

“Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts” Spiritual Gifts Inventory

This is **not** a test so there are no wrong answers. The “Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts” Spiritual Gifts Inventory consists of 80 statement items. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

Helpful hints in taking the Inventory:

- Take your time. There is no need to rush.
- Go with your first response. That is usually your real belief.
- Do not ask for help from others.
- Select the one response that best describes you.
- Allow yourself about 30 minutes to take the inventory.

Your response choices are as follows:

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| 4 – Describes me consistently, definitely true | 1 – Describes me some of the time, once in a while |
| 3 – Describes me most of the time, usually true | 0 – Describes me not at all, never |
| 2 – Describes me half of the time | |
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- _____ 1. I am able to organize ideas, things, time, and people for more effective results.
- _____ 2. I receive much joy from working with my hands at various arts and crafts.
- _____ 3. I find that my skills in building or repairing objects benefit others.
- _____ 4. I like sharing with other people how God has changed my life.
- _____ 5. I am able to share words of encouragement with those who are struggling in life.
- _____ 6. There have been times when I have felt sure I knew God’s specific will for the future, even when others have not been sure.
- _____ 7. I am so confident that God will meet my needs that I give to God sacrificially and consistently.
- _____ 8. I find joy in being a help to someone who can utilize my help and concern.
- _____ 9. My home is always open to people passing through who need a place to stay.
- _____ 10. When I am asked to pray for others, I feel that my prayers will have tangible results.
- _____ 11. Oftentimes, I am able to perceive what is the heart or mind of another person without them telling me.
- _____ 12. I am able to motivate people into getting things done.
- _____ 13. I enjoy doing things to comfort people during sickness or times of problems or anxiety.
- _____ 14. When I am singing, I feel a great sense of joy.
- _____ 15. I would appreciate being involved in an instrumental music presentation.
- _____ 16. I appreciate being called on to do things for other people.
- _____ 17. I have enjoyed relating to a certain group of people over a long period of time, sharing personally in their successes and failures.
- _____ 18. I feel that I can communicate Biblical truths to others so they are helped.
- _____ 19. When important decisions need to be made, I sense a confidence in God’s guidance.
- _____ 20. When I use my ability to write, I know that others will learn and grow from it.
- _____ 21. I am able to plan and administer programs which will be of benefit to others.
- _____ 22. I enjoy the times that I am able to create beautiful items with my hands.
- _____ 23. I enjoy the work necessary for gardening, landscaping, and other projects.
- _____ 24. I feel comfortable telling others how God has changed my life.
- _____ 25. I am able to talk with and build up those who are having difficulties in life, whether they are in despair, sorrow, or not sure of themselves.
- _____ 26. When I am in a group, I am the one others look to for vision and direction.
- _____ 27. I am ready to forego certain privileges in order to give the money to God’s work.
- _____ 28. When I serve the Lord, I really don’t care who gets the credit.
- _____ 29. I enjoy inviting visitors and guests home to dinner after Sunday morning worship.
- _____ 30. I take prayer requests very seriously and pray until the answer comes.
- _____ 31. I have the ability to discover new truths for myself through reading and observing a situation first hand.
- _____ 32. I am able to lead small and/or large groups of people into making decisions.
- _____ 33. I enjoy helping and working with those people who are ignored by others.
- _____ 34. In the area of vocal music, I enjoy performing alone and/or in a group of singers.
- _____ 35. When playing an instrument, I intuitively sense where the music is flowing, rather than relying completely on a written musical score.

