

Are You A Visionary or Type E Personality? (quiz)

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I am always fascinated to learn more about who God created me to be and I hope you are as well. This article is about discovering more about yourself by taking a close look at your behaviors and what drives you.

One of the greatest compliments I can be given is when I am told that someone considers me a visionary. I didn't set out deliberately to be a visionary. I don't know that any visionary ever does. In fact I wasn't even quite sure what a visionary was until someone applied the term when describing me and I had to look it up in the dictionary to know exactly what they meant.

In case you aren't sure either, here is a good working definition: "a person with unusual powers of foresight", according to www.thefreedictionary.com. A visionary person perceives trends before others do. Visionaries seem to be willing to take more risks than others. But to the visionary, they aren't risks at all; they are simply what needs to be done to prepare for the certain future.



Visionaries though are not always beloved by everyone.

Frequently those who lack insight will try to discourage a visionary thinker. Fortunately the true visionary will proceed regardless.

Why would someone try to discourage a visionary? I never could understand that until a friend explained to me that your success forces those around you to look in the mirror at their own inadequacies, and most people don't want to face that they were unwilling to pay the price to live a better life. It's just easier to shoot down someone else than pick yourself up.

Additionally, a visionary is not afraid to take the road less traveled and when the time is right, to blaze their own path. A visionary is not only one who thinks ahead of his or her time, but also takes action.

So how do you know if you are a visionary? Here are some clues:

- Do you see trends before others and respond early?
- Does doing "the impossible" excite you?
- Have you learned time and again that your instinct was right? (Or perhaps you might have discovered that you were right on target when you followed the leading of the Holy Spirit.)
- Are you willing to take risks to create something new or develop a new idea?
- Do you get challenged by others who don't see your vision of what could be?

Great visionaries will always be targets for small thinkers. Or, as Albert Einstein, one of the world's greatest scientists put it, "Great spirits encounter violent opposition from mediocre people".



As a believer, you can become a visionary. In fact, anyone who practices their faith can be what the world considers a visionary. God has designed you to be a visionary and a leader. We are to see what other's don't through our eyes of faith. We are to be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath.

When you pray and you get a strong sense that you are supposed to take a particular action, then obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. Make sure what you hear is in agreement with scripture. And if you are confident it is,

then go for it. The duty to act is yours but the results are God's. And your results will be nothing short of miraculous.

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER: Frequently entrepreneurs are considered visionaries and Type A personalities as well. But Alex Giorgio, psychotherapist, has concluded that Type A is not entirely accurate and created the Type E personality description. According to www.typee.com, "Type Es who are out of balance in their lives are often mislabeled as having a Type "A" personality." To learn if this describes you, you can take the free, instantly self-grading quiz here: <http://www.typee.com/typeequiz.htm>

Have fun with this and let me know your results!