

Extra Resources

You have natural talents – things that you are relatively good at. You have learned skills – they didn't come naturally, but you have found yourself to be good at doing them. You have physical abilities – things that you can do, but may not be really good at, that God wants you to use to serve others, in order to develop godly character.

Questions:

- What natural talents do I seem to possess that I can use for serving others (painting, drawing, singing, adding numbers, organizing, dancing, writing, etc.)?
- What learned skills have I learned that I can use for serving others (playing an instrument, building a home, cement work, electrical work, computer programming, photography, etc.)?
- What physical abilities do I have that I can use for serving others (moving heavy objects, cleaning homes, delivering parcels, filing, answering the phone, etc.)?

Discovering My Purpose – Beginnings

My greatest Passions (use verbs):

My Underlying Values (use nouns):

My Reoccurring Experiences:

My Personality/Temperament:

My Overriding Motivation (choose top 2 from Eph. 4):

My Spiritual Gifts (choose top 3 from Rom. 12):

My Extra Resources (how can you begin to serve NOW?)

DISCOVERING MY PURPOSE DIAGNOSTIC

Passions

God has placed certain passions within you, that when you do them, they keep you energized. These are indicators of the main expression of your ministry calling.

Questions:

- What activities energize you when you do them, or even think of doing them?
- What activities give you great enjoyment, when you do them?
- What activities pull out the greatest creativity in you?
- What activities cause you the greatest satisfaction, when you do them?
- What activities do you desire to do, even if aren't paid to do them?

Underlying (Core) Values

God has placed specific things in the core of your heart that you value above everything else. These are the clearest indicators of your primary purpose.

Questions:

- What thing or things do you care for, beyond all others?
- What thing or things stir up righteous anger within you, when they are left undone?
- What thing “calls to your heart” as something worth investing your life in?
- What need in the world around you is a need that you would give the rest of your life for?

Reoccurring Experiences

God has led you through life, into reoccurring opportunities and situations, that indicate the environment (or place) that you are called to serve Him in.

Questions:

- Do you keep finding yourself being put into the same place of serving others (eg. Leadership, administration, planning, decorating, counseling, encouraging, etc.)?
- Do you keep finding yourself working with the same type of people, or with the same needs?
- Do you keep having people come to you to request a certain type of assistance from you?
- Are you finding yourself becoming increasingly competent in a certain expression of service?

Personality / Temperament

Your God-formed personality indicates what type of group or situation you can most effectively be involved with.

Questions:

- Based on my personality, am I most comfortable with individuals, small groups, or large groups?
- Based on my personality, am I more comfortable out in public, or working behind the scenes?
- Based on my personality, am I more effective working with people, or things?
- Based on my personality, am I more comfortable taking charge, or serving someone else?

Overriding Motivation

God has given each person an overriding ministry motivation, in line with one of the five-fold focus ministry gifts. These indicate the main expression of your ministry calling.

Questions:

- Based on the five-fold ministry list in Ephesians 4:11-12, would I most rather serve as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher?
- Which one of these five ministries, inspires and excites me the most?
- Which type of ministry am I most drawn to in other people (ie. Are you drawn to apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, or teachers).
- Which type of ministry have others most often invited me to serve in?

Spiritual Gifts

God has given each person a “mix” of gifts (see Romans 12:6-8) that He wants you to use as tools for ministering to others. For example, if you have the gift of teaching, teaching is a tool that God has given you, to carry out your ministry calling.

Questions:

- Which of the following gifts am I most competent in doing (prophetic preaching, serving, teaching, encouraging, sharing resources, leading, showing mercy)?
- Which is my top, second, and third gift?
- Which gifts do other people say I have?
- Which gifts do I most often have people request that I function in?
- Which gifts most excite me?
- Which gifts do I find most easy to do, almost “second nature” to me?