

# **NEXT STEPS 2**

**Connect To Purpose**

*Discover Your Place in God's Family*



## STEP 2: CONNECT TO PURPOSE

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In Step 2, Connect To Purpose, our hope is that you take a step towards understanding how your uniquely designed personality, coupled with the spiritual gifts God has given you, help reveal a fulfilling path to your destiny.

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10

### THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS:

To discover how my Design helps to reveal my Destiny.

To discover the amazing Potential of my life.

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* John 14:12

### DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONALITY

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* Psalm 139:14

#### Elements that Help to Develop Your Personality

- A. Family History
- B. Training
- C. Mentors
- D. Life Experiences

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away behold, all things have become new."* 2 Corinthians 5:17

## HOW TO TAKE THE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT

Step 1: Answer each question under sections 1–4 on page 29 by circling the number that best describes you. Allow yourself two to three minutes to complete this step before moving on to other steps.

Step 2: Add the total of circled numbers for the five statements under each section. Write each total on the indicated total line for each section.

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

Box 1 = “D” personality

Box 2 = “I” personality

Box 3 = “S” personality

Box 4 = “C” personality

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

Step 4: 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.).

**ASSESSMENT EXAMPLE**Personality /Leadership Style: **SI****1. D Total 16**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I am assertive, demanding, and decisive.	1	2	(3)	4	5
I enjoy doing multiple tasks at once.	1	2	(3)	4	5
I thrive in a challenge-based environment.	1	2	3	(4)	5
I think about tasks above others or myself.	1	2	(3)	4	5
I am motivated by accomplishment and authority.	1	2	(3)	4	5

**2. I Total 18**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I enjoy influencing and inspiring people.	1	2	3	4	(5)
I am optimistic about others.	1	2	(3)	4	5
I tend to be the life of the party.	1	(2)	3	4	5
I think about motivating people.	1	2	3	(4)	5
I am motivated by recognition and approval.	1	2	(3)	4	5

**3. S Total 22**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I thrive in consistent environments over changing ones.	1	2	3	4	(5)
I prefer specifics over generalizations.	1	2	3	4	(5)
I enjoy small groups of people.	1	2	3	4	(5)
I prefer being a member of a team over leading the team.	1	2	(3)	4	5
I am motivated by stability and support.	1	2	3	(4)	5

**4. C Total 16**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I typically do not take big risks.	1	(2)	3	4	5
I love tasks, order, and details.	1	2	(3)	4	5
I am right most of the time.	1	(2)	3	4	5
I comply with clearly defined rules.	1	2	3	4	(5)
I am motivated by quality and correctness.	1	2	3	(4)	5

