

Give Yourself to Your Gifts

....Submit Your Gifts unto God.



⇒ Foundational Scripture Romans 12 1-2

- So here is what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

⇒ God wants full access to us, the use of all of our gifts, both spiritual and natural.

⇒ On Tonight, the focus is not so much to “discover” your gifts, although I will touch on that periodically, our focus is that you are inspired (stimulated, stirred, or moved) into action. And “activated”(triggered or started) on tonight, so that you begin to use/exercise (something done or performed as a means of practice or training or a putting into action, use, operation, your gifts for the Glory of God.

⇒ Broaden your horizons; expand your view of how you can use your gifts.

- *If you are still focused on how God can use you “JUST” behind the 4 walls of your local church, you run the risk of missing out on His plans for your Destiny within the KINGDOM OF GOD!*
- Hear me clearly now. I am NOT saying, that we should all set out on our own, outside of the covering of our local churches, and Pastors and start setting up our own individual churches or ministries. I am NOT saying that we should not serve in our local church. What I am saying is that our local church is not the only physical place that God operates (just a reminder). What I am saying, is that there are Spiritual Gifts and there are Natural Gifts and Skills that are needed for the Kingdom of God.



- In the Word of God, look to 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4:11. Some examples of Natural gifts are Organization, Mechanically or Technically Skilled, Cooking, Writing...

⇒ I am speaking of allowing God full access to ALL of your gifts and talents, spiritual and natural, in whatever arena or SPHERE that HE chooses. Be they your computer skills, your management skills, your customer service skills, your ability to write well, your ability to manage projects, your ability to organize, your skills in financial management, your ability to teach, preach, evangelize, pray etc...God wants to use them, He want to use YOU!

⇒ Too often we restrict God's use of our gifts and talents to the 4 walls of the physical church structure, and this results in two things.

- The Marketplace lacks in Christian, Holy Ghost filled Leaders, who have the ability to influence the masses; and because they are not functioning in the Marketplace, are missing the opportunity to influence policy making at various levels and in various arenas...that affect the masses.
- Far too many Christians feeling as if they are unable to identify their calling, or the areas God has destined them to serve in, because there focus is to only 1 sphere of ministry, the 4 walls of the local church.

⇒ We must broaden our horizon. This is KINGDOM, it includes your local church, but it is GREATER than just your local church. You are asking people to PRAY you out of your places of employment (your job) and you fail to realize that your job is the Ministry field God has assigned you to in this season. You are looking to see where God has called you to serve on Sunday, but what about on Monday....

⇒ A "CALLING" is defined as an inner urge or strong impulse to pursue an activity or perform a service. Also, it can be defined as God's selection of an individual for a particular type of work in the Kingdom of God. Some struggle determining the will of God for their life, others seem to know the path, but are hesitant to follow it! Yet others, find it, and are quick to follow it.

⇒ A great question, one we have all been asked, and hopefully asked ourselves.

- What are you good at? What would you do regardless of whether or not you get paid to do it?
- It is also important to understand the arena or the sphere (domain, circle) God is calling you too. You are anointed to Influence (Effect, Impact, Sway), within that Sphere. You will have un-paralleled Favor in that Sphere. You may be called to more than one Sphere.



⇒ Lets take a moment and review the Gifting's, we find in the Word of God.

⇒ Now look at handout 2, and lets perform a quick exercise as it relates to our natural Gifts and abilities.

⇒ Once complete, grab handout 3, pair up with your neighbor, and complete the "I'm good at section" what were some of your XX items?

⇒ Review the Action sentences from Sample list of Gifts/skills/talents

⇒ Review – Your Gifts in various spheres and administrations

Discovering Your Gifts

Handout 1a



There are **9 Spiritual Gifts** (supernatural gifts/grace) given to us through grace by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12). Spiritual Gifts equips (prepare, train, endow) you for the type of calling upon your life for God's service.