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- ___ 36. I enjoy other people asking me to lend a helping hand.
- ___ 37. I feel comfortable leading a small group in Bible study.
- ___ 38. I find it rewarding to teach people more about the Lord.
- ___ 39. When a person has a problem, as a Christian I can frequently see what is best to do.
- ___ 40. I find pleasure in composing and writing paragraphs and stories for the growth of others.
- ___ 41. I can easily delegate important responsibilities to other people.
- ___ 42. I find joy in having a beautiful lawn, flowers, and shrubs which are properly placed and cared for.
- ___ 43. The repair and maintenance of things comes easily to me.
- ___ 44. It is easy for me to talk to other people about life and/or spiritual matters.
- ___ 45. I am able to speak words of encouragement to those who are troubled, discouraged, or not sure of themselves.
- ___ 46. I am able to trust in the reliability of God when all else looks dim.
- ___ 47. I am content to maintain a lower standard of living in order to financially benefit God's work.
- ___ 48. It pleases me when I do things behind the scenes and others are helped.
- ___ 49. I am able to provide food and/or lodging graciously and willingly to people who are in need.
- ___ 50. I find myself praying when I could be doing other things.
- ___ 51. Through study or experience, I have been able to determine the wisest course of action to take in a major decision.
- ___ 52. When a group I am in is lacking organization, I tend to step in to fill the gap.
- ___ 53. Sometimes when I help people, I know they may not even say, "Thank you" but I still enjoy helping them.
- ___ 54. I enjoy singing familiar Gospel songs with a group of fellow Christians.
- ___ 55. I know my performance of instrumental music has been a blessing to others.
- ___ 56. I respond cheerfully when asked to do a job, even it is menial.
- ___ 57. I enjoy leading small groups of people, especially when I am able to show genuine care and concern for them.
- ___ 58. I enjoy helping others learn things about Scripture which aid in building them up.
- ___ 59. I can intuitively arrive at solutions to fairly complicated problems.
- ___ 60. I am able to put my thoughts and ideas into positive, written form.
- ___ 61. I am able to set goals and objectives, and then make plans to reach them.
- ___ 62. I find joy in painting pictures or in making handcrafted objects.
- ___ 63. I find joy in lawn care and other outside maintenance.
- ___ 64. When I share my faith with others, I see positive results in their lives.
- ___ 65. I often share words of comfort, cheer, or encouragement with others.
- ___ 66. I really believe God will not let me down even though everything around me seems to be falling apart.
- ___ 67. I really enjoy giving my time and treasures to God's work.
- ___ 68. I am able to assist key leaders to relieve them of detail work so they can get back to their main job.
- ___ 69. When people visit me at home, I am confident they feel good about being there.
- ___ 70. I regard prayer as one of my favorite spiritual exercises.
- ___ 71. I am able to pick up on important Biblical truths that benefit me and others.
- ___ 72. People look at me as a leader when things need to be done.
- ___ 73. I enjoy working with those less fortunate than me.
- ___ 74. I am able to lead others in singing.
- ___ 75. I enjoy using my instrumental music talents for the appreciation of my friends and to the glory of God.
- ___ 76. I enjoy being a flower more than a leader.
- ___ 77. I have brought friends or relatives back to faith who have strayed away.
- ___ 78. I enjoy teaching children or adults about God's love.
- ___ 79. If one of my friends is faced with a problem, I am able to sort out what God's will is for them.
- ___ 80. I enjoy writing words that will be of benefit to those who read them.

Scoring Your Survey

Follow these directions to figure your score for each spiritual gift.

1. Place in each box your numerical response (0-4) to the statement item number which is indicated in the box.
2. For each gift, add the numbers in the boxes and put in the total box.

Administration	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Craftsmanship (arts/crafts)	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Craftsmanship (manual)	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Evangelism	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Exhortation	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Faith	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Giving	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Helps	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Hospitality	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Prayer	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Knowledge	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Leadership	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Mercy	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Music (vocal)	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Music (instrumental)	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Serving	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Shepherding	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Teaching	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Wisdom	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total
Writing	<u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> + <u> </u> = <u> </u> Total

Implementing Your Spiritual Gifts

Now that you know your spiritual gifts, list the gifts with the top three scores below:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

- Ask God to help you know how you can begin to use your gifts in ministry for God.
- Ask yourself these questions:
 - Is there some current place of ministry in my church that I can serve God?
 - Is there a new ministry that God is leading me to start?
 - Is there something that has been on my heart that God is leading me to discover?
- Share your responses with your pastor.

Below are some ideas for areas of service that might interest you based on your gifts.

Preschool / Children / Youth Ministries

After School Projects
Camps
Choir
Liturgical Dance Team / Steppers
Mission Work
Nursery
Special Activities / Events
Sunday School / Bible Study
Vacation Bible School
Youth Advisors

Adult Ministries

Choirs
Counseling
Deaconess
Deacons / Trustees
Greeters / Ushers
Men's / Women's Fellowship
Men's Activities / Events
Ministerial Staff
Prayer meeting / Groups
Sunday School / Bible Study
Women's Activities / Events

General Ministries

Administration Helpers
Benevolence
Birthday Ministry
Cemetery
Church Multi-Media Ministry (Sound/CD and Video Recording)
Church Office Assistance
Church Planning
Church Recreation
Church Recreation
Community Activities / Events
Financial Control Auditing Assistance
Fundraising Assistance
Hospitality / Kitchen
Leadership Helpers / Pastor's Aid
Mission Projects
Music Ministry
New Member Orientation
Prayer Partners / Prayer List
Visitation
Worship Service Helpers

The list goes on and on. Look to where God is leading you!