**SIMPLE DISCOVERY**

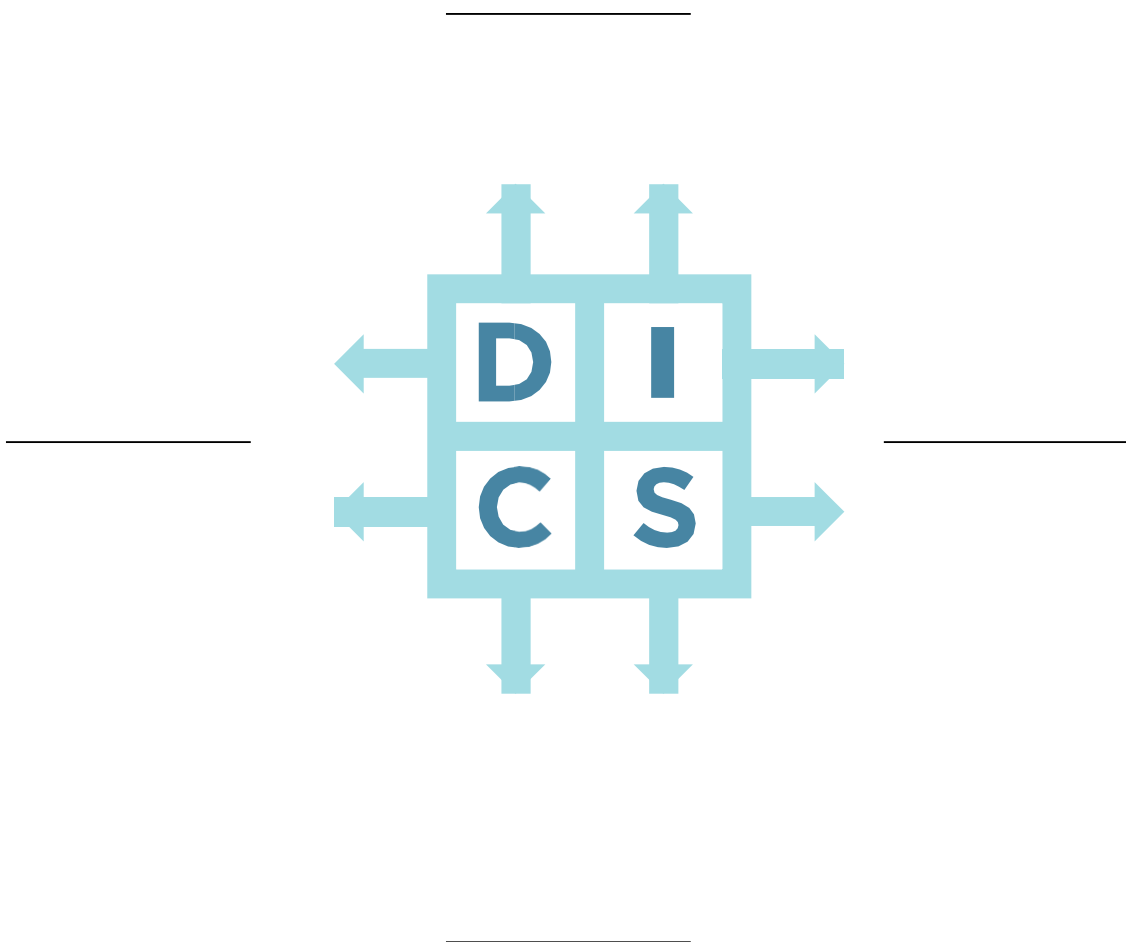
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<p><b>D</b></p> <p>“D”s are direct and decisive; they are risk takers and problem solvers. They are more concerned with completing tasks and winning than they are with gaining approval from people. Though the internal drive tends to make them insensitive to those around them, “D”s are not afraid to challenge the status quo, and they thrive when it comes to developing new things. They need discipline to excel, and they respond to direct confrontation. The greatest fear of a “D” is to be taken advantage of, and even despite their possible weaknesses—which include an aversion to routine, a tendency to overstep authority, an argumentative nature, and a habit of taking on too much—they place a high value on time and use their innovative thinking to accomplish difficult tasks and conquer challenges.</p>	<p><b>D / I</b></p> <p>“D/I”s are curious conclusers who place emphasis on the bottom line and work hard to reach their goals. They are more determined than they are inspirational, yet their high expectations and standards for themselves and those around them typically causes them to make quite an impact, motivating others to follow them. They have an array of interests and can become distracted by taking on too many projects. They often need to focus, prioritize, and simply slow down. Because “D/I”s thrive on activity and forward motion, they like to accomplish tasks through a large number of people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Joshua (Joshua 1), Noah (Genesis 6-9), Sarah (Genesis 16, 1 Peter 3:6)</p>
<p><b>I</b></p> <p>“I”s are inspiring and impressive. Enthusiastic, optimistic, impulsive, and emotional—they tend to be creative problem solvers and excellent encouragers. They often have a large number of friends, but they can become more concerned with approval and popularity than with getting results. An “I”s greatest fear is rejection, but they thrive when it comes to motivating others. Their positive sense of humor helps them negotiate conflicts. Though they can be inattentive to details and poor listeners, they can be great peacemakers and effective teammates when they control their feelings and minimize their urge to entertain and be the center of attention. They value lots of human touch and connection.</p>	<p><b>I / D</b></p> <p>“I/D”s are persuaders who are outgoing and energetic. They enjoy large groups and use their power of influence to attain respect and convince people to follow their lead. Sometimes they can be viewed as fidgety and nervous, but it comes from their need to be a part of challenges that have variety, freedom, and mobility. “I/D”s could benefit from learning to look before they leap and spending more time being studious and still. They make inspiring leaders and know how to get results from and through people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: John the Baptist (Luke 3), Peter (Matthew 16 and 26, Acts 3), Rebekah (Genesis 24)</p>
<p><b>S</b></p> <p>“S”s are steady and more reserved. Because they are stable and predictable, they do not like change, and they thrive in secure, non-threatening environments. They 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. Their greatest fear, however, is loss of security, and their possible weaknesses naturally include not only resistance to change, but also difficulty adjusting to it. They can also be too sensitive to criticism and unable to establish priorities. In order to avoid being taken advantage of, “S”s need to be stronger and learn how to say “no.” They also like to avoid the limelight, but when given an opportunity to genuinely help others, they will gladly rise to the occasion. They feel most valued when they have truly helped someone.</p>	<p><b>S / D</b></p> <p>“S/D”s are quiet leaders who can be counted on to get the job done. They perform better in small groups and do not enjoy speaking in front of crowds. Though they can be soft- and hardhearted at the same time, they enjoy close relationships with people, being careful not to dominate them. Challenges motivate them, especially ones that allow them to take a systematic approach. Because this personality style tends to be determined, persevering through time and struggles, they benefit from encouragement and positive relationships.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Martha (Luke 10:38-42), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11)</p>



