

## Discovering Your Purpose

### 4 Simple Steps

1) \_\_\_\_\_ ... To \_\_\_\_\_.

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is true worship.  
(Romans 12:1)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ ... The \_\_\_\_\_.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ ... The \_\_\_\_\_.

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4) \_\_\_\_\_ ... With \_\_\_\_\_.

Here's what we recommend to potential volunteers these days. Embrace wholeheartedly your fundamental identity as a servant of Jesus Christ. Use whatever understanding you have of your personality, passions, areas of interests, talents, and preferences to guide you in a general serving direction. Look at the needs in your church and community. Then jump in with a willing heart and an open mind. Drape the servant's towel over your arm and get busy. ... The key is to look at discovering, developing, and deploying your spiritual gift as a process. Don't worry about finding the perfect fit immediately. Give yourself permission to learn as you experiment.  
(Bill Hybels, *The Volunteer Revolution*)

All passages, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version of the Bible.

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## Rooted

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## The Stirring

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### *The Rhythm Of Relationship*

Jesus' mission isn't just to clean up the mess sin has made, to save people from their sins and to make sure they have a place in heaven when they die. The New Testament is clear this is only part of His role. Jesus has come to restore all creation—that is, to bring everything in creation back to the way God intended. ... God redeemed us and it's out of our love for Him that we can be Christ's hands and feet to care for the world and those in it. ... We are part of that process. We partner with God to bring wholeness and healing.  
(*Rooted*, Week Six, Day One)

## God's Epic Vision

### Design & Destiny

He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:4-5)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. ... From him the whole body ... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:11-12, 16)

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### S.H.A.P.E.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Romans 12:3-8/1 Corinthians 12:7-11/1 Corinthians 12:27-30  
 Ephesians 4:11-16/1 Peter 4:10-11/www.spiritualgiftstest.com

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. (1 Corinthians 12:7, New Living Translation)

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (Ephesians 4:16, New Living Translation)

2) \_\_\_\_\_

A retriever loves the water; a lion loves the hunt; a hawk loves to soar. It's what they're made for. Desire reveals design, and design reveals destiny. In the case of human beings, our design is also revealed by our desires. (John Eldredge, *Wild At Heart*)

I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 2:12)

Energy flows from *passion*. A God-given passion—an area of intense interest—lies buried within each of us. One of the goals of volunteer experimentation is to discover that passion. Connecting our spiritual gift with an area of passion is the key to ultimate effectiveness and fulfillment in serving. (Bill Hybels, *The Volunteer Revolution*)

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Your abilities are the natural talents you were born with. ... Since your natural abilities are from God, they are just as important and as "spiritual" as your spiritual gifts. The only difference is that you were given them at birth. (Rick Warren, *Purpose Driven Life*)

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5) \_\_\_\_\_

In fact, your *greatest* ministry will most likely come out of your greatest hurt. Who could better minister to the parents of a Down syndrome child than another couple who have a child afflicted in this same way? Who could better help an alcoholic recover than someone who fought that demon and found freedom? Who could better comfort a wife whose husband has left her for an affair than a woman who went through that agony herself? ... If you really desire to be used by God, you *must* understand a powerful truth: The very experiences that you have resented or regretted most in life—the ones you've wanted to hide and forget—are the experiences God wants to use to help others. They *are* your ministry.

(Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*)

You will be most effective when you use your *spiritual gifts* and *abilities* in the area of your *heart's desire*, and in a way that best expresses your *personality and experiences*. (Rick Warren, *The Purpose Drive Life*)