

Gal 2; Acts 15	Paul	Peter	James
<p><u>Level One</u></p> <p>Personal, Individual Personality, Temperament, Experience and Relationship with Christ</p>	<p>Paul was marked by his zeal as both a persecutor of the early believers, and then as Jesus most zealous proponent. He knew only the cosmic, risen Christ, and fiercely claimed that his gospel came directly from Jesus, not from the leaders in Jerusalem. He was likely an enneagram type 8 and a challenger.</p>	<p>Peter knew Jesus as a disciple. He was member of Jesus' inner circle and the accepted leader of the 12 Peter reacted & then pulled back from that reaction. God gave Peter the experience of Gentile conversion via Cornelius and his household, but was quick to pull away from Gentiles when "Judaizers" were near. Likely an enneagram 4.</p>	<p>James was half-brother of Jesus and knew Jesus as a good, law-abiding Jew from childhood. James and his family, at one point, wanted Jesus committed, but James became a believer & leader of church in Jerusalem. He was a diplomat & peacekeeper. Likely an enneagram 9.</p>
<p>Common enemy attacks: suffering, fear, anxiety, shame, anger, pride, discouragement</p>			
<p><u>Level Two</u></p> <p>Interaction, Relationship, Concern for, and Service to community and Body of Christ.</p>	<p>Paul ministered to Gentiles and Greek Jews on the outskirts of the Jesus' movement. He had compassion for the non-Jewish believers and championed the doctrine of "grace through faith."</p>	<p>Peter stood in the gap between the orthodox Jewish believers and the growing number of Gentile believers. God gave him a vision telling to let go of orthodox Jewish dietary laws and he witnessed Cornelius & his household receiving the Holy Spirit. Still, Peter was deferential to the powerful, orthodox Jewish believers in Jerusalem.</p>	<p>James was Apostolic leader of the believers, mostly orthodox Jews, in Jerusalem. He sought to protect them from Jewish leaders who had killed Jesus and Stephen. He held tense, diplomatic peace with orthodox Jewish believers who frowned upon Greek Jews and Gentile believers.</p>
<p>Common enemy attacks: conflict, anger, discord, envy, jealousy, resentment, bitterness, competition</p>			
<p><u>Level Three</u></p> <p>Interaction, Relationship, with the Systems, Institutions, and Power Structures of the World.</p>	<p>Paul offended almost every powerful institution he encountered. Local rulers and unions hated the trouble he stirred up and the potential economic loss from people turning away from idols. Jews hated and persecuted him as a heretic. Jewish & Gentile powers (normally enemies) would side together against Paul.</p>	<p>Peter had a price on his head via King Herod, from whom he's miraculously escaped. He also was not in good grace with the Jewish authorities in Jerusalem who reprimanded him and sanctioned him.</p>	<p>James was trying hard to keep a tenuous, diplomatic peace with the powerful Jewish leadership (who killed Jesus & Stephen) and regional King Herod (who killed James & tried to kill Peter). He tried hard to protect believers and not stir up trouble with the local institutions of power.</p>
<p>Common enemy attacks: leveraging of economic, legal, or social power to persecute individuals and groups, war, material focus</p>			
<p><u>Level Four</u></p> <p>Eternal Purposes of God in the Grand Scheme of the Great Story.</p>	<p>While initially a firebrand and sarcastic rebel, Paul was always respectful of the leaders in Jerusalem. He later displayed submission to James' authority, and was supportive of Peter in his letter to believers in Corinth. Paul gave his life for Christ, executed by beheading in Rome.</p>	<p>Peter gave up his leadership of the believers in Jerusalem, turning it over to James, and submitting to him. Paul would follow Paul in being a missionary into Asia Minor and was eventually martyred by crucifixion in Rome, as Jesus predicted in John 21.</p>	<p>James submitted to Holy Spirit and made the hard, politically incorrect decision that led the break of the Jesus Movement from Judaism. He would pay for it with his life when (according to historian Josephus) the High Priest took advantage of an interruption in Roman power to have James tortured & stoned.</p>
<p>Spiritual Warfare: In Acts 15 enemy sought to divide believers & keep Jesus movement under thumb of Jewish legalism.</p>			