DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”

JOHN 14:12

DESIGN REVEALS DESTINY

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

PSALM 139:13–14
**PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT**

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**Step 3:** Identify the groups with the highest totaled number and the second highest totaled number to discover your dominant personality traits.

- **Box 1** = personality \(D\)
- **Box 2** = personality \(I\)
- **Box 3** = personality \(S\)
- **Box 4** = personality \(C\)

Write your predominant personality traits sequence in the top right hand corner (DI, ID, SC, CD, etc.).

**Step 4:** On the following pages, read the description of your most predominant personality trait (D, I, S, C) and the description of your two highest personality traits together (DI, ID, SC, CD, etc.).
YOUR RESULTS

**D** We are direct and decisive. We are risk takers and problem solvers. We are more concerned with completing tasks and winning than we are with gaining approval from people. Though the internal drive tends to make us insensitive to those around us, “D”s are not afraid to challenge the status quo, and we thrive when it comes to developing new things. We need discipline to excel, and respond to direct confrontation. Our greatest fear is to be taken advantage of, and even despite our possible weaknesses—which include an aversion to routine, a tendency to overstep authority, an argumentative nature, and a habit of taking on too much—we place a high value on time and use our innovative thinking to accomplish difficult tasks and conquer challenges.

**D/I** We are curious concluders who place emphasis on the bottom line and work hard to reach our goals. We are more determined than we are inspirational, yet our high expectations and standards for ourselves and those around us typically cause us to make quite an impact, motivating others to follow us. We have an array of interests and can become distracted by taking on too many projects. We often need to focus, prioritize, and simply slow down. Because we thrive on activity and forward motion, we like to accomplish tasks through a large number of people.

*Joshua (Joshua 1), Noah (Genesis 6-9), Sarah (Genesis 16, 1 Peter 3:6)*

**D/S** We are achievers with an ability to persevere. We are more active than passive, but possess a kind of calm sensitivity and steadiness that makes us good leaders. We seem to be people oriented but can easily be dominant and decisive when it comes to tasks and project planning. We strive to accomplish goals with fierce determination that comes from strong internal drive, but we could benefit from contemplative and conservative thinking as well as spending more time focusing on relationships.

*Daniel (Daniel 1-6), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11), Martha (Luke 10:38-42)*

**D/C** We are challengers that can either be determined students or defiant critics. Being in charge is important to us, yet we care little about what others think as long as we get the job done. We have a great deal of foresight and examine every avenue to find the best solution. We prefer to work alone. Though we fear failure and the lack of influence, we are motivated by challenges and can often be excellent administrators. We can benefit from learning to relax and paying more attention to people.

*Malachi (Malachi 4), Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-13), Nahum (Nahum 1-3)*
We are inspiring and impressive. Enthusiastic, optimistic, impulsive, and emotional—we tend to be creative problem solvers and excellent encouragers. We often have a large number of friends, but we can become more concerned with approval and popularity than with getting results. Our greatest fear is rejection, but we thrive when it comes to motivating others. Our positive sense of humor helps us negotiate conflicts. Though we can be inattentive to details and poor listeners, we can be great peacemakers and effective teammates when we control our feelings and minimize our urge to entertain and be the center of attention. We value lots of human touch and connection.

**I/D** We are persuaders who are outgoing and energetic. We enjoy large groups and use our power of influence to attain respect and convince people to follow our lead. Sometimes we can be viewed as fidgety and nervous, but it comes from our need to be a part of challenges that have variety, freedom, and mobility. We could benefit from learning to look before we leap and spending more time being studious and still. We make inspiring leaders and know how to get results from and through people.


**I/S** We are influential counselors who love people, and it’s no surprise that people love us. We live to please and serve, and tend to be good listeners. Looking good and encouraging others is important to us, as is following through and being obedient. We often lack in the area of organization and can be more concerned with the people involved than we are with the task at hand. However, we can be center stage or behind the scenes with equal effectiveness, and we shine when it comes to influencing and helping others.


