

# Personality Types in the Bible

What examples can we draw from Scripture?

- Typical Trait Example
- Struggle Example
- Personal Growth Example

## Driver

**Why they fit:** They prioritize results, truth, and action—sometimes at the cost of gentleness

	Peter	Paul	Nehemiah
●	Spoke quickly and boldly (cut off the soldier's ear, declared Jesus as Christ)	Extremely driven and mission-focused	Took charge to rebuild Jerusalem's walls
●	Took initiative—but sometimes acted without thinking	Confronted others directly (even Peter in Galatians 2)	Faced opposition head-on with strong leadership
●	Spoke before thinking, even rebuking Jesus	Extremely intense & confrontational (sharp disagreement with Barnabas) Could be perceived as harsh & forceful	Strong reactions – rebuked & even physically corrected people
●	Later showed humility & restraint	Demonstrated deep compassion & tenderness	Prayed frequently & depended on God before acting
●	Became a shepherd, no just a leader – focused on caring for people	Spoke of gentleness & patience in leadership	Showed Spiritual sensitivity, not just action

## Expressive

**Why they fit:** They bring energy, expression, and connection—but can lack restraint.

	David	Samson	The Samaritan Woman
●	Danced before the Lord with passion	Big personality, bold presence	Immediately went and told everyone about Jesus
●	Wrote expressive Psalms full of emotion	Often acted on impulse and emotion	Relationally driven and outspoken
●	Acted on emotion & impulse (i.e. Bathsheba) Let feelings override wisdom at times	Driven by impulse, desires & emotion. Made Reckless decisions repeatedly	Likely relational instability (multiple marriages) Identity shaped by social interactions
●	Showed deep repentance & self-reflection (Psalm 51)	In his final moments, showed humility & dependence on God.	Became a bold witness with purpose, no just talkative, but transformed
●	Learned restraint & submission to God		Shifted from seeking validation to sharing truth

# Supportive

**Why they fit:** They prioritize people, peace, and relationships—sometimes avoiding necessary conflict.

	Barnabas	Ruth	John
●	Known as the “Son of Encouragement”	Loyal to Naomi even in hardship	Emphasized love and unity
●	Advocated for Paul when others doubted him	Put others before herself consistently	Known as “the disciple whom Jesus loved”
●	Possibly avoided necessary conflict—sided with Mark in a way that caused division (Acts 15:37–39)	Could have lost identify by fully attaching to Naomi’s path	Initially not peaceful – wanted to call down fire on a village
●	Still participated in hard decisions	Took initiative & bold action approaching Boaz	Showed Bold confrontation & drew hard lines on doctrine, writing to churches with correction & authority
●	Balanced encouragement with conviction	Stepped into courage, not just loyalty	Wrote with strong, Black & White Language (clear & concise)

NOTE: John wasn’t always “Supportive”, early on, he wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan village. Rather, in his personal growth, he BECAME a supportive. (What do you think he was BEFORE?)

# Analytical

**Why they fit:** They prioritize accuracy, structure, and correctness—sometimes over flexibility.

	Moses	Ezra	Luke
●	Delivered detailed laws and instructions	Skilled in the Law and devoted to teaching it accurately	Wrote an orderly, detailed account of Jesus’ life
●	Carefully followed God’s structure for leadership and worship	Focused on proper order and obedience	Investigated everything carefully (Luke 1:3)
●	Struggled with frustration when things weren’t done right. Carried too much responsibility himself	Deep grief & strong reaction to sin. Could lean toward rigid correction	Could have stayed purely observational & detached
●	Learned to delegate	Led people in repentance with humility & prayer.	Became deeply relational (traveled with Paul)
●	Developed patience & reliance on others	Balanced truth with spiritual leadership	Combined careful analysis with personal ministry