FIVE CLASSIFICATIONS OF PEOPLE

Miscellaneous Scriptures
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Author Gordon McDonald summed up people into five basic categories:

Classification One…V_____ R_____ P_____
Definition: These are individuals who _____ our spiritual passion.

> There are two fundamental things that help determine just *who we are* and *what we become*:
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> - the _____ that we _____
> - the people that we meet and _____ with
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> Numerical value: a "plus ___" person.
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> Reference: **Acts 18:24-28** (see screen)
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> List some people that have acted toward you as very resourceful persons:
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Classification Two… V_____ I_____ P_____
Definition: These are individuals that _____ our spiritual passion.

> Reference**: Philippians 4:3** (see screen)
> Reference**: Ecclesiastes 4:9** (see screen)
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> The reason these very important persons are so essential to someone's success is because there is strength in_____**.**
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> Numerical value: a "plus ___" person.

Classification Three… V_____ T_____ P_____
Definition: These individuals _____ our spiritual passion.

> Biblical examples:
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> Reference: **II Timothy 2:2**, *"And the things that **you** (Timothy) have heard from me (Paul) among many witnesses, commit these to **faithful men** who will be able to teach **others also**,"*
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> Numerical value: a "plus ___" person.

Classification Four… V_____ N_____ P_____
Definition: These individuals _____ our spiritual passion.

> The Prato Principle, i.e. **80/20** principle means _____ percent of the average congregation is these very nice persons.
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> Numerical value: a "___" person.

Classification Five… V_____ D_____ P_____
Definition: These individuals who _____ us of our spiritual passion.

> Numerical value: a "minus ___" person.

The objective in ministry is to move people up the list to a higher category than they are presently at. Barnabas did that for a very draining person named John Mark. Notice what Paul said about Mark near the end of his own life.
Reference: **II Timothy 4:11**, *"Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for **he is** _____ **to me for ministry**."*

Mark progressed from a negative ___ (VDP) to ultimately a positive ___ (VRP).