**I/C** We are inspiring yet cautious assessors who are excellent communicators through the combination of concerned awareness and appreciation of people. We excel in determining ways to improve production. We tend to be impatient and critical, and can also be overly persuasive and too consumed by the desire to win. We like to work inside the box, and we could benefit from trying new things and caring less about what others think. This personality type often possesses a gift for teaching; we are generally dependable when it comes to paying attention to details and getting the job done.

*Miriam* (Exodus 15-21), *Ezra* (Ezra 7-8), *Shunammite Woman* (2 Kings 4:8-37)
We are steady and more reserved. We do not like change, and thrive in secure, non-threatening environments. We are often friendly and understanding as well as good listeners and loyal workers who are happy doing the same job consistently. With an incredible ability to forgive, reliable and dependable “S”s tend to make the best friends. Our greatest fear, however, is loss of security, and our possible weaknesses naturally include not only resistance to change, but also difficulty adjusting to it. We can also be too sensitive to criticism and unable to establish priorities. In order to avoid being taken advantage of, we need to be stronger and learn how to say “no.” We also like to avoid the limelight, but when given an opportunity to genuinely help others, we will gladly rise to the occasion. We feel most valued when we have truly helped someone.

**S/D** We are quiet leaders who can be counted on to get the job done. We perform better in small groups and do not enjoy speaking in front of crowds. Though we can be soft-hearted and hard-hearted at the same time, we enjoy close relationships with people, being careful not to dominate them. Challenges motivate us, especially ones that allow them to take a systematic approach. We tend to be determined, persevering through time and struggles. We benefit from encouragement and positive relationships.


**S/I** We are inspirational counselors who exhibit warmth and sensitivity. Tolerant and forgiving, we have many friends because they accept and represent others well. Our social nature and desire to be likable and flexible makes us inclined to be overly tolerant and non-confrontational. We will benefit from being more task-oriented and paying more attention to detail. Kind and considerate, we include others and inspire people to follow us. Words of affirmation go a long way with us, and with the right motivation, we can be excellent team players.


**S/C** We are diplomatic and steady, as well as detail-oriented. Stable and contemplative, we like to weigh the evidence and discover the facts to come to a logical conclusion. More deliberate, we prefer to take our time, especially when the decision involves others. Possible weaknesses include being highly sensitive and unable to handle criticism, and we also need to be aware of the way we treat others. Operating best in precise and cause-worthy projects, we can be a peacemaker; this makes us a loyal team member and friend.

We are compliant and analytical. Careful and logical lines of thinking drive us forward, and accuracy is a top priority. We hold high standards and value systematic approaches to problem solving. Though we thrive when given opportunities to find solutions, we tend to ignore the feelings of others and can often be critical and downright crabby. Verbalizing feelings is difficult for us, but when we are not bogged down in details and have clear-cut boundaries, we can be big assets to the team by providing calculated “reality checks.” Our biggest fear is criticism, and our need for perfection is often a weakness, as is our tendency to give in when in the midst of an argument. However, we are thorough in all activities and can bring a conscientious, even-tempered element to the team that will provide solid grounding. We value being correct.

**C/D** We are cautious and determined designers who are consistently task-oriented and very aware of problems. Sometimes viewed as insensitive, we do care about individual people but have a difficult time showing it. We often feel we are the only ones who can do the job the way it needs to be done, but because of our administrative skills, we are able to bring plans for change and improvements to fruition. We have a tendency to be serious and could benefit from being more optimistic and enthusiastic. Despite our natural drive to achieve, we should concentrate on developing healthy relationships and simply loving people.

