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Assessments

Name____

Why Use Assessments?

- 1. To Give You Direction
- 2. To Affirm What You Already Know
- 3. To Provide Guidance

Tools to Assist You and Guide You

- Spiritual Gifts Inventory
- Heart/Passion Assessment
- ❖ Abilities Assessment
- Personality Assessment (DISC)
- Experiences of Your Life

Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Houts Questionnaire

For each statement, mark to what extent it is true of your life:

MUCH = 3 SOME = 2 LITTLE = 1 NOT AT ALL = 0

-	1. I have a desire to speak direct messages from God that edify, exhort, or comfort others.
(11(1)(1))	2. I have enjoyed relating to a certain group of people over a long period of time, sharing personally in their successes and their failures.
1 8	3. People have told me that I have helped them learn biblical truth in a meaningful way.
	4. I have applied spiritual truth effectively to situations in my own life.
	5. Others have told me I have helped them distinguish key and important facts of Scripture.
	6. I have verbally encouraged the wavering, the troubled, or the discouraged.
	7. I have clearly perceived the difference between truth and error.
	8. I find I manage money well in order to give liberally to the Lord's work.
	9. I have assisted Christian leaders to relieve them for their essential job.
	10.1 have a desire to work with those who have physical or mental problems to
	alleviate their suffering.
	11.1 feel comfortable relating to ethnics and minorities, and they seem to accept me.
	12.1 have led others to a decision for salvation through faith in Christ.
	13. My home is always open to people passing through who need a place to stay.
	14. When in a group, I am the one others often look to for vision and direction.
	15. When I speak, people seem to listen and agree.
	16. When a group I am in is lacking organization, I tend to step in to fill the gap.

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	17. I spend at least one hour a day in prayer.
	18. Through God, I have revealed specific things that will happen in the future.
	19.I have enjoyed assuming the responsibility for the spiritual well-being of a
	particular group of Christians.
-	20. I feel I can explain the New Testament teaching about the health and ministry of
	the Body of Christ in a relevant way.
	21. I can intuitively arrive at solutions to fairly complicated problems.
	22. I have had insights of spiritual truth that others have said helped bring them
	closer to God.
	23.1 can effectively motivate people to get involved in ministry when it is needed.
	24. I have judged well between what is poor and what is good (or evil and good).
	25. My giving records show that I give considerably more than ten percent of my
	income to the Lord's work.
	26. Other people have told me that I have helped them become more effective in thei ministries.
	27. I have cared for others when they had material or physical needs.
	28.I feel I could learn another language well in order to minister to those in a differen culture.
	29.1 have shared joyfully how Christ has brought me to Himself in a way that is meaningful to nonbelievers.
	30. I enjoy taking charge of church suppers or social events.
	31.1 have believed God for the impossible and seen it happen in a tangible way.
	32. Other Christians have followed my leadership because they believed in me.
	33. I enjoy handling the details of organizing ideas, people, resources, and time for more effective ministry.
	34. When I hear a prayer request, I pray for that need for several days at least.
	35. People have told me that I have communicated timely and urgent messages that
	must have come directly from the Lord.
	36. I feel unafraid of giving spiritual guidance and direction in a group of Christians.
	37.1 can devote considerable time to learning new biblical truths in order to communicate them to others.
	38. When a person has a problem, I can frequently guide him to the best biblical solution.
	39. Through study or experience, I have discerned major strategies or techniques
	God seems to use in furthering His kingdom.
	40. People have come to me in their afflictions or suffering and told me that they have
	been helped, relieved, and healed.
	41. I tend to look beneath the surface and examine people's motives.
	42. When I am moved by an appeal to give to God's work, I usually can find the
	money I need to do it.
	43. I have enjoyed doing routine tasks that led to more effective ministry by others.
100	44.1 enjoy visiting in hospitals and/or retirement homes and feel I do well in such a
	ministry.
	45. People of a different race or culture have been attracted to me, and we have
	related well.

