

# Biographical Information

Lorin Friesen has a Master's degree in Engineering. When receiving his Bachelor's degree, he came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the top graduate of his University. He also plays violin professionally, speaks five languages and has travelled to 37 countries. For the last several years, he taught math and physics at a Christian International School in Seoul, Korea.

He has been working on the topic of spiritual gifts/motivational insights/cognitive styles for several decades, and has just finished writing a book which uses the diagram on the cover of this brochure to analyze Christian doctrine.

*Enough of all that 'he this' and 'he that'. I know what it is like to follow God when you are all alone and you have nothing to guide you except the quiet internal voice of faith. I know what it means to pay the price for my beliefs—even when that means giving up an entire career. And, I know from personal experience what 'dying to self' is all about. It hurts so hard that you stop feeling. But on the other side of that hurt there is resurrection life, and that is when you discover the gentle, elegant grace of the Holy Spirit. When I play my violin, that is what I try to say, using music that goes deeper than words.*

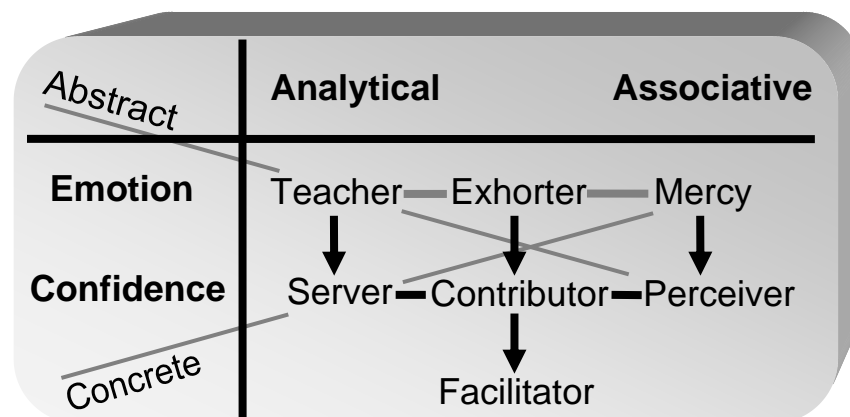
*And, I can describe everything from the previous paragraph using a logical, rational diagram of the mind that maps on to neurology and explains Christian doctrine.*

And that illustrates what it means to go beyond MBTI®. Thinking is diagrams and logic. Feeling is people and emotions. When you come to God in honesty and call to Jesus for personal salvation, then Thinking and Feeling come together.

“This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it.”

# Spiritual Gifts—*SuperCharged*

A Weekend Seminar by Lorin Friesen



Remember spiritual gifts from Romans 12?

“Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching...”

Examine the middle of the diagram above and *there they are*, all seven of them.

The *rest* of the diagram? That's the **superCharged** part. It's a cognitive model of the mind that maps on to neurology, explains psychology, and summarizes Christian doctrine.

## But I thought that spiritual gifts went out with bell-bottoms.

I guess that nobody told me, because I just kept doing research on the topic (and I still have my tuxedo jacket from the 1970s with crushed velvet lapels).

## So where did all those lines and labels come from?

It's a long story, and I won't bore you with all the details (it involves a lot of 'just kept doing research').

Basically, what the lines do is turn theology into neurology. For example, see the line connecting Mercy and Perceiver? If you remember your spiritual gifts, the Mercy person shares about love and the heart, whereas the Perceiver person is Mister Doctrine standing on the walls defending truth.

What happens when you connect Perceiver law with Mercy heart? According to *theology*, you get *conscience*. According to *neurology*, you get *object recognition*. The mental circuit is the same.

Similarly, the line connecting Teacher and Server describes *righteousness*.

And, the arrow leading from Exhorter to Contributor? That's how *hope* translates into *faith*. Or, if you want the *neurological* explanation, that describes how the initial muscle agonist burst which triggers coarse movement is followed by fine-tuned motor movement.

But I could *never* understand something so complicated. OK, then let me say it this way: The Exhorter person is naturally clumsy. The Contributor person, in contrast, is skilled at fine motor movement. The Exhorter person is great at starting things. The Contributor person is better at finishing them.

See? It's not that complicated.

## How can a simple diagram summarize Christian doctrine?

Good question. The details of this only became apparent to me recently and I am still amazed at how well everything fits together. In a nutshell, the mind contains two basic circuits, one connected with *actions* and the other with *words*. Sin has totally messed up the action circuit. The solution is to use the Word of God to program the *word* circuit and then use that to rebuild the *action* circuit.

## So where does Jesus fit in?

Guess what happens when the *word* circuit reaches down to affect the *action* circuit? "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." As for 'rebuilding the action circuit', it may sound like replacing a dead part on your computer, but when *you* are the computer, then it literally means 'dying to self'.

## And God?

When the *word* circuit touches the *action* circuit, then one of the results is a mental image of God. What type of mental image forms? Well, it depends upon what type of words you stick into the word circuit and how you treat these words. In theological language, "faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

# The Seminar

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In order to deal adequately with this topic, a full weekend presentation of 5-10 hours is required. Topics include:

## What is my spiritual gift?

- We will go over the traits of the seven types of people.
- This data comes from an analysis of several hundred biographies.
- We will describe common marriage combinations.

## Practical Theology

- What is truth? How does conscience work?
- What does it mean to 'die to self'?
- How is an image of God formed?

## Going beyond MBTI®.

- MBTI® is good for describing typical personal behavior.
- Reaching personal maturity means going past these sixteen types.
- This means integrating the MBTI® four divisions in a specific order.

## And then...

The rest of the seminar is up to you. I can expand the presentation in the direction of psychology, education, philosophy, history, neurology, theology, music theory, or the supernatural.

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