

I HAVE BEEN UNIQUELY S.H.A.P.E.D. TO SERVE GOD IN MINISTRY
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Spiritual Gifts * HEART * Ability * Personality * Experiences

Key Series Thought: My SHAPE Will Determine My Ministry!

Spiritual Gifts Are: A special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to minister to others.

Spiritual Gifts listed: 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12 and Ephesians 4
Administration, Apostleship, Craftsmanship; Discernment; Encouragement; Evangelism; Faith; Giving; Healing; Helping; Hospitality; Intercession; Knowledge; Leadership; Mercy; Miracles; Prophecy; Serving; Shepherding; Teaching; Tongues & Interpretation; Wisdom.

Free Online Spiritual Gifts Test: <https://www.freeshapetest.com/>

H = HEART

Monitoring My Heartbeat enables us to clarify what we really love to do.
for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:13

Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4

Heart Definition: the heart is that spiritual part of us where our emotions and desires dwell.

• **MY HEART DETERMINES...**

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:10

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Proverbs 4:23

My Heart = God-given motivation. It serves as an internal guidance system for our lives. It determines what your interests are, and what will bring you the most satisfaction and fulfillment. It also motivates you to pursue certain activities, subjects, and environments.

• **MY GOD-GIVEN UNIQUE "HEARTBEAT"...**

"God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose..." Rev. 17:17

...Is Used for My Selfishness:

"... selfish ambition in your heart..." James 3:14

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

...Or Is Used To Honor God...

"... Serve the Lord with all your heart." 1 Sam. 12:20

"... Do the will of God from your heart." Eph. 6:6

Key Q: How can I do God's will and serve God's purpose?

A: By letting my heartbeat motivate me for *ministry!*

TAKING A SPIRITUAL EKG

KEY: Look at your past accomplishments to understand your Heartbeat. This exercise is adapted from the book Finding A Job You Can Love by Ralph Mattson & Arthur Miller (Nelson, 1982).

STEP 1: List and Describe Highlights/Accomplishments Since Childhood.

Include the things you feel are highlights – not every year etc.

...during grade school years:

...as a teenager:

...in college and early 20's:

...30-something years:

STEP 2: Discover the MOTIVATED Direction of Your Heart [See handout].

STEP 3: Discover the People That Your Heart Is Drawn Toward [See handout].

STEP 4: Discover the ISSUES/CAUSES That Bothers Your Heart [See handout].

Discover the Motivated Direction Of Your Heart

MY HEART

STEP 2: Discover the Motivated Direction Of Your Heart:

MY ROLE: I love to... (Circle the following roles where you feel you can make the greatest impact).

- **Design/Develop**-I love to make something out of nothing. I enjoy getting something started from scratch
- **Pioneer**-I love to test and try out new concepts. I am not afraid to risk failure.
- **Organize**-I love to bring order out of chaos. I enjoy organizing something that is already started.
- **Operate/Maintain**-I love to efficiently maintain something that is already organized.
- **Serve/Help**-I love to assist others in their responsibilities. I enjoy helping others succeed.
- **Acquire/Possess**-I love to shop, collect, or obtain things. I enjoy getting the highest quality for the best price.
For example: I purchased my first car at age 16; I've collected a collection of rare stamps; I've built up a large cash reserve; I've acquired options on three properties.
- **Excel**-I love to be the best and make my team the best. I enjoy setting and attaining the highest standard.
- **Influence**-I love to convert people to my way of thinking. I enjoy shaping the attitudes and behavior of others.
- **Perform**-I love to be on stage and receive the attention of others. I enjoy being in the limelight.
- **Improve**-I love to make things better. I enjoy taking something that someone else has designed or started and improve it.
- **Repair**-I love to fix what is broken or change what is out of date.
- **Lead**-I love to lead the way, oversee and supervise. I enjoy determining how things will be done.
- **Persevere**-I love to see things to completion. I enjoy persisting at something until it is finished.
- **Follow the rules**-I love to operate by policies and procedures. I enjoy meeting the expectations of an organization or boss.
- **Prevail**-I love to fight for what is right and oppose what is wrong. I enjoy overcoming injustice.
- Other _____

STEP 3: People: I love to be or work with...

(Circle the following people on whom you feel you can make the greatest impact)

Infants/Babies	Women
Toddlers	Men
Preschool Children	Singles
Elementary Children	Single Parents
Jr. High Students	Families
High School	Couples
College/Career	Older Adults 60+
Young Married Couples	Other _____

STEP 4: Causes: Issues or Things that I Care Deeply About...

(Circle the following issues that you get bothered about)

Parenting	Evangelism
Families/Marriage	World Evangelization
At-Risk Children	Fellowship
Abuse/Violence	Mobilizing People for Ministry
Financial Management	Worship
Divorce Recovery	Policy and/or Politics
Disabilities and/or Support	Race
Deafness	Business and the Economy
Blindness	Relief Efforts
Law and/or Justice System	Ethics
Sanctity of Life	Health and/or fitness
Homelessness	Science and/or Technology
Drug and Alcohol Recovery	Environment
Compulsive Behavior Recovery	International and Global Affairs
Illness and/or Injury	Regional, State or Federal Issues
Sexuality and/ or Gender Issues	Education
Community/Neighborhood Issues	Other _____