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	46. Non-Christians have noted that they feel comfortable when they are around me
	and that I have a positive effect on them toward developing a faith in Christ.
	47. When people come to our home, they indicate that they "feel at home" with us.
	48. Other people have told me that I had faith to accomplish what seemed impossible
	to them.
	49. When I set goals, others seem to accept them readily.
	50. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals
	of a group.
	51. Intercessory prayer is one of my favorite ways of spending time.
	52. I sometimes have a strong sense of what God wants to say to people in response
	to a particular situation.
	53.I have helped fellow believers by guiding them to relevant portions of the Bible
	and praying with them.
	54.1 feel I can communicate biblical truths to others and see resulting changes in
	knowledge, attitudes, values, or conduct.
	55. Some people indicate that I have perceived and applied biblical truth to the
	specific needs of fellow believers.
	56.1 study and read quite a bit in order to learn new biblical truths.
	57. I have a desire to effectively counsel the perplexed, the guilty, or the addicted.
	58. I have accurately recognized whether a person's teaching is from God, from
	Satan, or of human origin.
	59.I am so confident that God will meet my needs that I give to Him sacrificially and
	consistently.
	60. When I do things behind the scenes and others are helped, I am joyful.
· · · · · · · ·	61. People call on me to help those who are less fortunate.
	62. I would be willing to leave comfortable surroundings if it would enable me to share
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	Christ with more people.
	63. I get frustrated when others don't seem to share their faith with unbelievers as
	much as I do.
	64. Others have mentioned to me that I am a very hospitable person.
	65. There have been times when I have felt sure I knew God's specific will for the
	future growth of His work, even when others have not been so sure.
	66. When I join a group, others seem to back off and expect me to take the
	leadership.
	67.I am able to give directions to others without using persuasion to get them to
	accomplish a task.
	68. Others have told me that my prayers for them have been answered in tangible
	ways.
	69. I sometimes feel that I know exactly what God wants to do in ministry at a specific
	point in time.
	70. People have told me that I have helped them be restored to the Christian
	community.
	71. Studying the Bible and sharing my insights with others is very satisfying for me.
	72. I have felt an unusual presence of God and personal confidence when important
	decisions needed to be made.
	73. I have the ability to discover new truths for myself through reading or observing
	situations firsthand.

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74.f have urged others to seek biblical solutions to their afflictions or sufferings.
 75.I can see through a phony before his phoniness is clearly evident to most other people.
 76.I have been willing to maintain a lower standard of living in order to benefit God's work.
 77. When I serve the Lord, I really don't care who gets the credit.
78.1 would enjoy spending time with a lonely, shut-in person or someone in prison.
 79. More than most, I have had a strong desire to see peoples of other countries wor to the Lord.
 80. I am attracted to non-believers because of my desire to win them to Christ.
 81.I have desired to make my home available to those in the Lord's service whenever needed.
 82. Others have told me that I am a person of unusual vision, and I agree.
 83. When I am in charge, things seem to run smoothly.
 84. I have enjoyed bearing the responsibility for the success of a particular task within my church.
 85. When I pray, God frequently speaks to me, and I recognize His voice.

Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Houts Questionnaire

In the grid below, enter the numerical value of each of your responses next to the number of the corresponding statement.

Then add up the numbers that you have recorded in each row and place the sum in the "Total" column.

	VALU	ES OF A	NSWE	RS	TOTAL	GIFT
1	18	35	52	69		A. Prophecy
2	19	36	53	70		B. Pastoring
3	20	37	54	71		C. Teaching
4	21	38	55	72		D. Wisdom
5	22	39	56	73		E. Knowledge
6	23	40	57	74		F. Encouragement
7	24	41	58	75		G. Discernment
8	25	42	59	76		H. Giving
9	26	43	60	77		I. Serving
10	27	44	61	78		J. Mercy
11	28	45	62	79		K. Missions
12	29	46	63	80		L. Evangelism
13	30	47	64	81		M. Hospitality
14	31	48	65	82		N. Faith
15	32	49	66	83		O. Leadership
16	33	50	67	84		P. Administration
17	34	51	68	85		S. Intercession

Monitoring My Heartbeat

Discovering Your True Passion

The Bible uses the term "heart" to represent the center of your:

- ❖ motivation
- desires
- and inclinations

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4 (NIV)

Please answer the questions below.

