pressed for time?	☐	☐
12. Do use "Props" to define your life such as, big houses, fancy cars, designer clothes, image, titles, power, money etc.	☐	☐
13. Do you have difficulty when life is quiet?	☐	☐
14. If you were forced to take a beautiful sunny "week" day off from work and spend it in bed as a wellness day, would you end up with some contact with your work before the day was done?	☐	☐
15. Do you feel poorly about your work?	☐	☐
16. Do you operate through clutter?	☐	☐
17. Does your self-esteem seem to be diminishing?	☐	☐
18. Do you deal with forgotten appointments, forgotten telephone messages or do you over-book or take days to respond to calls?	☐	☐
19. Do you invest much time into unproductive tasks?	☐	☐
20. Aside from going to church on Sunday, do you <u>not</u> have regular <i>quality & quantity</i> time with God?	☐	☐
TOTAL		

(5) or More "Yes" Answers and You Are A "Driven" Person

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