

Spiritual Gifts Inventory



The pandemic has separated us more than any of us would prefer. We'd like to take a few minutes of your time to discover/review your gifts. The following gifts inventory is also a way to help us get to know you better, in anticipation of putting your gifts to the best use for Jesus here at Redeemer. Please rank at least the top 5 of the following that you feel best describe you, making #1 the highest, and so on.

With the description of each gift is a brief list of ministry examples. These examples have been provided merely as thought starters and should not be considered an exhaustive list. Use them as a starting point in exploring the possibilities for putting your gifts to use within the congregation and in the community. Please circle any areas that you would potentially like to work in at Redeemer.

____ 1. I like to organize ideas, time, things and people for more effective results. I like to plan and administer programs that will be of benefit to others. I can delegate important responsibilities to other people. I am able to set goals and objectives, and then make plans to reach them.

Administration is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to set goals, activate strategies, devise plans and coordinate ministries so that God's work can be guided in a certain direction and the course to get there effectively be maintained. References: I Corinthians 12:28, Acts 14:23.

Church Council Leadership, Special Project Leadership, Elder, Nominating Committee.

____ 2. (A) - I receive much joy from working with my hands on various arts and crafts.

____ 2 (B) - I enjoy the work necessary for gardening, landscaping, and other projects. I find joy in having a beautiful lawn, shrubs, and flowers that are properly placed and maintained.

____ 2 (C) - I find that my skills in building and/or repairing objects benefit others.

Craftsmanship is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to use their hands and knowledge of materials in the areas of maintenance and upkeep of God's physical blessings, creating special products for the enhancement of God's people in worship, and serving the world with special projects that share Christ's love. References: Exodus 31:1-11, Psalm 149:3a, Exodus 30:1-6, Exodus 31:3-5, Ezekiel 27:4-11.

Banner Making, Crafts/Handicrafts, Grounds Upkeep, Building Maintenance/Repair, Trustees

____ 3. I like and feel comfortable sharing with others how God has changed my life. It is easy for me to talk to other people about life and/or spiritual matters.

Evangelism is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to effectively communicate God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ to unbelievers. They are especially sensitive to God's timing for the planting of the seed of the Gospel. References: Matthew 28:16-20, Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 2:36-40.

Visitor or Prospective Member Calling/Visitation, Evangelism Team/Projects, Communications, New Member Sponsor, LWML

____ 4. I am able to share words of encouragement with those who are struggling in life. When important decisions need to be made, I sense a confidence in God's guidance. If one of my friends is faced with a problem, I try to help him/her sort out what God's will is for him/her. I often share words of comfort, cheer, or encouragement with others.

Exhortation is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to draw close to (empathize with) and stand by the side of those who need support, encouragement and counsel. References: John 14:1, II Timothy 1:16-18, III John 5-8.

Hospital/Home/Institution Visitation, Card/Calling Ministry, Small Group Leader, Elder

____ 5. When I am asked to pray for others, I feel confident that my prayers will be heard. I take prayer requests seriously. I regard prayer as my most important spiritual exercise.

Intercession is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to be regularly and very actively involved in personal prayer and public prayer activities. They are diligent and thorough in their follow-up to prayer. Prayer fills a much greater part of their lives than other Christians. References: Matthew 6:6-15, Luke 11:1-10, Ephesians 6:18.

Prayer Chain, Prayer Partner

____ 6. I enjoy doing things to comfort people during sickness or times of problems and/or anxiety. I enjoy helping and working with those who seem to be neglected, and with those less fortunate than I. My service to others does not depend on receiving a Thank You.

Mercy is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to compassionately and lovingly serve those who are physically or emotionally suffering. Their ministry is clearly identified by deep emotional concern that is evident to those being served. References: Luke 7:12-15, Luke 10:30-37, Matthew 25:34-36.

Home/Hospital/Institution Visitation, Card/Calling Ministry, Transportation to Worship/Bible Study, Outreach, LWML,

____ 7. I am able to greet people and/or provide food graciously to guests and members. I try to make them feel welcome.

Hospitality is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to greet and serve others with a cheerfulness and ease that makes them feel "at home." References: Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23a, Luke 10:38.