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<p><b>C</b></p> <p>“C”s are compliant and analytical. Careful and logical lines of thinking drive them forward, and accuracy is a top priority. They hold high standards and value systematic approaches to problem solving. Though they thrive when given opportunities to find solutions, they tend to ignore the feelings of others and can often be critical and downright crabby. Verbalizing feelings is difficult for them, but when they are not bogged down in details and have clear-cut boundaries, they can be big assets to the team by providing calculated “reality checks”. The “C”s biggest fear is criticism, and their need for perfectionism is often a weakness, as is their tendency to give in when in the midst of an argument. However, they are thorough in all activities and can bring a conscientious, even-tempered element to the team that will provide solid grounding. They value being correct the most.</p>	<p><b>C / D</b></p> <p>“C/D”s are cautious and determined designers who are consistently task-oriented and very aware of problems. Sometimes viewed as insensitive, they do care about individual people but have a difficult time showing it. They often feel they are the only ones who can do the job the way it needs to be done, but because of their administrative skills, they are able to bring plans for change and improvements to fruition. “C/D”s have a tendency to be serious and could benefit from being more optimistic and enthusiastic. Despite their natural drive to achieve, they should concentrate on developing healthy relationships and simply loving people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Bezalel (Exodus 35:30-36, 8, 37:1-9), Jochbed (Exodus 1:22-2:4), Jethro (Exodus 2,18)</p>
<p><b>D / S</b></p> <p>“D/S”s are attainers and achievers with an ability to persevere. They are more active than passive, but they possess a kind of calm sensitivity and steadiness that makes them good leaders. They seem to be people oriented but can easily be dominant and decisive when it comes to tasks and project planning. They strive to accomplish goals with fierce determination that comes from strong internal drive, but they could benefit from contemplative and conservative thinking as well as spending more time focusing on relationships.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Daniel (Daniel 1-6), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11), Martha (Luke 10:38-42)</p>	<p><b>D / C</b></p> <p>“D/C”s are challengers and can either be determined students or defiant critics. Being in charge is important to them, yet they care little about what others think as long as they get the job done. They have a great deal of foresight and examine every avenue to find the best solution; they prefer to work alone. Though they fear failure and the lack of influence, they are motivated by challenges and can often be excellent administrators. They can benefit from learning to relax and paying more attention to people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Malachi (Malachi 4), Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-13), Nahum (Nahum 1-3)</p>
<p><b>I / S</b></p> <p>“I/S”s are influential counselors who love people, and it’s no surprise that people love them. They live to please and serve, and they tend to be good listeners. Looking good and encouraging others is important to them, as is following through and being obedient. They often lack in the area of organization and can be more concerned with the people involved than they are with the task at hand. However, they can be center stage or behind the scenes with equal effectiveness, and they shine when it comes to influencing and helping others.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2-3), Nicodemus (John 3, 7, 19)</p>	<p><b>I / C</b></p> <p>“I/C”s are inspiring yet cautious assessors who are excellent communicators through the combination of concerned awareness and appreciation of people. They excel in determining ways to improve production. They tend to be impatient and critical, and they can also be overly persuasive and too consumed by the desire to win. “I/C”s like to work inside the box, and they could benefit from trying new things and caring less about what others think. This personality type often possesses a gift for teaching; they are generally dependable when it comes to paying attention to details and getting the job done.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Miriam (Exodus 15-21), Ezra (Ezra 7-8), Shunammite Woman (2 Kings 4:8-37)</p>