Revelation Gifts

- **A word of wisdom** - the revealing of the prophetic future
- **A word of knowledge** - the supernatural revealing of a fact
- **Discerning of spirits** - the comprehending of the human spirit revealed by the Holy Spirit

Power Gifts:

- **Faith** - the gift of faith is God's bringing to pass a supernatural change
- **Gifts of healing** - supernatural healing of the sick thru a ministry anointed by the Holy Spirit
- **Working of miracles** - a person doing a supernatural act by the divine energy of the Holy Spirit

Vocal Gifts:

- **Different kinds of tongues** - the gifts of tongues is the ministry proclaiming in a public meeting a message from God in a language not understood by the person giving it
- **Interpretation of tongues** - without any mental faculties being involved, the message that has been given in another language is interpreted supernaturally by the Holy Spirit thru another person
- **Prophecy** - the anointed speaking forth of words from God for the edification, exhortation & consolation of the Church (the gift of prophecy is not foretelling the future)

7 Motivational Gifts - Romans 12: Enable us to serve God, and to serve one another.

- **Prophecy** (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28-29; 14:1-40; Eph. 4:11)--The ability to receive and proclaim a message from God. This could involve the foretelling of future events, though its primary purpose as seen in 1 Corinthians 14:3 is forthtelling: one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement, and consolation. This gift provides a word from God to a specific group, not the normative Word of God to all believers.
- **Service** (Rom. 12:7)--The ability to identify and care for the physical needs of the body through a variety of means. The Greek word for this gift is the same as that for ministry or deacon, but the gift should not be confused with the office.
- **Teaching** (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28-29; Eph. 4:11)--The ability to clearly explain and effectively apply the truths of God's Word so that others will learn. This requires the capacity to accurately interpret Scripture, engage in necessary research, and organize the results in a way that is easily communicated.
- **Exhortation** (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to motivate others to respond to the truth by providing timely words of counsel, encouragement, and consolation. When this gift is exercised, believers are challenged to stimulate their faith by putting God's truth to the test in their lives.
- **Giving** (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to contribute material resources with generosity and cheerfulness for the benefit of others and the glory of God. Christians with this spiritual gift need not be wealthy.
- **Leadership** (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to discern God's purpose for a group, set and communicate appropriate goals, and motivate others to work together to fulfill them in the service of God. A person with this gift is effective at delegating tasks to followers without manipulation or coercion.
- **Mercy** (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to deeply empathize and engage in compassionate acts on behalf of people who are suffering physical, mental, or emotional distress. Those with this gift manifest concern and kindness to people who are often overlooked.

Discovering Your Gifts Handout 1b



Important points

- Gifts are given freely by God to his people to meet the needs of the body
- The Holy Spirit/God can use anyone in the body of Christ to manifest a particular gift for a specific time and purpose
- One should not deny, underestimate or refuse to use their gifts to be a blessing
- Serving the sick, needy, poor or elderly should be consider as an honor and not a chore
- Know and understand your gifts; believe in your gifting's.
- God's gifts and his "call" are irrevocable - God's purpose will be fulfilled
- Exercise your gifts (II Tim. 1-6)
- Remove hindrances (Heb. 12:1)
- Use your gift, develop your gift by constant practice to reach full potential
- Be willing to be stretched (II Peter 1:5)
- Be open and willing to receive
- Be willing to be mentored and instructed (be teachable & submit to training)
- Release your faith and walk in agape love
- Discipline yourself
- Do not take on the spirit of fear
- Put your confidence in God only
- Build yourself up by speaking in tongues

9 Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23.) There is actually only "one" fruit of the Spirit, and nine manifestations (displays or indicators) of that fruit.

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Gentleness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Self control

Free Spiritual Gifts Assessment <http://www.churchgrowth.org/cgi-cg/gifts.cgi?intro=1>

The following 108 questions or statements deal with your feelings and desires, so be sure to let your responses reflect your own opinions of yourself.

YOUR GIFTS IN VARIOUS SPHERES & ADMINISTRATIONS HANDOUT 4



You are focused, motivated, and believe all things should be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40). Your ministry is very important in the church, as well as in the business world. Because of your God-given gift, and the skills you have likely developed, you should be able to exercise your gift in the organizational end of any ministry setting. "What Is Administration?" "Establishing Personal Goals and Priorities," "Preparing and Implementing Effective Plans," "Involving and Motivating Others in Ministry," "Delegating Responsibility and Authority," "Making the Right Decision at the Right Time," "Finding Your Place on the Ministry Team," "Identifying Your Giftedness in Administration." In addition, you will find "A Two-Year Plan to Begin Thinking Like an Administrator." **The Gift of Administration**

You find yourself drawn to people-helping growth ministries and you are good at exhorting and motivating others to action. Perhaps you have the ability to apply God's Word to life situations...and maybe you have discovered that your dominant spiritual gift is the **gift of Exhortation**. Building a Ministry Out of Problems, Learning to Listen to Others, Nurturing Personal Growth in Others, Leading Others to Make Significant Change, Intervening in a Crisis Situation,

