

People's Church

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<sup>13</sup>You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. <sup>15</sup>You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! <sup>16</sup>You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book! **Psalms 139:13-16 (LB)**

<sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**

## HOW HAS GOD WIRED YOU ?

<sup>36</sup>There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup>About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup>But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!"

<sup>39</sup>So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. <sup>40</sup>But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive.

<sup>42</sup>The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.

**Acts 9:36-42 (NLT)**

1. **DISCOVER** how you're wired.

a. By taking a look at **MY PAST**

<sup>4</sup>Were all your experiences wasted? I hope not! **Galatians 3:4 (NCV)**

Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities... **Romans 12:3 (PH)**

b. By trying different **TASKS**

2. **ACCEPT** how you're wired.

<sup>20</sup>But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" <sup>21</sup>Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? **Romans 9:20-21 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup>Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. **1 Corinthians 7:17 (NIV)**

3. **ENJOY** how you're wired.

<sup>19</sup>And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. <sup>20</sup>God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past. **Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup>For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure. **Philippians 2:13 (AMP)**

4. Develop and GROW.

<sup>6</sup>This is why I remind you to keep using the gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. Now let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire. **2 Timothy 1:6 (NCV)**

<sup>10</sup>God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. **1 Peter 4:10 (LB)**

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<sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. **Hebrews 10:23-25 (ESV)**