

WHY GOD SHAPED YOU THE WAY HE DID

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“God shaped man from the soil of the ground and blew the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7 (NJB)

“You made my whole being; You formed me in my mother's body. I praise You because You made me in an amazing and wonderful way. You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there, You saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in Your book before I was one day old.”
Ps. 139:13-16 (NCV)

“Your hands formed and shaped me...” Job 10:8a (GN)

I. WHAT IS MY “SHAPE”?

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

HEART

ABILITIES

PERSONALITY

EXPERIENCES

My shape is... unique...inter-related ...fixed ... irrepressible

II. WHY SHOULD I CARE?

1. BECAUSE _____

“Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A spokesman to the nations – that’s what I had in mind for you.” Jer. 1:5 (Mes)

2. BECAUSE _____

“... (God) formed me in my mother's womb to be His servant, and He commissioned me” Isa. 49:5 (NLT)

3. BECAUSE _____

“From where He sits God overlooks all of us on earth. He has shaped each person in turn; now He watches everything we do.” Ps. 33:14-15 (Mes)

4. BECAUSE _____

“Bring Me all the people who are Mine, whom I made for My glory, those I formed and created.” Isaiah. 43:7 (NCV)

“The people I have shaped for Myself will broadcast My praises.” Isaiah. 43:21 (NJB)

III. HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?

1. ACCEPTANCE: _____

“My friend, I ask, ‘Who do you think you are to question God? Does the clay have the right to ask the potter why he shaped it the way he did?’” Rom. 9:20 (CEV)

“You guided my conception and formed me in the womb.” Job 10:10 (NLT)

2. SALVATION: _____

*“Let Your love, God, shape my life with salvation, exactly as You promise.”
Psalm 119:41 (Mes)*

3. REFOCUS: _____

“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

“By the grace of God I am what I am.” 1 Corinthians. 15:10 (NLT)