

THE HELPER EQUIPS YOU

You Have a Helper #5

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Big Idea: The Holy Spirit equips you to serve with spiritual _____ and ministry _____.

Spiritual gifts indicate _____ you will do best when you serve.

Ministry passion indicates _____ you will best serve.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

(1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11; 1 Pet. 4:10)

Spiritual gifts are _____ given by the Holy Spirit to _____ believer to equip them to _____ thus _____ the body of Christ.

Next Steps to Discover and Use Your Spiritual Gifts:

1. Perform an _____ assessment.
2. Ask for an _____ assessment.
3. _____ where your gift can be expressed.

MINISTRY PASSION

(Phil. 2:13; Ps. 37:4; John 15:7)

Ministry Passion is the _____ that compels us to make a difference for the kingdom of God.

Next Steps to Discover and Pursue Your Ministry Passion:

1. Ponder what _____ you to make a difference for _____.
2. Serve in a ministry that _____ your _____.

REFLECTIONS ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND MINISTRY PASSION

Monday: Read the following passages and make a list of spiritual gifts: Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28; Eph. 4:11; 1 Pet. 4:9-10; Ex. 31:3-5.

Note: some gifts appear in multiple passages. List each gift only once on your list. Pray and ask God to reveal what gifts He has given you.

Tuesday: Look over the list of gifts you made yesterday. Reflect on your experiences serving in ministry, at work, at school, in recreational activities, etc. Circle 3-5 gifts that seem to align with what you do best when you serve. Show the big list of gifts from yesterday and ask them what they have seen you do well. Compare your thoughts with theirs.

Wednesday: Read Acts 4:32-37. The apostles gave Joseph the nickname, Barnabas. What spiritual gift were they affirming in him? How did Barnabas use his gift in Acts 9:26-30? How about in Acts 11:19-26? How would you describe his ministry passion based on Acts 11:22-26? Barnabas discovered his gifts and passion through serving. Are you serving in ministry? If not, why not? If so, what is God revealing to you?

Thursday: Read about Priscilla, Aquilla and Apollos in Acts 18:1-4, 18-21, 24-28. What gift(s) did Priscilla and Aquilla express? What gift(s) did Apollo express? Apollo became an itinerant evangelist who traveled from city to city teaching and preaching. Priscilla and Aquilla helped Paul get the new church in Ephesus established and growing and then started a church in their house when they returned to Rome (Romans 16:3-5). All three discovered and used their gifts and passion by serving. What have you learned about your gift(s) and ministry passion?

Friday: Read 1 Corinthians 12. In his teaching about spiritual gifts Paul compares the local church to a human body. Some body parts are internal and work behind the scenes, but they are no less important than the visible parts. Do you prefer to serve behind the scenes or in more visible roles? Every member of a body and every member of a church is essential for healthy functioning and growth. What would be missing in your church if you didn't serve? You are a divine masterpiece gifted and impassioned by God to make a difference in His kingdom. Please use your spiritual gifts and pursue your ministry passion!!