

## DANIEL JENKINS



It would be easy to look back at my life and take credit for the amazing life I have. My parents were never wealthy. My mom and dad were never together. I had no one in my family who ever graduated from college. I was raised in a blended family with older step-brothers who weren't always the best examples. I had to earn everything that I've ever had. My first job was at the age of fourteen while working under-the-table at a local pizza restaurant where I washed dishes.

Let's face it, life wasn't easy for me. There was a time when I'd look back on my life and take pride in how far I had come. I was immature back then. I was arrogant. I was blind to the fact that, regardless of the performance I put in or the actions I took toward my dreams, God was always the one who provided for me. In Christian scriptures, there are a lot of analogies about farming. One of my favorite life lessons is that, even though I took time to work the fields, plant the seeds, and water the soil, it's always ultimately God who causes things to grow. And I was never alone. I currently stand on the shoulders of great people who loved me, invested in me, took care of me, and challenged me to do better. Thankfully, God used them to guide me in becoming the man God created me to be. So, who am I? First and foremost, I am a child of God. Imperfect in every way, but approved by Him. I am a son to a mother who cared for me more than she could and a father and stepfather who loved me more than they were ever shown love. I'm a husband to a wonderful woman who acknowledges my flaws and loves me through them. I've been humbled to be a father to two great daughters who inspire me to show up every day with the best I have. I'm a friend who is fiercely loyal and has been lucky enough to have men who are closer than brothers.

God has given me my own unique set of personality, communication style, gifts, passions, and experiences that I use to help people grow into the men and women they were created to be. This uniqueness isn't mine to hold above the rest and declare how special I am. Instead, I am called to serve others with a heart of service and an attitude of gratitude. This calling has taken me many places in life and I have fulfilled many different roles. Since my first days as a dishwasher, I've served my country as a robot operator in an elite military bomb squad, I've led the tours of a young artist during one of the toughest years of her career, I've served countless people whose lives seemed to have been falling apart along with their broken iPhones and computers, and I've guided young people and their parents through the process of discovering who they were created to be and how to seize control of their lives.

There's no telling where I will go from here. As a great man once told me, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Regardless, there is one thing I know for sure: God's got it.

### CHARACTER SNAPSHOT

#### **Enneagram**

Type 1 | The Perfectionist  
Wing 2 | The Helper

#### **DISC**

High IC | The Assessor  
(Or a High ID, depending on the assessment)

#### **StrengthsFinder**

Communication  
Connectedness  
Woo  
Belief  
Individualization