Five passion principles that will help you know your true passion:

- 1. What drives you / What do my dreams and desires drift toward?
- 2. Who do you care about / Who do I feel I can most profoundly influence for God?
- 3. What needs will you meet / What are the top two needs I love meeting?
- 4. What cause will you help conquer / What cause or issue makes my heart race?
- 5. What dream will you fulfill / What pursuit would release the passion in my life for God?

Passion is the fuel of life. It is the great source of energy and drive. It's what makes us explore new vistas, develop new relationships, and seek solutions to perplexing problems.

Bob Buford, Halftime

Evaluate Your Heart/Passion

Circle all the words that best describe what you have a heart for or what motivates you most:

<u>Acquire/Possess</u> – I love to shop, collect, or obtain things. I enjoy getting the highest quality for the best price.

<u>Design/Develop</u> – I love to make something out of nothing. I enjoy getting something started from scratch.

<u>Excel</u> – I love to be the best and make my team the best. I enjoy setting and attaining the highest standard.

<u>Follow The Rules</u> – I love to operate by policies and procedures. I enjoy meeting the expectations of an organization or boss.

<u>Improve</u> – I love to make things better. I enjoy taking something that someone else has designed or started and improve it.

<u>Influence</u> – I love to convert people to my way of thinking. I enjoy shaping the attitudes and behavior of others.

<u>Lead/Be In Charge</u> – I love to lead the way, oversee, and supervise. I enjoy determining how things will be done.

<u>Repair – I love to fix, repair mechanical kinds of things (inanimate objects).</u>

<u>Organize</u> – I love to bring order out of chaos. I enjoy organizing something that is already started.

<u>Perform</u> – I love to be on stage and receive the attention of others. I enjoy being in the limelight.

<u>Persevere</u> – I love to see things to completion. I enjoy persisting at something until it is finished.

Evangelize – I love sharing the plan of salvation with anyone I meet.

<u>Prevail</u> – I love to fight for what is right and oppose what is wrong. I enjoy overcoming injustice.

Writing – I love to write articles, stories, books.

<u>Proofreading</u> – I love proofreading my written material as well as articles written by others.

<u>Serve/Help</u> – I love to assist others in their responsibility. I enjoy helping others succeed.

Heart (Passions) Assessment

Check <u>all</u> the words that best describe what you have a heart for or what motivates you most:

Building Maintenance	Organization
Career Planning	Parenting
Children	People
Coaching	Physical Fitness
Decorating	Prayer
Design Work	Pre-School
Developing Leaders	Proofreading
Discipleship	Relationship with God
Drama	Sr. High Students
Elementary Students	Service
Encouragement of Others	Single Parents
Equipping	Small Groups
Evangelism	Sports
Families	Teaching
Fellowship	Technology
Financial Issues	Teen Parents
Food Service	Unemployed
Gardening	Vision
Health Education	Worship
Helping	Writing
Junior High Students	Written Word of God
Mentoring	
Missions	

□ Music

Heart/Passion Assessment continued

Who I Love to Work With Most - (Pick two)						
Pre-school Elementary Junior High	Senior High Young Married Single Parents					
I chose these group	s because	•				
	rtunities That Excite Me Most-					
(List three)						
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		-				
List Five Areas Yo	u Have Previously Served or Currently Serve					
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2						
3						
4						
5.						

