

SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

God has blessed all of us with many gifts and talents. God calls us to use all of these talents in service of God and others. But the Holy Spirit has also blessed us with spiritual gifts. Complete this survey to get a sense of the spiritual gifts the Spirit has given you.

For each of the following statements, indicate how true the statement is for you, using one of the following numbers:

- 3—yes, all the time
- 2—yes, sometimes
- 1—maybe, occasionally
- 0—no, never

- 1. When it comes to schoolwork and extra-curricular activities, I am organized and focused on the details.
- 2. I keep up with news about people who are hurting in my community and/or around the world.
- 3. I am a good listener who is patient with friends who need someone to talk to.
- 4. Before I say yes to anything, I make sure that it is consistent with my Christian faith.
- 5. I love learning all that I can about the Bible and Christian beliefs and traditions.
- 6. I feel deep sadness when I hear about people in other parts of the world who are hurting.
- 7. I am eager to participate in hands-on service projects and to go on mission trips.
- 8. When I see a problem or injustice in my community I speak out.
- 9. When I see something that needs to be done, I do it without being asked.
- 10. I keep track of events and activities on a planner or calendar and am always aware of what I have scheduled and what responsibilities I have.
- 11. I know that I don't have all the answers and am eager to hear what others have to say.
- 12. I see God at work in the lives of others.
- 13. I am eager to use my gifts and talents in new ways.
- 14. I am a hard worker who doesn't stop until the project I'm working on is finished.
- 15. I make a point of encouraging my friends and peers by attending their games, performances, and ceremonies.
- 16. I keep my faith in mind when choosing movies to watch and music to listen to.
- 17. I'm eager to help friends and classmates with schoolwork.
- 18. I am comfortable telling other people about my faith.
- 19. I'm always looking for ways to draw attention to things that I care about.
- 20. I am good at explaining things through speaking and/or writing.
- 21. Before I post anything on the Internet, I stop to think about how the words or pictures I post reflect my Christian faith.

- ___ 22. When a friend is absent from school or church, I call to check on him or her.
- ___ 23. I am good at building things and putting things together.
- ___ 24. When something needs to be done, I prefer to get to work right away, without spending much time planning and organizing.
- ___ 25. When I see something beautiful or incredible in the natural world, I think of God, the Creator.
- ___ 26. I like to know all the facts about an issue or situation before forming an opinion.
- ___ 27. I enjoy planning and organizing events at school and at church.
- ___ 28. I am comfortable in leadership roles.
- ___ 29. When there is an argument or a dispute, I always listen to all sides of the story.
- ___ 30. At school and church, I notice people who are lonely or sad and people who are absent.
- ___ 31. I am willing (and eager) to go anywhere in the world to do God's work.
- ___ 32. In school, I prefer assignments that involve working with my hands to assignments that simply involve reading and writing.
- ___ 33. I go out of my way to celebrate with friends who have reached a milestone or achieved something important, and I go out of my way to console friends who are having a tough time.
- ___ 34. I use what I know of the Bible and the teaching of the church whenever I have to make a difficult decision.
- ___ 35. I love telling others about interesting new things I have learned.
- ___ 36. I am comfortable speaking to a large group of people.
- ___ 37. Before I start on a project or task, I figure out exactly what steps I need to take and make a plan.
- ___ 38. I listen carefully to my teachers and pastors and am eager to learn from what they say.
- ___ 39. I'm observant and tend to notice things that many other people overlook.
- ___ 40. I pay attention to and spend time with people who are lonely and sad.
- ___ 41. I am careful about whom I hang out with so that I don't end up in dangerous situations or situations where I will be tempted to do something I know is wrong.
- ___ 42. I can explain complicated ideas so that they're easy for people to understand.
- ___ 43. I like to use my gifts and talents to tell people about God and to make people aware of those who are suffering from illness, hunger, poverty, or disasters.
- ___ 44. I'm willing to drop anything and everything to help a friend in need.
- ___ 45. I don't mind getting dirty for a good cause.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

Fill in your answers to the Spiritual Gifts Inventory (pages 1–2) in the appropriate spaces below. Then add up the numbers to determine which best describe(s) your spiritual gifts. Some people may be

especially gifted in one or two ways; others may be moderately gifted in many ways. Regardless of how we are gifted, all of us are blessed and called to serve God and others as parts of Christ's body.

ORGANIZER / LEADER

You are organized and have natural leadership abilities. When something needs to be done, you prefer to make a plan and see it through, step by step.

1. ____ 10. ____ 27. ____ 28. ____ 37. ____ Total: _____

CAREGIVER / SHEPHERD

You are a good listener. You listen to friends who are hurting, pay attention to teachers and pastors, and hear the cries of those who are in need.

3. ____ 11. ____ 26. ____ 29. ____ 38. ____ Total: _____

PLANNER / VISIONARY

You see all the ways that God is at work in the world around you and have an eye for the work that God is calling Christians to do.

2. ____ 12. ____ 25. ____ 30. ____ 39. ____ Total: _____

INITIATOR / CATALYST

You are quick to respond and go wherever you need to go to do the work God has called you to do.

9. ____ 13. ____ 24. ____ 31. ____ 44. ____ Total: _____

WORKER / HELPER

You are a hard worker and aren't afraid to get your hands dirty doing work that needs to be done.

7. ____ 14. ____ 23. ____ 32. ____ 45. ____ Total: _____

ENCOURAGER / HEALER

You are compassionate and sympathize with the pain that others are feeling. You encourage your friends and peers in times of celebration and in times of sadness.

6. ____ 15. ____ 22. ____ 33. ____ 40. ____ Total: _____

ADVISOR / DISCERNER

You are the filter. You know what things are healthy for the body of Christ and what things are not. You embrace what is good and stay away from what is bad.

4. _____ 16. _____ 21. _____ 34. _____ 41. _____ Total: _____

TEACHER / MENTOR

You understand complex ideas and processes and are able to explain them to others in ways that make sense.

5. _____ 17. _____ 20. _____ 35. _____ 42. _____ Total: _____

ADVOCATE / PROPHET

You speak truth, taking a stand against injustice and proclaiming the good news of Christ. You don't hesitate to tell people what they need to hear.

8. _____ 18. _____ 19. _____ 36. _____ 43. _____ Total: _____