Greeter, Usher, New Member Sponsor, In-Home Bible Study Host, Visitor Follow-up

_____ 8. When I am involved in a musical activity, I feel a great sense of joy. I enjoy using my musical talents to the glory of God.

***Music** is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to sing, play and compose music in such a way that it will bless the Lord and will also be beneficial and edifying for the Church.*

References: Psalm 96:1-9, Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 149:1-2, Psalm 33:1-5, Psalm 150, I Samuel 16:14-23.

Church Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Sunday School Song Leader, Vacation Bible School Song Leader, Christmas Program Leader, Instrumental Music, Organist, Substitute Organist

_____ 9. I appreciate being called on to do things for other people. When other people ask me to lend a helping hand, I feel special. I find myself willingly providing time and energy so that projects and emergency needs get accomplished. I enjoy working with others and doing tasks which free others for different ministries. If people are facing a crisis, I enjoy assisting them. I respond cheerfully when asked to do a job, even if it seems menial. I prefer following directions to being the person in charge.

***Service (Helps)** is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to be sensitive to the needs of people and the tasks of the church and to pour out their energies by investing themselves to meet those needs. These are often behind-the-scene workers that help release the gifted activities of those whose works are more "up front" and noticeable. References: Luke 23:50-54, Romans 16:1-16, Philippians 2:19-23.*

Newsletter Collation, Sound System, Child Care, Building/Grounds Upkeep, Cleaning, Providing Transportation, "Odd Jobs" at the Church

_____ 10. I enjoy relating to a group of people, sharing personally in their successes and failures. I feel comfortable in leading a small group in Bible study. I enjoy being in a small group of people and showing care and concern for them.

***Shepherding** is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to shepherd, guide, protect and spiritually feed believers for their long-range spiritual welfare. References: I Timothy 4:12-16, I Timothy 3:1-13, II Timothy 4:1-2.*

Adult Bible Study, New Member Sponsor, Youth Counselor, Small Group Leader, Children's Ministry

_____ 11. I feel that I can communicate Biblical truths. I find it rewarding to teach people more about the Lord, and to help others to understand Scriptures. I enjoy teaching children or adults about God's love.

***Teaching** is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to wholly communicate and model Christian truths of doctrine and practice so that believers effectively grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, their discipleship life in the church and their activities in the ministry of the priesthood of all believers. References: I Corinthians 12:28, Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 18:24-48.*

Adult Bible Class Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Bible Class Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Children Sermons

_____ 12. When I use my ability to write, I hope others will learn and grow from it. I find pleasure in composing and writing paragraphs and stories for others. I am able to put my thoughts and ideas into positive, written form so as to benefit those who read them. References: I John 2:1-6, 12-14, I Timothy 3:14-15, Jude 3.

Writing is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to put your thoughts and ideas into words that will be meaningful and relevant to those who read them. As these words are read people will find guidance, knowledge, courage or edification.

Newsletter Article Writer, Public Relations/Publicity (Communications), Website Writing and Editing

_____ 13. I find real joy in contributing generously for the Lord's work. At a time of crisis, when financial needs are required, I accept the opportunity to contribute. I look forward to giving more to the Lord as He has blessed me.

Giving is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to willingly and joyfully share material blessings with others and large percentages of their income for the Lord's work. References: II Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 21:1-4.

Capital Campaigns, Stewardship, Volunteer Coordination, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Endowment Fund

_____ 14. I find great satisfaction in having others follow me in performing a task. When working in a group, I am looked upon for guidance and direction. People seem to enjoy following me in doing important tasks.

Leadership is a special gift God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to direct the people of God with great perseverance, motivating them to move forward to accomplish goals and objectives by involving them in delegated ministries. References: Romans 12:8, John 21:15-17, II Timothy 4:1-5.

Congregational Leadership, Church Council, Speaker-Special Events, Capital Campaigns, Special Projects Leadership

Conclusion:

Your Spiritual Gifts do not appear and disappear as you pass through the doors of our church! The special gifts God has given you are with you always. They are meant to also be used in your daily life to bring glory to God and serve the needs of others.

In addition to the gifts listed above, I also have the following Special Skills (please list):

Your Name: _____