

Let Natural Personality Traits Enhance the Use of Spiritual Gifts

About 5 minutes, helps apply Romans 12:3-13

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to inform, not to perform*)

Zooblend

Burlybull

Playfulpup

Keen-eyed Eagle

Steadymule

Prompter

Shouts a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes

Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Zooblend My name is Zooblend. I serve in our project *Operation Dorcas*.
We serve in a very poor district called *Leave-If-You-Can*.

Prompter & Echoes A miserable place!

Zooblend Unfortunately, our volunteer workers keep dropping out.
Now we have four new volunteers. Let's meet them.

Burlybull Hello. I'm Burlybull. I can help you.
Volunteers drop out because of weak leadership.
I'll correct this, Mr. Zooblend. I'm tough; I'll see a project through.

Playfulpup My name is Playfulpup. I'll keep the work environment joyful.

Keen-eyed Eagle My name is Keen-Eyed Eagle.
Workers stay on a project if they appreciate its long-range benefits.
I will sharpen their vision and define goals clearly.

Steadymule My name is Steadymule. I am patient and reliable, Mr. Zooblend.
I'll make Operation Dorcas efficient. Some people lie about their needs
to get things they don't deserve from mercy workers

Prompter & Echoes They become dependent on others!

Steadymule I'll set up safeguards. I'll get detailed and keep accurate information.

Zooblend Good! Volunteers stay on a job if it fits their natural personality types.
There are four classic types.



Zooblend Burlybull, you are resolute, what some call *choleric*;
you see a project through, pushing barriers aside like a bull.

Prompter & Echoes Moo!

Zooblend Playfulpup, you are *sanguine*. You keep us smiling.

Prompter & Echoes Woof! Woof!

Zooblend Keen-eyed Eagle, you're *melancholic*, that is,
contemplative and creative; you see afar like an eagle.

Prompter & Echoes Chirp! Chirp!

Zooblend Steadymule, your type has been called *phlegmatic*.
You plod along doing detailed tasks that bore others.

- Prompter & Echoes Hee haw!
- Zooblend Some of us blend two or more types.
A few like me, Zooblend, are a mix of all four.
- Playfulpup Mr. Zooblend, are these personality traits the same as spiritual gifts?
- Zooblend No, Playfulpup, but they influence how we use God's gifts.
Steadymule likes routine, and if gifted to exhort, he'd do it quietly.
If you, Playfulpup are an exhorter; you'd do it publicly.
A teacher who's an eagle would coach privately, in a strategic way.
- Burlybull I see. Well, Operation Dorcas needs discipline that we bulls provide.
I'll see tough jobs through, as Nehemiah did.
- Prompter & Echoes Moo!
- Zooblend Yes, Burlybull, but be careful not to abuse your authority
and be rude to people that struggle with their jobs.
Let the Holy Spirit restrain your brute force.
You'll keep order and move the work along.
- Prompter & Echoes Onward!
- Playfulpup We playful pups keep everyone cheerful, so they won't drop out.
We get along with everyone.
- Zooblend Be careful, Playfulpup. If the Holy Spirit doesn't keep you focused,
people sway you too easily, like Peter was swayed one sad night.
- Playfulpup True. I need others to jerk my leash to keep me on track
and not befriend people to manipulate them.
- Zooblend You'll recruit workers and provide a party atmosphere.
To keep puppies on the job we let them work closely with other people,
and know that they belong; we recognize their good work often.
- Prompter & Echoes Woof!
- Zooblend Keen-eyed Eagle, being creative, you'll define our vision,
inspire us and plan for the future as Jeremiah did.
But don't fly too high in clouds, or you'll stray in your dream world.
- Prompter & Echoes Chirp!
- Keen-eyed Eagle True. Keep me focused on current realities and urgencies.
I get discouraged if people don't take me seriously;
I turn my sight *inward* and fly the wrong way, at times straight down!
- Zooblend You eagles rock the boat, sometimes roughly, to keep us alert.
We'll let you plan, exhort and point the way.
- Steadymule As a steady mule, I'll define procedures toward our objective.
- Zooblend Yes, Steadymule. Please write down the details.
- Steadymule We mules persevere, content to follow a routine Mr. Zooblend.
Give us jobs that others find tedious; just let me see a bit of progress.
We can be detailed Bible teachers as Ezra was.
- Prompter & Echoes Hee haw!

Zooblend You mules can resist needed change if God doesn't jerk your reins.
We may have to prod you out of ruts. You'll do research
for Operation Dorcas, propose a budget and keep records.

Burlybull As a bull, I'll see that we all keep at our tasks.
Mr. Zooblend, you can harmonize all our different efforts.
You understand us, as you share all our traits.

Prompter & Echoes A hybrid!

Burlybull You see the big picture, like David and Paul in the Bible.
But without God's restraint, you work yourself to death,
running in four directions all at once, lacking patience.

Zooblend I see that everyone is now agreed on their roles. Good!
Operation Dorcas will bring hope and salvation to many.

Prompter & Echoes Amen!