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<p><b>S / I</b></p> <p>“S/I”s are inspirational counselors who exhibit warmth and sensitivity. Tolerant and forgiving, they have many friends because they accept and represent others well. Their social nature and desire to be likable and flexible makes them inclined to be overly tolerant and nonconfrontational. “S/I”s will benefit from being more task-oriented and paying more attention to detail. Kind and considerate, they include others and inspire them to follow. Words of affirmation go a long way with this personality type, and with the right motivation, they can be excellent team players.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Mary Magdalene (Luke 7:36-47), Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2-13)</p>	<p><b>S / C</b></p> <p>“S/C”s are diplomatic and steady, as well as detail-oriented. Stable and contemplative, they like to weigh the evidence and discover the facts to come to a logical conclusion. More deliberate, they prefer to take their time, especially when the decision involves others. Possible weaknesses include being highly sensitive and unable to handle criticism, and they also need to be aware of the way they treat others. Operating best in precise and cause-worthy projects, the “S/C” can be a peacemaker; this makes them a loyal team member and friend.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Moses (Exodus 3, 4, 20, 32), John (John 19:26-27), Eliezer (Genesis 24)</p>
<p><b>C / I</b></p> <p>“C/I”s pay attention to the details. They tend to impress others by doing things right and stabilizing situations. Not considered aggressive or pushy, they enjoy both large and small crowds. Though they work well with people, they are sometimes too sensitive to what others think about them and their work. They could benefit from being more assertive and self-motivated. Often excellent judges of character, they easily trust those who meet their standards. They are moved by genuine and enthusiastic approval as well as concise and logical explanations.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Miriam (Exodus 15-21, Numbers 12:1-15), Ezra (Ezra 7, 8)</p>	<p><b>C / S</b></p> <p>“C/S”s are systematic and stable. They tend to do one thing at a time—and do it right. Reserved and cautious, they would rather work behind the scenes to stay on track; however, they seldom take risks or try new things and naturally dislike sudden changes in their environments. Precisionists to the letter, they painstakingly require accuracy and fear criticism, which they equate to failure. Diligent workers, their motivation comes from serving others.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Esther (Esther 4), Zechariah (Luke 1), Joseph (Matthew 1:1-23)</p>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

**If you are a “D”** – Dominant, Direct, Task oriented, Decisive, Organized, Outgoing, Outspoken

- A. Strive to listen to other people more attentively.
- B. Try to be less controlling and domineering.
- C. Develop a greater appreciation for the opinions, feelings and desires of others.
- D. Put more energy into personal relationships.
- E. Show your support for the other team members.

**If you are an “I”** – Influential, Interested in people, Witty, Easygoing, Outgoing, People oriented

- A. Weigh the pros and cons before making a decision; be less impulsive.
- B. Remember to help with tasks more.
- C. Exercise control over your actions, words and emotions.
- D. Focus more on details and facts.
- E. Remember to slow down your pace for other people.
- F. Talk less; listen more.

