

## Unleashing the Power of Creativity in Ministry

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### Busting the Myth about Creativity:

- "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." - Genesis 1:1
- "So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." - Genesis 1:27

Creative Gift	Indicators
Architect/Builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is energized by starting new projects.</li> <li>• Able to identify the important elements that lay the foundation for new initiatives.</li> <li>• Can effectively predict outcomes of new initiatives and put measures in place to minimize or eliminate the negative effects.</li> <li>• Is patient during the planning process- willing to put time into planning in order to "do it right" from the start.</li> </ul>
Communicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to help people understand complicated, multi-faceted situations and concepts.</li> <li>• Patient with others' learning styles and seeks to communicate in a way that helps others learn.</li> <li>• Willing to listen as well as talk.</li> <li>• Able to see a situation from multiple points of view and communicate those effectively to others.</li> </ul>
Artist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to recognize and appreciate beauty in the world around you.</li> <li>• Notices details like color, texture, and light, and is able to use those to communicate a message through their own artwork.</li> <li>• Willing to imagine, speculate, and play without worry of how others will perceive their art or actions.</li> <li>• Interprets ideas and concepts through visual symbols and representations.</li> </ul>
Storyteller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a good memory and a vivid imagination.</li> <li>• Isn't limited by what is, what has been, or what can be in reality.</li> <li>• Is able to relate to the individual needs of the audience and help them see themselves as part of the story.</li> <li>• Able to use the power of words to create images in others' minds that help them understand a concept or new idea.</li> </ul>
Systems Thinker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to identify brokenness within an organization.</li> <li>• Creates systems and structures that bring order and organization to help groups and organizations function more effectively.</li> <li>• Listens and gathers data before proposing solutions to problems.</li> <li>• Sees systems as tools to help people accomplish their goals, not as rigid rules that inhibit growth.</li> </ul>

Problem Solver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presses into perceived problems to uncover root causes and assumptions.</li> <li>• Listens and asks questions before seeking a solution.</li> <li>• Is willing to be both a learner and advice giver.</li> <li>• Willing to think through and explore multiple solutions before deciding on a preferred course of action.</li> </ul>
Innovator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is not limited by the way things are- is able to discern assumption from fact.</li> <li>• Able to discover new uses/ideas from what is already in existence to improve and refine results.</li> <li>• Willing to experiment, fail, and grow.</li> <li>• Is energized by the unknown or uncertainty.</li> </ul>
Relationship Builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looks for opportunities to relate and interact with others.</li> <li>• Is a student of others- listening and learning from their words, actions, and body language.</li> <li>• Enjoys being with others socially.</li> <li>• Appreciates the ministry of presence and walking with others through difficult times.</li> </ul>
Musician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notices depth, movement, and tone in sounds.</li> <li>• Is emotionally moved and is able to move others' emotions through musical expression.</li> <li>• Personally connects with God through musical worship.</li> <li>• Is able to communicate feelings, moods, and concepts through musical expression.</li> </ul>
Healer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sees the benefit and purpose of leading a holistically healthy lifestyle.</li> <li>• Is able to diagnose and identify when individuals are physically or emotionally unhealthy.</li> <li>• Genuinely cares about helping others improve their quality of life.</li> <li>• Has the knowledge to use techniques, medicine, and strategies to guide people to wellness.</li> </ul>
Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desires to help communicate truth to others.</li> <li>• Provides environments where others learn through discovery and experience.</li> <li>• Is able to relate abstract concepts to everyday life so people can learn how to apply what they've learned.</li> <li>• Is willing to let students learn at their own pace, in their own way and teach from a point of influence instead of the voice of authority.</li> </ul>
Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurately identifies others' needs.</li> <li>• Willing to put own needs aside to provide for the needs of others.</li> <li>• Finds great joy in giving.</li> <li>• Looks for ways to serve instead of seeking to be served.</li> </ul>
Reconciler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feels deep empathy for those in conflict.</li> <li>• Is able to see both sides of an issue and help opposing parties embrace another point of view.</li> <li>• Helps people find common ground.</li> <li>• Brings a sense of calm and peace in the midst of difficult circumstances.</li> </ul>

Motivator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily influences many people.</li> <li>• Communicates in a winsome and encouraging way.</li> <li>• Is able to inspire people to do things they've never done so they can grow and improve.</li> <li>• Acknowledges and finds the good in others and helps others see the value in themselves.</li> </ul>
Organizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is able to bring order from chaos.</li> <li>• Enjoys finishing a project.</li> <li>• Prioritizes efficiency.</li> <li>• Can effectively sort through issues, problems, or ideas to discover what they have in common.</li> </ul>

Myth Busted: You were created to be creative

**Removing Roadblocks:**

Roadblock #1- Fear

- Change
- Failure
- Rejection- Your idea is not your identity



Roadblock #2- Negativity

- Negativity isn't a personality, it's a habit.
- You see what you seek.
- Six Impossible Ministry Thoughts

Roadblock #3- Limitations

- God gives and allows.
- God knows.
- Limitations clarify our calling.
- We are called to leverage our limitations.

I can't... but I can...

We don't have... but we do have...

My people won't ... but I can lead them to ...

I'll lose people if ... but I'm willing to lose people in order to ...

This won't work in my setting ... but what would work is ...

People won't like it if ... but God will love it if ...

Roadblock #4- Assumptions

How to identify assumptions: Always, Never, Can't, Won't, Must, Will, All, None, Everyone, No one

Question assumptions:

1. How is this situation similar to experiences I've had in the past?
2. What is possible now that wasn't possible then?
3. What unique challenge does this present?

## The Process of Leveraging Assumptions