Your heart overflows with happiness when people rejoice and aches with empathy when they hurt or are needy. You want to fix all their problems and make everything better. Perhaps you have the ability to comfort the stressed and distressed...and you want to develop your **gift of Showing Mercy**. What Is Showing Mercy? Building an Effective Ministry out of the Pain in Your Past, Building Bridges to Broken People in a Broken World, Helping Them Cope with Pain and Suffering, Helping Them Leave the Past and Rebuild for the Future, Recognizing and Dealing with Ministry Burnout.

You are thrilled when someone gives their life to Jesus Christ. You take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel with others...and maybe you've discovered that your dominant **spiritual gift is the gift of Evangelism**. **In the Marketplace, Director of Communication, Knowledge Manager**

You love teaching...and maybe you've discovered that your dominant spiritual gift is the **gift of Teaching**. What now? Use this book to learn more about what the Bible says regarding teaching, gain a better understanding of your role in the body of Christ, discover ways to sharpen your skills, find ideas for using your gift, and even receive a 2-year plan for thinking like a teacher. Topics also include: What Is Teaching? Gathering Data for Effective Teaching, Taking Aim to Focus Your Teaching, Preparing Your Teaching Plan, Choosing Your Own Unique Teaching Style, Measuring Your Effectiveness in Teaching

You often notice practical needs before others do and tend to jump at the opportunity to meet those needs in the church and in the lives of other people, quietly working behind the scenes to accomplish the tasks at hand. You may be "others-oriented" and can have a powerful influence on the lives of those you touch. Then you probably want to develop your **gift of Serving!** This book addresses: What Is Serving? Developing the Heart of a Servant, Serving Others with Passion and Purpose, Pursuing Excellence in All You Do, Influencing Others through Character and Service, Balancing Your Life and Service.

Personal Gift Evaluation Handout 3



Partner Name _____

I'm good at: _____

What is it that you KNOW you should be doing, but are not?

Why Not?

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NATURAL STRENGTHS, TALENTS, ABILITIES & APTITUDES Handout 2



Review the list below and consider which items are within you. Admittedly, all talents are within each soul as potentials but be more specific about the ones, which you feel are especially available to you. Indicate those with an “x” in the appropriate blanks. There are spaces at the end of this list to add others that occur to you.

Friendly	motivator	sense of humor	writer
Innovative	financially adept	articulate	committed
Sensitive	loyal	forgiving	empathetic
Creative	artistic	leader	logical
Imaginative	kind	mechanically skilled	pragmatic
Trouble-shooter	intuitive	good with animals	good cook
Playful nature	industrious	good with plants	wise
Orderly	planner	good with children	cooperative
Energetic	patient	good teacher	
Good listener			

When you have finished, go back and reconsider each item next to which you have placed an “x”. Do you intuitively sense that you are meant to do something more with some of these talents? Even if you do now know what that “something more” is, can you identify some of your strengths which have a special feeling when you think about them?

Perhaps they give you a feeling of un-fulfillment or a feeling that something is yet to be done with that ability. Try to find between four and eight items that fit this descriptions and change your notation to an “xx”. This double “x” will indicate a strength that we will particularly want particularly want to consider later.

Sample list of Gifts/skills/talents

I am humble

I am a good artist.

I am a great teacher.

I have a great sense of humor and have the ability to lighten up some very heavy situations.

I am intelligent

I am compassionate and sincere.

I am aware, awake and alive.

I have a wide field of knowledge, and continue to expand it daily.

I can figure things out... mechanically and mentally.

I am grateful (this didn't come till into my 40's)

I am aware of myself and my interactions and reactions to new and perhaps fearful situations.

I keep myself in good shape and am attractive (at least my mom says so...)

I can cut to the core of things, and do when required; but don't mind taking a more scenic, circumnavigational view.

I can walk on my hands for up to 15 feet.

I can design and build a house from concept to completion.

I can dance and sing in ways that are pleasing to me (no guarantee to those watching/listening)

I can create a wonderful, tasty and beautifully presented meal.

I can weld and I can arrange flowers.

I have written proposals and received grants to do my work.

I am convinced that I can make the world a better place, and am certain that it is not just "a phase" that my elders always tried to convince me it was.