**Bezalel** (Exodus 35:30-36, 8, 37:1-9), **Jochebed** (Exodus 1:22-2:4), **Jethro** (Exodus 2,18)

**C/I** We are attentive to the details. We tend to impress others by doing things right and stabilizing situations. Not considered aggressive or pushy, we enjoy both large and small crowds. Though we work well with people, we are sometimes too sensitive to what others think about us and our work. We could benefit from being more assertive and self motivated. Often excellent judges of character, we easily trust those who meet our standards. We are moved by genuine and enthusiastic approval as well as concise and logical explanations.

**Miriam** (Exodus 15-21, Numbers 12:1-15), **Ezra** (Ezra 7, 8)

**C/S** We are systematic and stable. We tend to do one thing at a time— and do it right. Reserved and cautious, we would rather work behind the scenes to stay on track; however, we seldom take risks or try new things and naturally dislike sudden changes in our environments. Precise to the letter, we painstakingly require accuracy and fear criticism, which we equate to failure. Diligent workers, our motivation comes from serving others.

**Esther** (Esther 4), **Zechariah** (Luke 1), **Joseph** (Matthew 1:1-23)
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PERSONALITY
Every personality has strengths and challenges. The following will give you specific areas to focus on to help you work well with others.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...

EPHESIANS 2:10

D Personalities are dominant, direct, task-oriented, decisive, organized, outgoing, and outspoken. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:
  • Listen attentively to others.
  • Support other team members.
  • Invest in personal relationships.
  • Balance controlling and domineering tendencies.
  • Value the opinions, feelings, and desires of others.

I Personalities are influential, witty, easygoing, outgoing, and people-oriented. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:
  • Be aware of tasks that need to be accomplished.
  • Balance your emotions, words, and actions.
  • Remember to consider details and facts.
  • Slow down your pace for others when necessary.
  • Listen attentively to others instead of only talking.
  • Choose thoughtful decision-making over impulsive decision-making.

S Personalities are steady, stable, analytical, introverted, and people-oriented. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:
  • Take initiative.
  • Practice flexibility.
  • Approach confrontation constructively.
  • Be direct in your interactions when necessary.
  • Realize change can be healthy, and be willing to adapt.
  • Consider the overall goals of your family or group, not just specific processes or procedures.

C Personalities are compliant, competent, task-oriented, goal-oriented, and introverted. As you embrace these strengths, also make sure to:
  • Be decisive when necessary.
  • Cultivate personal relationships.
  • Be open to others’ ideas and methods.
  • Balance your focus between facts and people.
  • Focus on doing the right things, not just doing things right.
  • Help others accomplish their goals.
Step 1: Respond to the spiritual gifts statements on the next 2 pages by writing the number that indicates how each statement describes you in the blanks on page 40:

1 = Almost Never
2 = Sometimes
3 = Almost Always

Allow yourself six minutes to answer all questions before moving on to other steps.

1. I like organizing services and events.
2. I am interested in starting new churches.
3. I enjoy working with my hands.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray daily for people who don’t know Jesus.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. I am passionate about financially investing in the Kingdom of God.
8. I enjoy doing little things that others typically do not enjoy.
9. I often have people over to my house.
10. I enjoy spending hours in prayer for other people.
11. Education is very important to me.
12. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
13. I hurt when I see others hurting.
14. I enjoy sharing the Gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
15. I’ve devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and/or musical instrument.
16. Caring for the hurting is one of my highest priorities.
17. I get frustrated when people knowingly sin.
18. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
19. I like creating outlines of the Bible.
21. I am passionate about managing details.
22. I like to help start new ministry projects.
23. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
24. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
25. I am greatly motivated by seeing people who don’t know God be saved.
26. I come across as loving and caring.
27. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
28. Helping others is one of my greatest motivations.
29. Creating a warm and welcoming environment is important to me.
30. I am burdened to pray for situations affecting the world.
31. People come to me to learn more about God and the Bible.
32. I prefer to take the lead whenever possible.
33. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
34. The idea of living in another country to benefit the Gospel is exciting to me.
35. I desire to serve the church through worship.
36. I enjoy connecting, caring for, and coaching others.
37. Confronting someone about a sin in their life is important to me.
38. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
39. I share Biblical truth with others to help them grow.
40. When I study Scripture, I receive unique insights from God.
41. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
42. I am attracted to ministries that start new churches.
43. Building something with my hands is very satisfying to me.
44. I can pinpoint issues or problems quickly.
45. Sharing the Gospel with someone I do not know is exciting and natural for me.
46. I look for ways to encourage other people.
47. I want to make more money so that I can give more.
48. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
49. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
50. People often ask me to pray for them.
51. I enjoy knowing Biblical details and helping others understand them, too.
52. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
53. I am motivated to help people in need.
54. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
55. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.
56. I enjoy helping people who are going through a difficult time.
57. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of God's Word.
58. I like to do small things that others overlook.
59. I prefer to teach and study the Bible topically rather than verse by verse.
60. When faced with difficulty, I tend to make wise decisions.
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**Step 2:** From left to right, add the numbers in each row above, and write the totaled number in the TOTAL column.

