

Knowing and Operating in Your Spiritual Gifts

MISSION / PURPOSE: To be of Kingdom Service, we "seek first the kingdom of God" and then strive to make a real difference in other people's lives.

Finding Your Place In God's Purpose for Your Life

Session #4: Uniquely You and Designed for a Purpose PART 4

Ministry Moments: Have you had any ministry moments this week where you experienced a Holy Spirit gift at work? Either working through you to others, or others to you? (*What caught your attention in class last week?*)

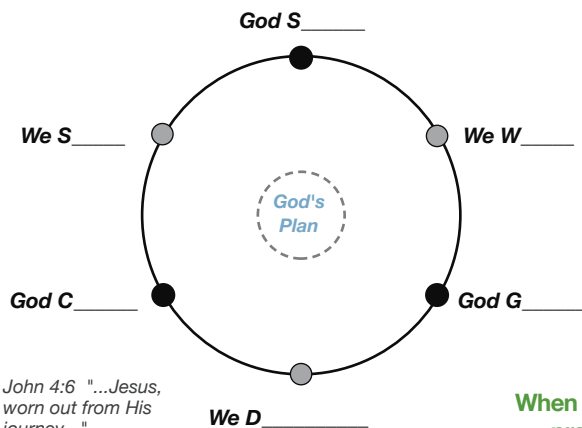
Follow Up: Where are you currently serving the body of Christ? Where, or in what way, do you get the sense that God is calling you?

Session Focus: Don't be uniformed about your spiritual gifts! (1 Cor. 12:1)

Prayer: Lord, help us understand the importance of spiritual gifts and how you've designed them to help us accomplish the purpose and plan you have for our lives.

QUICK REVIEW: of last week's important points...

- We're shaped by God's design and by life circumstances.
- God has a vision and He's 'predestined' us for a unique purpose.
- When we live in partnership, our relationship with God is NOT one one-sided.
- To grow spiritually our soul needs the nourishment of doing God's will. (John 4:34)
- Believe & Receive • Trust & Obey • Do God's Will & Accomplish His Work.
- Look around, meet a need, join God in His purpose and let Him empower you.
- To catch souls, it's best to fish together – We are the body of Christ!
- **1 Corinthians – Tour some key verses.**



John 4:6 "...Jesus, worn out from His journey..."

Ephesians 4:15-16

"...we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

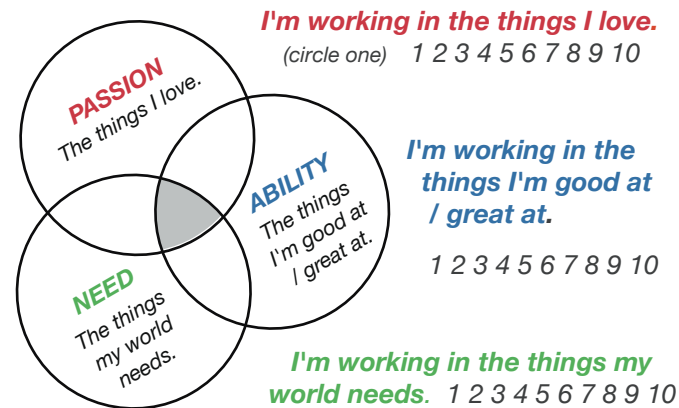
When we exercise our spiritual gifts properly, growth is the result.

Is life Predestined? -or- Is there Free Will?

The Greek word **predestined**, proorizó (pro-or-id'-zo), has the root meaning "to pre-establish boundaries." Our modern word, **predesigned**, "to design or plan beforehand," does a better job of conveying this root meaning; rather than be predetermined or pre-decided.



Where does your **Passion** and **Ability** intersect with the **Needs** of the world around you?



Church Offices are NOT Spiritual Gifts

Apostle • Prophet • Evangelist • Shepherd • Teacher

- A person serving in an office will likely have the gift related to that office. However, a person could have the gift belonging to an office without having the responsibility of that office. One could have the gift of prophecy without having to be a "prophet" officially.
- An office refers to a person.
- A gift refers to a Holy Spirit powered enablement.

FOR NEXT WEEK: Finish the PLACE Assessment online.

MEMORY VERSE

God's Great Plan for Your Life

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Spiritual Gifts Listed in the Bible

1 Corinthians 12:1-14

- 9 gifts, by verse –
- (v.8) wisdom
- (v.8) knowledge
- (v.9) faith
- (v.9) healing
- (v.10) working of miracles
- (v.10) prophecy
- (v.10) discernment of spirits
- (v.10) various kinds of tongues
- (v.10) interpretation of tongues

Romans 12:6-8, 13

- 9 gifts, by verse –
- (v.6) prophesy
- (v.6) faith
- (v.7) ministry in ministering (gift of serving, helping)
- (v.7) teacher in teaching
- (v.8) exhorter in exhortation (strongly encourage along a godly line of action)
- (v.8) giver in generosity (gift of giving)
- (v.8) leader in leading
- (v.8) compassionate in cheerfulness (gift of showing mercy)
- (v.13) hospitality

Ephesians 4:11

- 5 Fold Ministry –
- There are Apostolic*, Prophetic*, Evangelical, Pastoral, and Teaching* Ministries.
- *also see, 1 Cor. 12:28-29

Q: Intercession? 1 Timothy 2

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