Abilities Assessment

As you read through each area, check the talents or skills in which you have proven ability and enjoy doing. You are not making a commitment to serve in any areas where you check a box. Be honest and fair in your self-evaluation. Rate each one accordingly:

love to work in the following areas:	Like it Live Without It

Abilities

Accounting	Foreign Language	☐ Team Player
Administration Skills	Gardening	□ Technical Skills
Artistic	Good Listener	☐ Video Production
Audio-Visual	Graphic Design	□ Word Processing
Career Counseling	Intercession	□ Writing
Child	Intercession	☐ Youth Games
Clerical Skills	Landscaping	
Coaching	Leadership Skills	
Communication	Legal Knowledge	
Compassion	Marketing	
Computer Graphics	Mechanical Aptitude	
Computer Skills	Medical Knowledge	
Computerized Photography	Music-Instrumental	
Construction	Music-Vocal	
Cooking/Providing Meals	Organization	
CPR/First Aid	Painting	
Craftsmanship	Photography	
Creative	Prayer	
Creative Communications	Pre-press Production	
Data Entry	Problem Solving	
Decorating	Public Speaking	
Desktop Publishing	Puppets	
Editing	Script Writing	
Elementary Education	Set Design/Construction	
Encourager	Sewing	
Event Planning	Sound Mixing	
Facilitation	Sports Coach	
Floral Design	Teaching	
	Team Building	

PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT

On these pages, you will see 26 groups of words describing style. Each group contains 4 lines of words. For each group select the line of words that best describes you on the job. Please remember there are no right or wrong answers. The more accurate you are in selecting the words that best describe you on the job, the more you'll gain from this assessment. When you are finished, total the number of each symbol you have marked and put those numbers on the scoring section at the bottom of the next page.

Example:

Self-reliant
Sociable, enjoys company of others

A Patient, steady, tolerant

Soft-spoken, mild, reserved

☐ Challenges tradition and routine	× Prefers to work alone
People-oriented	△ Loyal
△ Brings different ideas together	Wants variety
× Prefers planned change	☐ Likes to delegate
△ Values time	Shows optimism
Dislikes detail work	☐ Impatient
☐ Can't sit still	× Accurate
X Quiet and modest	▲ Takes responsibility
▲ Prefers deliberate planning	☐ Impulsive
 Organizes when pressured 	Initiates new contacts with people
☐ Likes to call the shots	▲ Moderate risk taker
★ Uses diplomacy	X Careful decision maker
★ Uses analytical methods	Displays emotion
☐ Moves things quickly	▲ Family oriented
▲ Needs time to adjust	× Sensitive
 Desires flexibility 	☐ Wants to be in control
☐ Desires direct answers	▲ Tolerant of others' actions
▲ Obliging, helpful	★ Well-disciplined, self-controlled
X Needs to be in control of work	Convincing, assuring
space	☐ Takes action
 Likes to feel important 	

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	Bold and daring	X	Methodical, accurate
•	Optimistic, positive view	Δ	Generous, willing to share
Δ	Ready to help	•	Fun to be with
×	Cautious, careful		Seeks to win
Δ	Willing to share	•	Likes being with others
9	Easy to be with		Assertive
	Outspoken, speaks freely	×	Self-controlled
×	Soft-spoken, reserved	Δ	Understanding of others
Δ	Kind		Determined, stands firm
6	Light-hearted	•	Can talk yourself out of situations
	Decisive, certain of decisions	Δ	Will do as told
×	Agreeable	×	Open to suggestions
	Challenger, takes action	×	Makes decisions using reason
•	Charming, attracts others	Δ	Good at scheduling
Δ	Even-tempered, calm	•	Self-assured
×	Humble, reserved, modest		Firm in getting results
Δ	Quiet thinker	•	Imaginative and entertaining
•	Open-minded		Strong inner drive
	Tough	×	Likes a well ordered situation
×	Protective	Δ	Sees things as they actually are
Δ	Modest yet independent		Invents new ideas
•	Energetic	•	Organizes various types of people
	Cool under pressure	Δ	Gets ahead steadily
×	Honest, has integrity	×	Works facts in logic order
×	Avoids mistakes by planning	•	Resolves conflict between others
	Stands up to others	Δ	Provides support for others
Δ	Concerned for others' feelings	×	Conscientious
•	Keeps people interested		Can-do attitude
	Takes full responsibility	Δ	Good at investigating problems
Δ	Follows detailed instruction	×	Good at judging others' work
×	Likes close supervision	•	Relieves tension with humor
•	Applauds the efforts of others		Fast-paced
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DOWINANCE DESCRIPTORS Adventuresome Competitive Daring Decisive

