

Knowing and Operating in Your Spiritual Gifts



Session #9: Going Deeper to Find Your Place In God's Purpose

Ministry Moments: Have you had any ministry moments where you experienced a Holy Spirit gift at work? Either working through you to others, or others to you?

Session Focus: Can we learn to work in God's way and not our own?

Prayer: Lord, help us see that Your way is the best way, and if we're willing, You will help us accomplish Your will, in Jesus name.

Follow Up: Are you getting a sense of how God might be calling you to serve? What might be holding you back? (Is your faith being challenged?)

Investigation: Teaching, Discernment, Evangelism, Healing

TEACHING: The special ability to give a detailed understanding of biblical truths to those willing to learn. Usually loves in-depth study, searching patiently and persistently. **Active Ideal:** Reveal truth, but don't exhaust others by pressing for understanding. **Trap to Avoid:** Digging too deeply into seemingly insignificant details. **Verses:** Romans 12:6-8 (v.7b); Colossians 3:16; James 3:1; 2 Timothy 2:2

DISCERNMENT: The special ability to distinguish between truth and error, including the distinction between what is good and what is best. Also includes the ability to distinguish between the Spirit of God and evil, demonic spiritual influences and manifestations. **Active Ideal:** Listen carefully to perceive accurately. **Trap to Avoid:** Being too critical or too quick to share. **Verses:** 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (v.10b); 1 Corinthians 2:14

EVANGELISM: The special ability to act as a productive instrument of God, in the activity of soul-winning. As the people of God, we can "win" in many ways, while only God saves. The worth of souls and concern for a lost and dying world highly motivates this gift. **Active Ideal:** Win disciples without concern for number counting and statistics. **Trap to Avoid:** Be careful not to be over zealous. **Verses:** Ephesians 4:11; Acts 8:26-40; Luke 19:1-10

HEALING: The special ability to pray and see people healed: physically, mentally, and emotionally. People with the gift of healing have unusual faith that God can heal anyone. **Active Ideal:** A restorer focused on God's power and not their gift to heal. **Trap to Avoid:** Teaching everyone should be healed. **Verses:** 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30; Acts 3:1-16; Mark 2:1-12

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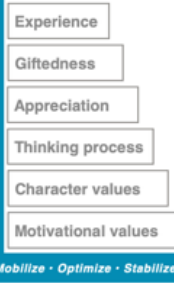
GOD'S WAYS ARE DIFFERENT - Isaiah 55:8-9

OUR WAYS ARE:

- Unsatisfying
- Limited
- Half-hearted
- Temporary
- Waffling

GOD'S WAYS ARE: (vv. 1-6)

- Satisfying
- Unlimited
- Persistent
- Everlasting
- Faithful



PERSONALITIES ARE COMPLEX

Our attempt to classify types refers to the distinctive patterns of thinking, feeling, and behaving we can observe. They derive from a mix of innate dispositions and inclinations along with environmental factors and experiences. Many dimensions can be hidden from us.

Your Sweet Spot Survey...

Quickly reveals how God has hardwired you to succeed. It identifies the intuitive core-values that 1) motivate your choices, deep down, and 2) energize your actions.

WHAT YOU VALUE MATTERS



MOBILIZERS

"So many ideas, so little time!"



OPTIMIZERS

"Solutions to problems you don't even know you have yet!"



STABILIZERS

"Just give me a list and I'll make sure it happens!"



Mark 12:13-17
Unlike this Roman Denarius, we are made in the image of God.

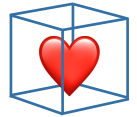
Are you willing to give back to God what is His? Are you willing to be spent for the sake of building His kingdom?

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. How are you drawing close and conversing with the Lord? How do you know you're hearing His voice?

MEMORY VERSE

God's Great Plan

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.



Christian Spirituality: Is the framework from within which we allow God's Holy Spirit to have His creative and transforming action on our soul.

Imagine 12 core values we can step into or "put on." – Eph. 4:22-24 [lines of the framework]

1. Rely on God's Way
2. Be Obedient
3. Be Forgiving
4. Be Truthful
5. Be Faithful, Trustworthy
6. Be Courageous
7. Be Giving, Generous
8. Be Humble, Meek
9. Be Hopeful, Helpful
10. Be Compassionate
11. Be Just, Righteous
12. Be Patient, Kind

Imagine 6 sides of the framework represent the active dimensions of a growing spiritual life.

1. We Worship
2. We Pray
3. We Study
4. We Serve
5. We Witness
6. We Fellowship