

Revelation 4:6-7, NIV – “(6) ...In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. (7) The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.”

The four faces reveal the four personality expressions of Jesus

- Lion - **D** – Dominant – Active – Task-Oriented (Choleric)
Directing, driving, demanding, determined, decisive, doing
Jesus - Lion of Judah - Paul
- Man - **I** – Influencing – Active, People-Oriented (Sanguine)
Inspiring, inducing, impressing, interactive, interested in people
Jesus - Influencing Man - Peter
- Ox - **S** – Stable – Passive – People-Oriented (Phlegmatic)
Steady, shy, security-oriented, servant, submissive, specialist
Jesus - Steady Shepherd - Abraham
- Eagle - **C** – Compliant – Passive – Task-Oriented (Melancholy)
Cautious, competent, calculating, careful, contemplative
Jesus - Calculating Eagle - Thomas

My strongest personality description is: _____

E – EXPERIENCE

Proverbs 16:9, NIV – “In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.”

Proverbs 20:24, NIV – “A man’s steps are directed by the LORD.”

Ecclesiastes 1:16, NIV – “I thought to myself, ‘Look, I have grown and increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge.’”

My repeated life experiences are: _____

DISCOVERING MY PURPOSE / RECOGNIZING MY “SHAPE”

- S – Spiritual Gifts _____
- H – Heart / Passions _____
- A – Abilities / Talents _____
- P – Personality / Temperament _____
- E – Experiences _____

HOW CAN I BEST EXPRESS MY SHAPE IN MINISTRY?

CONVERGENCE: When your “SHAPE” perfectly matches your ministry.

ATTAINING YOUR VISION

PART 3 – DISCOVERING YOUR PURPOSE WITHIN YOU

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INTRODUCTION

1. We all have a unique purpose.

Ephesians 1:11, NIV – “In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.”

2. God is working with us, to reach our specific purpose.

Philippians 2:13, NIV – “For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”

2 Corinthians 9:8, NIV – “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

YOUR PURPOSE IS ALREADY WITHIN YOU!

1. Your Unique Purpose Was Planned Before You Were Even Born!

Ephesians 1:11, NIV – “In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.”

2. Your Unique Purpose Drives You Every Day - Example of Moses

a) Moses’ Parents Saw Purpose/Destiny In Him

Hebrews 11:23, NIV – “By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.”

b) Moses Is Driven By His Purpose – To Deliver & Lead His People

Acts 7:23-25, NIV – “(23) When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. (24) He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. (25) Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.” (cf. Exodus 2:11-12).

c) Moses Is Again Driven By His Purpose

Acts 7:26-28, NIV – “The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?’ (27) But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us?’ (28) Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’” (cf. Acts 7:26-28).

d) Moses Continues To Be Driven To Deliver People

Exodus 2:16-17, NIV – (16) Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. (17) Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

e) God Reminds Moses Of His Purpose – To Deliver And Lead His People

Exodus 3:6,10, NIV – (6) Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ... (10) So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

Acts 7:35, NIV – “This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, ‘Who made you ruler and judge?’ He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.”

GOD HAS “SHAPED” YOU FOR YOUR PURPOSE!

S - SPIRITUAL GIFTS / GIFT MIX

Romans 12:6-8, NIV – “(6) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. (7) If it is servicing, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; (8) if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

1. Prophesying – the ability to declare God’s Word in a timely and inspiring manner
2. Servicing – the ability to minister God’s grace to others, while serving them
3. Teaching – the ability to communicate God’s Word in a clear and understandable way

4. Encouraging – the ability to minister courage and inspiration to people who are discouraged
5. Contributing / Giving – the ability to receive and pass on material resources to the needy
6. Leadership – the ability to gather resources and people together to accomplish a task
7. Mercy – the ability to minister the heart of God to those who are struggling

My top spiritual gifts are: _____

H - HEART / PASSION

2 Corinthians 4:16, NIV – “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

2 Corinthians 4:1, NIV – “Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.”

1 Timothy 3:1, NIV – “Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.”

My greatest passions are: _____

A - ABILITIES / TALENTS

Deuteronomy 8:18, NIV – “But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth ...”

Matthew 25:15, NIV – “To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. ...”

My best abilities are: _____

P - PERSONALITY / TEMPERMENT

Ezekiel 1:5-6,10, NIV – “(5) and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man, (6) but each of them had four faces and four wings. ... (10) Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.”