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Spiritual Gifts Inventory

The Bible tells us that every believer is given a Spiritual Gift for the purpose of building up God's Church. (1 Corinthians 12:7) This is exciting news! God has given us a special gift. As a disciple, our responsibility is to discern, experiment with, and use our Spiritual Gifts.

Spiritual Gifts are not to be confused with natural talent or training. Spiritual gifts are unmerited blessings given to EVERY Christian. There are a variety of gifts, but the same God gives them all. Spiritual gifts are for the purpose of serving the body of Christ.

This Spiritual Gifts Inventory is a tool for you to use in your continuing faith development. This tool will help you *begin* to discover what your spiritual gifts might be. Use the information this inventory yields to discern more clearly how you are being called to build up and serve the body of Christ.

This test presumes that when we use our spiritual gifts we have a sense of joy or positive feelings. The key to this is what do you enjoy. All of these statements are positive attributes, but not everyone possesses the same gift. Be honest. Do not say you really enjoy something that you think you are *supposed* to enjoy because it's what Christians do. You may have learned to do something extremely well, but still dislike doing it. That is not a spiritual gift. Focus on what brings you joy.

The following *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* is designed to help you discover what your spiritual gifts might be. THIS IS NOT A TEST. There are no right or wrong answers. Each statement has 3 possible responses. As you read each statement, pause to reflect for a moment as to how it describes you and your feelings, and then check the appropriate box.

EXAMPLE

	YES I have <i>positive feelings/ much enjoyment</i>	SOMETIMES I have <i>neutral feelings/ modest enjoyment</i>	NO I have <i>negative feelings/ no enjoyment or does not apply</i>
When I do things behind the scenes and others are helped, I am joyful.			

If this describes you well, check the 1st box

If this only partly true of you, check the 2nd box.

If this does not describe you at all, check the 3rd box.

	YES I have <i>positive feelings/ much enjoyment</i>	SOMETIMES I have <i>neutral feelings/ modest enjoyment</i>	NO I have <i>negative feelings/ no enjoyment or does not apply</i>
1. I am able to organize ideas, things, time, and people for more effective results.			
2. I receive much joy from working with my hands at various arts and crafts.			
3. I find that my skills in building or repairing objects benefits others.			
4. I like sharing with other people how God has changed my life.			
5. I am able to share words of encouragement with those who are struggling in life.			
6. There have been times when I have felt sure I knew God's specific will for the future, even when others have not been so sure.			
7. I am so confident that God will meet my needs that I give to God sacrificially and consistently.			
8. I find joy in being a help to someone who can utilize my help and concern.			
9. My home is always open to people passing through who need a place to stay.			

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10. When I am asked to pray for others, I feel that my prayers will have tangible results.			
11. Often, I am able to perceive what is in the heart or mind of another person without that person telling me.			
12. I am able to motivate people into getting things done.			
13. I enjoy doing things to comfort people during sickness or times of problems and/or anxiety.			
14. When I am singing, I feel a great sense of joy.			
15. I would enjoy being involved in an instrumental music presentation.			
16. I appreciate being called on to do things for other people.			
17 I have enjoyed relating to a certain group of people over a long period of time, sharing personally in their successes and failures.			
18. I feel that I can communicate Biblical truths to others so that they are helped.			
19. When important decisions need to be made, I sense a confidence in God's guidance			

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20. When I use my ability to write, I know that others will learn and grow from it.			
21. I am able to plan and administer programs which will be of benefit to others.			
22. I enjoy the times that I am able to create beautiful items with my hands.			
23. I enjoy the work necessary for gardening, landscaping, and other projects.			
24. I feel comfortable telling others how God has changed my life.			
25. I am able to talk with and build up those who are having difficulties in life, whether they are in despair, sorrow, or not sure of themselves.			
26. When in a group, I am the one others often look to for vision and direction.			
27. I am ready to forego certain privileges in order to give money to God's work.			
28. When I serve the Lord, I really don't care who gets the credit.			
29. I enjoy inviting visitors and guests (strangers) home to dinner after Sunday morning worship.			

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30. I take prayer requests very seriously and pray until the answer comes.			
31. I have the ability to discover new truths for myself through reading or observing situations first hand.			
32. I am able to lead small and/or large groups of people into making decisions.			
33. I enjoy helping and working with those people who are ignored by others.			
34. In the area of vocal music, I enjoy performing alone and/or in a group of singers.			
35. I am able to effectively play a musical instrument so that others are inspired.			
36. When other people ask me to lend a helping hand, I feel special.			
37. I feel comfortable in leading a small group in Bible study.			
38. I find it rewarding to teach people more about the Lord.			
39. When a person has a problem, as a Christian I can frequently see what is best to do.			