**If you are an “S”** – Steady, Stable, Analytical, People oriented, Introverted

- A. Consider how change is healthy. Try to change more willingly.
- B. Be more direct in your interactions.
- C. Focus on overall goals of your family or group rather than specific procedures.
- D. Deal with confrontation constructively.
- E. Develop more flexibility.
- F. Try to show more initiative.

**If you are a “C”** – Compliant, Competent, Task oriented, Goal oriented, Introverted

- A. Concentrate on doing the right things – not just doing things right.
- B. Be less critical of others' ideas and methods.
- C. Respond more quickly to accomplish others' goals.
- D. Strive to build relationships with other people and family members.
- E. Be more decisive.
- F. Focus less on facts and more on people.

## DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.* John 14:12

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT

1. **Natural Aptitudes, Strengths or Abilities**.

We all have natural abilities that we've learned from those around us regardless of Christian faith. Many times our natural abilities and strengths are redeemed by the Lord to become spiritual gifts.

2. **Character Traits**.

We are all called to have character and our gifts should produce the nature of Jesus Christ in each person. A person should not say he has the "gift of peace" when we are all encouraged to develop that characteristic. Spiritual gifts offer opportunities for us to exemplify Christ.

3. **Titles or Positions**.

Spiritual gifts often lead to titles or positions, but a person may have the gift without the role or the role without the gift. Regardless, we should serve whenever we are given the opportunity. Working in the area of your gifting will allow you to "be" the person that God has called you to be rather than just "doing" good things.

4. **Self-Promoting**.

Spiritual gifts are endowments given by God to His people for accomplishing His purpose on the earth. Spiritual gifts are given for the glory of God.

*"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."*  
1 Corinthians 14:1

## HOW DO I RECEIVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

- A. Accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.
- B. Become filled with the Baptism of Holy Spirit.
- C. Follow the inward peace of God with the “small things” of life (routes to work, what to eat, etc.)
- D. Ask for the Lord to help you remain sensitive to His leading and guiding.

*“Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.” Matthew 8:13*

## HOW TO TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

**Step 1:** Respond to the spiritual gifts statements on page 54 by writing the number that indicates how each statement describes you in the blanks on page 55:

- 1 – Almost never
- 2 – Seldom
- 3 – Sometimes
- 4 – Frequently
- 5 – Almost always

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

**Step 2:** Add each line on page 55 left to right and place the totaled number in the total column.

**Step 3:** Identify your three highest totaled numbers with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents (listed on the pages following the assessment).

**Step 4:** Read about your gifts.

Connect with a Dream Team or Connect Group that complements your personality, highest rated spiritual gifts, and availability to serve.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT EXAMPLE