Direct

Innovative

Persistent

Problem solver

Result-oriented Self-starter

VALUE TO ORGANIZATION

- Bottom-line organizer
- Forward-looking
- Challenge-oriented
- Initiates activity
- Innovative

IDEAL ENVIRONMENT:

- Freedom from controls, supervision, and details
- An innovative and futuristic-oriented environment
- Forum to express ideas and viewpoints
- Non-routine work
- Work with challenge and opportunity

VALUE TO ORGANIZATION Optimism and enthusiasm INFLUENCE Creative problem solving Motivates others toward goals Team player Negotiates conflicts IDEAL ENVIRONMENT DESCRIPTORS Charming High degree of people contact Confident Freedom from control and detail Convincing Freedom of movement Enthusiastic Forum for ideas to be heard Inspiring Democratic supervisor with whom to Optimistic associate Persuasive Popular Sociable Trusting

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STEADINESS	 VALUE TO ORGANIZATION Dependable team player Work for a leader and a cause Patient and empathetic Logical step-wise thinker Service-oriented
DESCRIPTORS Amiable Friendly Good listener Patient Relaxed Sincere Stable Steady Team player Understanding	 Stable and predictable environment Environment that allows time to change Long-term work relationships Little conflict between people Freedom from restrictive rules



COMPLIANCE	 VALUE TO ORGANIZATION Maintains high standards Conscientious and steady Defines, clarifies, gets information and tests Objective – "the anchor of reality"
DESCRIPTORS Accurate Analytical Conscientious Courteous Diplomatic Fact-finder High standards Mature Patient Precise	Where critical thinking is needed Technical work or specialized area Close relationship with a small group Familiar work environment Private office or work area

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Experiences

Examining My Experiences Please answer the following four questions.

One of the most overlooked factors in determining the ministry God has for me is my past experience, particularly the hurts and problems I've overcome with God's help. Since our greatest life messages come out of our weaknesses, not our strengths, we should pay close attention to what we've learned in the "school of hard knocks."

.	What Educational experiences have I had?		
	Take hold of instruction; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life. Proverbs 4:13		
*	What Ministry experiences have I had?		
	Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all. 2 Corinthians 9:13		
*	What Painful experiences have I had?		
	(God)wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them the same help and comfort God has given us! 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (LB)		
*	What Spiritual experiences have I had?		
	For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. Hebrews 5:12-13		

Your experiences are foundational to who you are. All of your past experiences are a part of your SHAPE and God can use them if you will let Him!

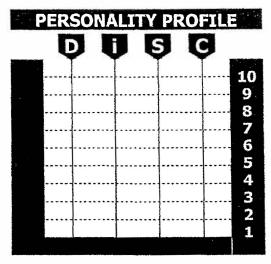
Your S.H.A.P.E. Profile

Name:	Age:
Phone #:	Email:
piritual Gifts	ual Gifts Survey (p. 5)
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	: Beat Exercise (p. 11)
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Briefly list examples from yo Elementary School Years:	our life achievements: "Thirty-something" Years:
Teen Years:	Complete up to the present:
College or Early 20's:	
bilities	

Please List any abilities or skills in the space below:

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Plot your graph points from p.12 on this chart:



Your two highest traits, in order of strength (eg. I-D) ____

vangelism Style
What style

What style of evangelism comes most naturally to you?

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Please list two experiences from p.15: