

You Aren't One-Dimensional!

You Are Multifaceted!



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Somewhere in my early life, I learned that I was whoever people told me I was. That was not a good thing, as people can be cruel in their opinions. I allowed others to determine my self-esteem. I also let them determine what I should and should not do with my life. I frequently heard things like, “You aren’t smart enough to do that. You do this instead.” Occasionally, I even let them determine who I should be romantically involved with.

This was extremely unwise on my part. It left me feeling limited as to what I could do and who I was, much like a one-dimensional drawing, if you will. I thought I was just some boring, untalented, pale-skinned white woman with nothing to offer anyone. I also thought that would never change.

Thankfully, as time has passed, I learned the error of my ways. I realized that my self-esteem comes from believing who God alone says I am, not what other people have to say about me. And, unlike people, He has plenty of wonderful things to say, such as I am His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10), I have peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), and I am a child of God (John 1:12).

I also learned that I could do so much more than people said I could. God has given me many wonderful gifts. I am not destined to be some boring, one-dimensional being! God made me to be a multi-faceted being! He has enabled me to be a wife, a writer, to have a deep understanding and appreciation for animals, and more.

I recently noticed that many people see themselves as one-dimensional similar to how I used to do. They see themselves as nothing more than their skin color, financial status, a resident of the neighborhood where they live, or even their sexual orientation. This is not how God wants us to be! God has created men and women with many gifts and talents, and many facets of our personalities. Ephesians 2:10 says, *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* If God has created people to do good works, how could He expect anyone to do those works if they are nothing more than their financial status or what family

they come from, as examples? Think about this scenario: what does skin color matter when you are working with abused children? None. What does matter is your intelligence, compassion, and insight. Anyone can have those abilities, irregardless of race, gender, financial status, ancestry or sexual orientation.

In John 10:10, Jesus says, *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* How would it be possible to enjoy this abundant life if human beings were only one thing? The various facets of who people are inside enables them to enjoy more than just one thing. Most people have various things they enjoy, even various aspects of one particular interest, such as an interest in cars that includes restoring the classics, and watching drag racing.

How do you think about yourself? Do you think you are nothing more than your gender? Race? Financial status? If so, you are sadly mistaken! You are a person created in the image of God Almighty, created to do good things in your time on this planet. God made you just the way you are, so you would be able to complete the tasks He has in mind for you. No one else can fill your role in life the way you can. No one can be the wife your husband needs, be the mother to your children, do your job or bless other people as only you can! God gave you alone the gifts and talents to do whatever He has called you to do, and those gifts involve so much more than just one small facet of you. You are unique- there is no one else on this planet like you, either past or present or future. This could not be possible if you were only one-dimensional!

You are so much more than you realize! Take a long, hard look at yourself sometime! If you are having trouble being objective, try pretending you are someone else who is looking at you. Or, pretend you are a friend who shares your identical personality and talents- what would you think about her? Would you notice her various talents? Also, think about the things people complement you on. Those are your gifts and talents too, and I would be willing to bet, they are quite varied.

If you do this, you are bound to discover that you are not “just a wife” or “just a secretary” or “just” anything! You may be married, you may be a secretary, but you also may be a talented singer, evangelist, financial wizard, writer or scientist! Ask God for help seeing your talents, to show you how many facets there are to you. He will. And, you will undoubtedly be surprised with what you learn. Dare I say you, also will be impressed with yourself, and you will enjoy your life more!

Now is your time to learn that you are NOT “just” anything. Like the diamond, you are multi-faceted and beautiful! ☺