

## **What Kind of Apple Are You?**

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“Everyone likes apples don't they? Whatever kind of apple you are, I can promise you this, not everyone is going to like you all the time. Some people will never like you. Personally, I don't like some apples. Some are too sour. Some are too hard. Some are too soft. Just as each apple has its qualities, each of you is also unique and has a special purpose and special qualities within.

“In a time of financial need, I baked and sold homemade apple pies. I used only Macintosh apples for baking these pies. No other apple would do for me. The Macintosh had qualities I needed for that specific purpose. I made and sold three hundred pies in a three-month period. Not to brag, but I can peel an apple in about thirty seconds without looking. Sometimes I could peel it in one long strip.

“When I was young, I thought that I could get everyone to like me. I believed that somehow or some way it had to be possible. Unfortunately it was mission impossible. ...”