1. Almost Never    2. Seldom    3. Sometimes    4. Frequently    5. Almost Always.

			TOTAL	Gifts
1. _3_	25. _4_	49. _5_	12	A. Administrative
2. _3_	26. _4_	50. _5_	12	B. Apostleship
3. _4_	27. _4_	51. _2_	10	C. Craftsmanship
4. <b>_5_</b>	28. <b>_5_</b>	52. <b>_5_</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>D. Discernment</b>
5. _4_	29. _2_	53. _5_	11	E. Evangelism
6. <b>_5_</b>	30. <b>_4_</b>	54. <b>_5_</b>	<b>14</b>	F. Exhortation
7. _3_	31. _2_	55. _2_	7	G. Faith
8. _2_	32. _3_	56. _4_	9	H. Giving
9. _3_	33. _2_	57. _2_	7	I. Healing
10. <b>_5_</b>	34. <b>_5_</b>	58. <b>_4_</b>	<b>14</b>	J. Helps
11. <b>_4_</b>	35. <b>_4_</b>	59. <b>_3_</b>	<b>11</b>	K. Hospitality
12. <b>_5_</b>	36. <b>_4_</b>	60. <b>_5_</b>	<b>14</b>	L. Intercession
13. <b>_4_</b>	37. <b>_4_</b>	61. <b>_5_</b>	<b>13</b>	M. Knowledge
14. <b>_4_</b>	38. <b>_4_</b>	62. <b>_4_</b>	<b>12</b>	N. Leadership
15. <b>_2_</b>	39. <b>_3_</b>	63. <b>_3_</b>	<b>8</b>	O. Mercy
16. <b>_3_</b>	40. <b>_3_</b>	64. <b>_3_</b>	<b>9</b>	P. Miracles
17. <b>_3_</b>	41. <b>_3_</b>	65. <b>_3_</b>	<b>9</b>	Q. Missionary
18. <b>_5_</b>	42. <b>_5_</b>	66. <b>_5_</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>R. Music/Worship</b>
19. <b>_4_</b>	43. <b>_3_</b>	67. <b>_4_</b>	<b>11</b>	S. Pastor/Shepherd
20. <b>_5_</b>	44. <b>_4_</b>	68. <b>_5_</b>	<b>14</b>	T. Prophecy
21. <b>_4_</b>	45. <b>_4_</b>	69. <b>_4_</b>	<b>12</b>	U. Service
22. <b>_5_</b>	46. <b>_5_</b>	70. <b>_5_</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>V. Teaching</b>
23. <b>_4_</b>	47. <b>_4_</b>	71. <b>_4_</b>	<b>12</b>	W. Tongues (& Interp.)
24. <b>_5_</b>	48. <b>_5_</b>	72. <b>_5_</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>X. Wisdom</b>

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS QUESTIONS

1. I like organizing services and events.
2. I enjoy starting new churches.
3. Working with my hands is fun for me.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray for the lost daily.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. Believing God for our daily needs is important to me.
8. Influencing others for the kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me.
9. I look for opportunities to pray for the sick.
10. I enjoy doing the little things that others do not.
11. Having people over to my house is something I do often.
12. Spending hours in prayer for other people is very enjoyable to me.
13. Education is very important to me.
14. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
15. My heart hurts when I see others hurting.
16. I believe God will use me to enact His miracles.
17. I enjoy sharing the gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
18. I've devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and or instrument.
19. Caring for the hurting is paramount in my eyes.
20. The willful sin of others really aggravates me.
21. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
22. I like creating outlines of the Bible.
23. God has used me to interpret a heavenly language.
24. I enjoy the book of Proverbs more than any other book in the Bible.
25. I am passionate about managing details.
26. I prefer to pioneer new ministry projects.
27. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
28. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
29. I am greatly concerned about seeing the lost saved.
30. I try to come across loving and caring.
31. Asking God for a list of big things is exciting to me.
32. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
33. I believe miraculous healing is for this day and age.
34. Helping others is one of my highest achievements.
35. Creating a warm and welcoming home is important to me.
36. I am burdened to pray for situations in the world.
37. People seek me out to learn more about the Kingdom of God.
38. I prefer to take the lead whenever necessary.
39. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
40. Miracles often happen when I'm nearby.
41. Living in another country to benefit the gospel is exciting to me.
42. I desire to serve the church through worship.
43. I enjoy connecting, caring for, and coaching others.
44. Confronting someone with sin in their life is not hard.
45. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
46. I share Biblical truth with others in hopes of their personal growth.
47. I pray in tongues daily.
48. When I study scripture, God gives me unique insights.
49. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
50. I am attracted to ministries that start new churches.
51. Building something with my hands is very rewarding to me.
52. I can pinpoint issues or problems before others.
53. I enjoy sharing the gospel with a total stranger.
54. I look for ways to be an encouragement to other people.
55. I trust that God has my back in every situation.
56. Making more money means I can give more.
57. God has used me to bring healing to those who are sick.
58. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
59. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
60. People often describe me as a prayer warrior.
61. I enjoy knowing biblical details and helping others to understand.
62. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
63. I am motivated to help those who are less fortunate.
64. I have a constant hunger to see God's miraculous power.
65. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
66. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.
67. I enjoy walking with someone in times of difficulty.
68. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of the truth.
69. I like to do small things that others pass over.
70. I prefer to teach the Bible topically rather than verse by verse.
71. Praying in the Spirit is encouraging and important to me.
72. When faced with difficulty I tend to make wise decisions.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS RATINGS