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40. I am able to put my thoughts into writing succinctly and clearly.			
41. I can easily delegate important responsibilities to other people.			
42. I find joy in having a beautiful lawn, flowers, and shrubs which are properly placed and cared for.			
43. The repair and maintenance of things comes easily to me.			
44. It is easy for me to talk to other people about life and/or spiritual matters.			
45. I am able to speak words of encouragement to those who are troubled, discouraged, or not sure of themselves.			
46. I am able to trust in the reliability of God when all else looks dim.			
47. I am content to maintain a lower standard of living in order to financially benefit God's work.			
48. When I do things behind the scenes and others are helped, I am joyful.			
49. I am able to provide food and/or lodging graciously and willingly to people who are in need.			

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50. I find myself praying when I could be doing other things.			
51. Through study or experience, I have been able to discern the wisest course of action to take in major decisions.			
52. When a group I am in is lacking organization, I tend to step in to fill the gap.			
53. Sometimes when I help people out, I know they may not even say "thank you," but I still enjoy helping them.			
54. I enjoy singing familiar Gospel songs with a group of fellow Christians.			
55. I know that my ability to perform instrumental music has been a blessing to others.			
56. I respond cheerfully when asked to do a job, even if it seems menial.			
57. I enjoy leading small groups of people, especially when I am able to show genuine care and concern for them.			
58. I enjoy helping others learn things about Scripture which aid in building them up.			

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59. I can intuitively arrive at solutions to fairly complicated problems.			
60. I can instinctively come up with correct grammar and/or the best choice of words.			
61. I am able to set goals and objectives, and then make plans to reach them.			
62. I find joy in painting pictures or in making handcrafted objects.			
63. I find joy in lawn care and other outside maintenance.			
64. When I share my faith with others, I see positive results in their lives.			
65. I often share words of comfort, cheer, or encouragement with others.			
66. I really believe that God will not let me down, even though everything around me seems to be falling apart.			
67. I really enjoy giving my time and treasures to God's work.			
68. I am able to assist key leaders to relieve them of detail work, so they can get back to their main job.			

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69. When people visit me at home, I am confident they feel good about being there.			
70. I regard prayer as one of my favorite spiritual exercises.			
71. I am able to pick up on important Biblical truths that benefit myself and others.			
72. People look to me as a leader when things need to be done.			
73. I enjoy working with those less fortunate than me.			
74. I am able to lead others in song.			
75. I enjoy using my instrumental music talents for the appreciation of my friends and to the glory of God.			
76. I enjoy being a follower more than a leader.			
77. I have brought friends or relatives back to faith who have strayed away.			
78. I enjoy teaching children or adults about God's love.			
79. If one of my friends is faced with a problem, I am able to sort out what is God's will for them.			
80. I enjoy writing stories, plays, or poetry for others to read & learn by.			

Spiritual Gifts Inventory – SCORE SHEET for _____

Score

For each response, give yourself points based on the following:

2 – “Yes -- I have positive feelings/much enjoyment”

1 – “Sometimes – I have neutral feelings/modest enjoyment”

0 – “No – I have negative feelings/no enjoyment, or does not apply”

Total your points of each row. The highest scores point to your spiritual gifts.

1	___	21	___	41	___	61	___	Total	___	Administration
2	___	22	___	42	___	62	___	___	___	Creativity – artistic
3	___	23	___	43	___	63	___	___	___	Creativity – craftsmanship
4	___	24	___	44	___	64	___	___	___	Evangelism
5	___	25	___	45	___	65	___	___	___	Encouragement
6	___	26	___	46	___	66	___	___	___	Faith
7	___	27	___	47	___	67	___	___	___	Giving
8	___	28	___	48	___	68	___	___	___	Helping/Servant
9	___	29	___	49	___	69	___	___	___	Hospitality
10	___	30	___	50	___	70	___	___	___	Intercession/Prayer
11	___	31	___	51	___	71	___	___	___	Interpretation
12	___	32	___	52	___	72	___	___	___	Leadership
13	___	33	___	53	___	73	___	___	___	Healing
14	___	34	___	54	___	74	___	___	___	Music, vocal
15	___	35	___	55	___	75	___	___	___	Music, instrumental
16	___	36	___	56	___	76	___	___	___	Follower
17	___	37	___	57	___	77	___	___	___	Nurturer
18	___	38	___	58	___	78	___	___	___	Teacher
19	___	39	___	59	___	79	___	___	___	Problem Solver
20	___	40	___	60	___	80	___	___	___	Writer

My spiritual gifts are: _____