

Reading: Philippians 1:3-6

Topic: Developing The Christ-Like Character #5

INTRODUCTION: No matter what stage we are at personally in the _____ time, God will continue to _____ in us to make us better for His glory and as we _____ our personality will become more like Jesus.

I. MAESTRO MELANCHOLY:

A. Strengths:

1. Sensitive – has by far the most sensitive _____ of all of the temperaments and is motivated to a reflective _____ pattern through his/her emotions. This can lead to high emotional peaks from which springs some great inventions and very creative productions that are _____ beneficial to all.
2. Perfectionist – this trait is both a _____ and a weakness, for he/she sets such a high standard of excellence, which is _____, but can also lead to demands which neither he/she nor _____ can attain. This also can cause one to constantly relive past events and _____, thinking how much better it could have been done. Ph. 3:13:14
3. Faithful Friend – this quality of _____ seems to come naturally to the melancholy, who can always be depended _____ to meet deadlines and to _____ his/her share of the load. Though this type of individual does not attract a large number of _____, the friends that they do have, they are willing to “_____ down their _____” for them. Jn. 15:13
4. Self-sacrificing – He/she rarely seeks to be in the _____, preferring instead to do the _____ the scenes tasks. He/she often chooses a _____ vocation in life and desires to give up self for the betterment of _____. This type of individual has a very reserved manner, not wasting _____, but the _____ spoken are usually precise and deep. Ps. 19:14

B. Weaknesses:

1. Self-Centered – This is the negative _____ of being a perfectionist, for it leads to so much _____ examination that it becomes harmful, destroying one’s will and draining _____. This can lead to a depression over one’s _____ and physical condition. He/she can be easily _____ and very suspicious of others, and given to _____ surmisings, even to the point of watching two people talking and believe that he/she is the one being talked about.
2. Pessimistic – This is another downfall of being the perfectionist – a very _____ and pessimistic attitude about anything and everything. This leads to a view that can always see _____ and no solutions and one becomes unhappy and not satisfied with anything, but instead _____ of everything and of everybody. This makes for a very difficult _____ relationship, for the melancholy tends to always see the _____ instead of the good in their partner.
3. Moody – This trait leads to great emotional _____ and then to deep emotional _____, of which often the latter is more frequent. The gloominess of the melancholy person will cause others to _____ him/her, causing even further depression. This gloominess often is the result of one _____ too much about him/her self, and desiring to escape from the present situation, always daydreaming about _____ life or dreaming of the _____ thinking that the perfect situation is coming. I Kings 19:9,10,13,14
4. Revengeful – this trait rarely manifests itself outwardly, but on the _____ there is animosity or even _____ boiling. This unforgiving spirit can lead him/her to seek _____, sometimes in very subtle ways, even to the point of being willing to go against something he/she agrees with because of being at

odds with the person in _____ of the project, and is ready to destroy the endeavor. Lk. 9:54

C. Needs:

1. The Melancholy, like all of the others, needs to surrender his/her will to the _____ of the Spirit of God and allow God to work inside to bring change. This will take his/her _____ off of self and get them on _____ and on the needy harvest field. The Spirit of God will work to even out the _____ and the _____, and put ones emotions and life on a more even keel where one can be _____ by God more effectively.

III.FLIP PHLEGMATIC:

A.Strengths:

- 1.Witty – a person who can face life with a good sense of _____, seeing something _____ in almost every situation. Because of this trait and also of being able to be very _____ in situations, he/she makes a _____ counsellor and is a very good listener.
2. Dependable – this trait comes along with the steady, always-the-same good nature type, which manifest by being very _____ in fulfilling obligations and _____ schedules.
3. Efficient – since the Phlegmatic is not governed by his/her _____, he/she doesn't make sudden and unexpected _____, but instead seeks for the most practical and efficient ways to get things done. The Phlegmatic works well under pressure in situations where others would _____ or crack, and he/she has an efficient work ethic.

B. Weaknesses:

1. Slow & Lazy – the Phlegmatic is prone to be _____ and _____, because of not wanting to be pressured against his/her will. As a result, he/she rarely accomplishes what they are _____ of doing.
2. A tease – this is a quality that the Phlegmatic sometimes uses as a _____ against others that annoy him/her or those that are trying to motivate them. Sometimes this teasing is used deliberately to provoke others to _____ and to get them stirred up. Gal. 5:26
- 3.Stubborn – Flip Phlegmatic has the heaviest _____ of stubbornness of any of the four _____ of personalities. This is the fruit of the selfishness of this type of individual. He/she is usually opposed to any kind of _____ because it may involve him/her, and the first question to be asked is, "What is this going to _____ me?" I Sam. 15:23
4. Indecisive – because of being slow and stubborn, most projects get under _____ before the Phlegmatic has finished analyzing the situation. If it isn't being done his/her _____, they will be reluctant to get involved, and hesitant and indecisive about ever getting _____ at all or not.

C.Needs:

1. The Phlegmatic individual needs to develop a close walk with _____ and be _____ and controlled by the Spirit of God daily in order to be emptied of his/her stubborn _____ and be led by God.

CONCLUSION: You may have the traits of one or more of these personality _____ but it is God's will and _____ for you to further strengthen your strengths and to _____ on your weaknesses in order to become more like _____.