**Step 3:** Identify your three highest totaled numbers. Find the corresponding letter for each of those three rows, and match those three letters in the GIFT column with the spiritual gifts listed on the following pages.
USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Congratulations on discovering your spiritual gifts!

God uniquely created you and gave you these gifts for a reason. Now that you’ve identified how He has gifted you, your next step is to learn how you can use those gifts for the purpose He has for you. On the following pages, you can learn about your spiritual gifts and find out more about the areas in which to serve at John Wesley Church where you can best use them.

A. Administration

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

(Worship Team, Facilities Team, Check-in Team)

B. Planting/Pioneering

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.

Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10;
Ephesians 4:11-14
(Membership Pathway Team, Life Group Leadership, Tailgate Team, Reach/Missions Team, We Are For You Team)

C. Craftsmanship

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

(Altar Guild, Facilities Team, Production Team)

D. Discernment

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations.

(Life Group Leadership, Membership Pathway Team, Check-in Team, Prayer Team)
E. Evangelism
The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming Christ followers.

Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14
(Membership Pathway Team, Adult Grow Team, NextGen Team, Prayer Team)

F. Exhortation
The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25
(Hospitality Team, First Impressions Team, Membership Pathway Team, NextGen Team, JW Kids Check-in, Nursery Team)

G. Giving
The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7
(Legacy Team)

H. Help
The gift of help is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry.

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28
(Hospitality Team, Facilities Team, First Impressions Team)

I. Hospitality
The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

(Hospitality Team, Membership Pathway Team, First Impressions Team, NextGen Team)

J. Intercession
The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace believing for profound results.

Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16
(Prayer Team, Stephen Ministry Team)
K. Knowledge
The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God.

Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3
(Prayer Team, Hospitality Team, NextGen Team, Life Group Leadership, Adult Grow Team)

L. Leadership
The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17
(Life Group Leadership, All Teams)

M. Mercy
The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14
(Health & Wholeness Team, Reach/Missions Team, Stephen Ministry Team)

N. Missionary
The missionary gift is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality while in most cases, living in that culture or nation.

Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Romans 10:15
(Reach/Missions Team, Life Group Leadership)

O. Music/Worship
The gift of music/worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God.

Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42; 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12; Psalm 150
(Worship Team, Production Team)

P. Pastor/Shepherd
The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3
(Membership Pathway Team, NextGen Team, Life Group Leadership)
Q. Prophecy
The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, and in some cases, foretelling God’s plan.

(Prayer Team, Men’s/Women’s Ministry Teams, Life Group Leadership)

R. Service
The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14
(First Impressions Team, Production Team, Hospitality Team, Care Team, Communion Team, Altar Guild)

S. Teaching
The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and growth to other Christians.

(NextGen Team, Men’s/Women’s Ministry Teams, Life Group Leadership)

T. Wisdom
The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing a fruitful outcome and the character of Jesus Christ.

Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8
(Prayer Team, Hospitality Team, Worship Team)