

The Vine This Month

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HOM Editorial

Recently, I received an email promoting a book - Sacred Pathways (Discover Your Soul's Path to God). Although it is only less

than US\$6, I did not order the book because it will be shipped from the US and the mailing cost would be additional.

In Sacred Pathways, bestselling author Gary Thomas unveils the 9 types of "spiritual temperaments" we all possess that inform how we navigate our spiritual journey and interact with God. I looked at the icons for these 9 types and come to a conclusion that every one of us must travel on our own journey the way God made us. Like John mentioned to me before, he prefers to read rather than listen. Without reading the book, I presume that John is the Intellectuals type.

I don't want to presume too much without reading the book but perhaps some of you may find your paths from the icons below. I believe that God made us all unique and so we cannot assume that all

the members of JCC will be of the same kind and will follow the same paths to spirituality.

I can think of those who are Naturalists, who love the open sea and the creatures that swim or love walking on the green. That is the way they are made. Possibly, the older folks are Traditionalists and some are Caregivers, we cannot fault them for it.

There is no guarantee in a cell group every member will be of the same type, even if the old adage, Birds of a feather, flock together, may hold true for some groups.

We know that as a people of God in JCC, our goal is to be a Christ-like church. However we come to achieve this goal through our own God-given paths. It is probably not the same path for everyone. I know of Henry (JWCG) who is very driven to go on mission trips to Cambodia but not everyone in the CG has that same interest.

God made everyone different but He loves everyone all the same.



NATURALISTS
Loving God Outdoors



SENSATES
Loving God with the Senses



TRADITIONALISTS
Loving God through Ritual and Symbol



ASCETICS
Loving God in Solitude and Simplicity



ACTIVISTS
Loving God through Confrontation



CAREGIVERS
Loving God by Loving Others



CONTEMPLATIVES
Loving God through Adoration



ENTHUSIASTS
Loving God with Mystery Celebration



INTELLECTUALS
Loving God with the Mind

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