

S.H. A.P.E. INTRO & SPIRITUAL GIFTS

All Christians are called to worship God, utilize their gifts, and minister to others according to God's principles as set forth in Scripture. Your ministry is based on God's calling and your make up. What God made you to **BE** determines what he intends for you to **DO**.

Ephesians 2:10 – For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Your S.H.A.P.E (Your Divine Design) will help you identify where you can best serve Jesus in sharing is kingdom ministry.

S - SPIRITUAL GIFTS—What am I gifted by God to do?

H - HEART—What do I love to do? What is my passion?

A - ABILITIES—What natural talents and skills do I have?

P - PERSONALITY—Where does my personality best suit me to serve?

E - EXPERIENCES—How do my life experiences factor into What has God been preparing me to do?

Biblical Foundations for Ministry:

Point #1—A ministry of serving others is an act of _____ to Christ. (Matthew 25:37-40)

Point #2—God has a _____ purpose or calling for each of our lives. (Ephesians 2:10)

Point #3 - We _____ have gifts to fulfill our calling. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Point #4—Gifts are given to be used in _____. (Romans 12:4-8)

Point #5—Gifts should be used to serve God and others and not to be _____. (Matthew 25:14-21)

Point #6—The role of leaders in a church community is to _____ to use their gifts so that everyone can grow. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Point # 7— Real spiritual growth takes place when we _____ - others. (James 2:14-17)

WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL GIFT? *"Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant."*

- 1 Corinthians 12:1

***A spiritual gift is a special ability, given me as a believer by the Holy Spirit,
to be used to minister to others and so build up the body of Christ.***

Ten Truths about Spiritual Gifts:

1. _____ of Christ have spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians. 2:14)
2. Every Christian has _____ spiritual gift. (1 Corinthians 7:7)
3. No one receives _____ the spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians.12:27-30)
4. No single spiritual gift is given _____. (1 Corinthians 2:29, 30)
5. You cannot _____ for a spiritual gift. (Ephesians 4:7)
6. The _____ decides what spiritual gift(s) I get. (1 Corinthians 12:11)
7. The spiritual gifts are _____. (Romans 11:29)
8. I am to _____ the spiritual gifts God gives me. (1 Timothy 4:14)
9. It is a sin to _____ the spiritual gifts God gives me. (1 Corinthians 4:1,2; Matthew 25:14-30)
10. Using my spiritual gifts glorifies God and helps me _____. (John 15:8)

The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts: Spiritual gifts are not for my benefit, but for the benefit of others . . .

1 Corinthians 12:7 - *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.* (NIV)

***Spiritual gifts are evidence or a demonstration that God the Holy Spirit is working in us,
enabling us to do things we could not otherwise do.***

How to Receive and be Utilized in the Operation of the Gifts:

1. Have experienced the new birth (become a Christian).
2. Believe what the Bible says about the availability of the gifts.
3. Be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to use you in the operation of the gifts. This will take faith and a venturesome approach. Be filled with the Spirit and be led by the Spirit.
4. Be willing to work for God. Gifts are given for ministry and discovered in the context of ministry.
5. Pray that God will help you grow in this area of your spiritual life.