

Q&A – Meyers Briggs

"What is your Myers Briggs Personality Type?"

"What are your Clifton's Strengths Finder themes?"

Believe it or not, it's amazing how many people ask me about this. Maybe it's because we have so many colleges and master's degree programs in the area. But, for those of you who love to geek out on these things, I'll give you the scoop.

Of course, some of you probably have Phd's in psychology. So, after sharing these, you'll probably be able to tell me everything about my childhood traumas. And, to be honest, I love geeking out on this stuff too. I think I've taken every test out there. But here goes...

I'm an INTJ middle child (1st born of my gender). I'm married to an ISFJ middle child (who's also the 1st born of her gender). Believe it or not, people oriented activities are exhausting for both my wife and me. So, it's rather ironic that we find ourselves in the position of being lead pastors.

As far as the Clifton Strengths Finder Inventory is concerned, my top five strengths were: Achiever, Strategic, Futurist, Learner, & Competitive. When I first read them, they didn't all seem like strengths to me. So the joke on our staff is to toss in random character flaws that sound like strengths... (E.g., "I'm an Agitator, Confronter, Restorative type :)

But, most of our staff is comprised of ENFJ's. So, despite my reclusive and serious bedside manner, our staff is pretty much a bunch of raucous party-ers. So, in the end, we hopefully all balance one another :)