YOU 24.02.24

I wonder how many different versions of you people see? Are you always the same **YOU** or do you vary depending on where you are and who is with you? Well, here are a few questions to help you to decide how many of **YOU** there are! See how many 'Smiley faces' you score. Obviously, the goal is all 'Smiley faces' and no 'Thumbs down'.



If someone cuts you up when driving, do **YOU** smile, allow them to cut in and drop back a bit?



Do **YOU** do one of the following:- Wind down your window and shout at them, stick your fingers up, toot your horn or drive right close up to them?

Dare I ask which YOU are you?



Do **YOU** use the same words in your conversations wherever you are?

Do **YOU** vary your language when at home or with close friends and speak words that **YOU** would not dare utter in church?

Dear me, fancy that.



Be nice as pie to the manager/people in charge when **YOU** are speaking to them, but criticise them and pull them to pieces behind their backs?



Support them and keep your thoughts to yourself?

Which YOU are you?



Are **YOU** a person who is cool, calm and collected all of the time?



Do **YOU** shout and lose your temper with family at home?





Are **YOU** absolutely honest at all times – Of course, this also includes exaggerations?

Do **YOU** make occasions sound better by doubling numbers or bending the truth a bit?

It is surprising how often we do this!



Do **YOU** work the hours that you are paid to work?



Do **YOU** do as little as possible, arrive late and leave early. Do you spend the works time phoning your family or friends?

We can steal time as well as things.

Well, how have you done up to now? Are you on target to score all 'Smiley faces' and no 'Thumbs down'? Are you the **YOU** whom you thought you were?

Church related questions:-



If you think that the sermon is boring, do **YOU** sit and listen politely, bearing in mind that the speaker is doing his/her best and has spent a great deal of time in preparation?





Do **YOU** get out your phone and text your friends or sit making comments to the person sitting next to you?

Not at all polite.



If a visitor sits in the seat that you usually occupy, do **YOU** make them feel welcome and go and sit on another seat?



Do **YOU** let them know that they are in **your** seat.

Bookings not usually taken.



Do **YOU** appreciate the musicians and are happy that they are able to play for us?



Do **YOU** criticise the person seeing to the PA system or the musicians? Too loud. Not loud enough. Too slow. Don't like his/her voice.

We are always looking out for volunteers who will play for us.



Do YOU go and speak to someone and help them to feel welcome, loved and cared for?



Do **YOU** sit on your own and expect everyone else to come and speak to you? Some people live on their own and welcome a conversation with someone when they come into church.



Now here is a question that will earn you a giant 'Smiley face'.

If all of your thoughts and actions this week were shown on the big screen at the front of the church, would **YOU** be comfortable?



or would you score a giant 'Thumbs down'?

and feel like creeping out of church and pretending that it is not about YOU?

Have you scored a clutch of 'Smiley faces'? – Brilliant! Have a few 'Thumbs down' crept in? How many different ones of **YOU** have you discovered?

A Prayer:-

Please help us God to be the same acceptable **YOU** at all times, as there are occasions when we admit to having a bit of a struggle. We thank You that You always listen to us when we talk to You and are always there to help us with the things that we find difficult. Amen