1. Almost Never    2. Seldom    3. Sometimes    4. Frequently    5. Almost Always.

			TOTAL	Gifts
1. _____	25. _____	49. _____	_____	A. _____
2. _____	26. _____	50. _____	_____	B. _____
3. _____	27. _____	51. _____	_____	C. _____
4. _____	28. _____	52. _____	_____	D. _____
5. _____	29. _____	53. _____	_____	E. _____
6. _____	30. _____	54. _____	_____	F. _____
7. _____	31. _____	55. _____	_____	G. _____
8. _____	32. _____	56. _____	_____	H. _____
9. _____	33. _____	57. _____	_____	I. _____
10. _____	34. _____	58. _____	_____	J. _____
11. _____	35. _____	59. _____	_____	K. _____
12. _____	36. _____	60. _____	_____	L. _____
13. _____	37. _____	61. _____	_____	M. _____
14. _____	38. _____	62. _____	_____	N. _____
15. _____	39. _____	63. _____	_____	O. _____
16. _____	40. _____	64. _____	_____	P. _____
17. _____	41. _____	65. _____	_____	Q. _____
18. _____	42. _____	66. _____	_____	R. _____
19. _____	43. _____	67. _____	_____	S. _____
20. _____	44. _____	68. _____	_____	T. _____
21. _____	45. _____	69. _____	_____	U. _____
22. _____	46. _____	70. _____	_____	V. _____
23. _____	47. _____	71. _____	_____	W. _____
24. _____	48. _____	72. _____	_____	X. _____



## GIFT DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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 available to serve in which you can best use your gifts at Linked UP Church.

### A. ADMINISTRATION

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

Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

*(Events, Linked-UP Kids Check-in, Logistics, Media, Live Production, Live Production [Sound], Technology)*

### B. APOSTLESHIP

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

*(Connect Group Leadership)*

### 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.

Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

*(Creative Arts, Logistics)*

## **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.

Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

*(Congregational Care, Linked –UP Kids Check-in, Ministry Room, Prayer, Security [MOD], Connect Group Leadership, Ushers/Hostess)*

## **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

*(Congregational Care, Linked UP Kids, Little LinkLand, Ministry Room, Prayer, Connect Group Leadership, The Plug [Youth Ministry])*

## **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

*(Congregational Care, Events, Greeters, Hospitality, Linked UP Kids, Linked UP Kids Check-in, Little LinkLand, Next Steps [Education], Parking Lot, Connect Group Leadership, Ushers/Hostess)*

## **G. FAITH**

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

*(All Teams)*

## **H. 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

*(All Teams)*

## **I. HEALING**

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses.

Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

*(Congregational Care, First Responders [Medical Guild], Ministry Room, Prayer)*

## **J. HELPS**

The gift of helps 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

*(Altar Guild, Bookstore, Dream Team Serve [Culinary], Excellence, Events, First Responders [Medical Guild], Next Steps [Education]), Media, Live Production, Live Production [Sound], Technology)*

## **K. 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.

Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

*(Altar Guild, Dream Team Serve [Culinary], Events, Greeters, Hospitality, Linked UP Kids Check-in, Ministry Room, Next Steps [Education], Parking Team, The Plug [Youth Ministry], Ushers/Hostess)*

## **L. 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, Connect Group Leadership)*

## **M. 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

*(Congregational Care, First Responders [Medical Guild], Ministry Room, Prayer, Security [MOD], Connect Group Leadership, Ushers/Hostess)*

## **N. 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

*(Connect Group Leadership, All Teams)*

## **O. 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

*(Congregational Care, First Responders [Medical Guild], Ministry Room, Connect Group Leadership)*

## **P. MIRACLES**

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

*(Congregational Care, First Responders [Medical Guild], Prayer)*

## **Q. 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

*(Congregational Care, Connect Group Leadership)*

## **R. 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

*(Connected Praise [Dance], Creative Arts, Linked UP Worship [Band, Choir, Worship Team])*

## **S. 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

*(Congregational Care, Ministry Room, Next Steps [Education], Linked UP Kids, Connect Group Leadership, The Plug [Youth Ministry])*

## **T. PROPHECY**

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan.

Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

*(Ministry Room, Prayer, Connect Group Leadership)*

## **U. 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

*(Altar Guild, Bookstore, Dream Team Serve [Culinary], Excellence, Events, First Responders [Medical Guild], Logistics, Next Steps [Education], Parking Team)*

## **V. 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.

Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

*(Next Steps [Education], Connect Group Leadership)*

## **W. TONGUES (and Interpretation)**

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately.

Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

*(Prayer)*

## **X. 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

*(Linked UP Worship, Ministry Room, Prayer, Connect Group Leadership)*

### **PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER**

**What is my personality type and leadership style?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (D, I, S, C) \_\_\_\_\_ (People or Task Oriented)

**What are two primary spiritual gifts or natural abilities I have?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Based upon the answers above, what is one step I can take to start finding fulfillment in these three areas?**

A. My Family \_\_\_\_\_

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B. My Faith/Church \_\_\_\_\_

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C. My Field of Opportunity/Job \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE NEXT STEP:

*"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2*

1. **Investigate your feelings.**
  - A. Your gift may tie in directly with your temperament and personality.  
The same God who gives spiritual gifts also made up our total being.
  - B. Know your potential strengths and weaknesses.
2. **Identify the opportunities.**
  - A. Look for needs.
  - B. Based upon your gifting find out where you can be useful.
  - C. Do it.
3. **Invest and grow in your gifts.**
  - A. Study the Bible.
  - B. Research other material on spiritual gifts.
  - C. Get to know people who are using their spiritual gift.
  - D. Share openly with others the gifts that you have, think you have, or would like to have.
4. **Inspect your results.**
  - A. Your spiritual gift should work.
  - B. Gifted people get results. If you have the gift of healing, sick people will get well.
5. **Insist on feedback from the Church family.**
  - A. If you think you have a spiritual gift and you try to exercise it, but no one else in your church thinks you have it, you probably do not.
  - B. It needs to be confirmed. Feelings are important, but they are far from infallible.



- C. When members of the Body confirm one another's gifts, more can be accomplished because everyone begins to see where they fit and how their gifts work together.
- 6. **Invent\_\_\_\_\_a connect group or join a team.**
  - A. Join the Dream Team, Start or belong to a Linked UP Connect Group.
- 7. **Initiate\_\_\_\_\_the process today.**
  - A. Attend the Step 4 Leaders Orientation to find out more about Dream Team and Connect Group Leadership.

## **MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT TO PURPOSE**

### **Financial Peace University**

This 8-week course will teach biblical stewardship and provide practical tips in becoming debt-free, preparing for the future, and establishing a budget that actually works for you and your family.

### **Job Link**

A 6-week program of systematic methodology for securing gainful employment for our Linked UP Church Members.

### **Entrepreneurial Bootcamp**

Workshop/Seminar for our Linked UP Church Members geared to helping Small Businesses Launch and Break their plateaus.

### **Linked 2 Start UP**

Linked 2 Start Up is a 4-week symposium designed for participants who are considering entrepreneurship and new business owners. We cover the essentials necessary to launch a business.

### **GED Classes**

Discover a pathway to improved opportunities by enhancing your potential and earning your High School credentials. In 7 weeks with just 14 classes, you can obtain your GED.

### **English as a Second Language**

In the ESL classes, you will discover a new language and learn about the U.S. culture and customs. You will also be part of a special group to support and encourage you on your journey.



