

Discipleship Journey
"Shaped to Serve"
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SHAPED FOR SERVICE:

"You (God) shaped me- first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb... You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit... Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; ALL the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived." Psalm 139:13-16 (Message)

S.H.A.P.E. - SPIRITUAL GIFTS HEART ABILITIES PERSONALITIES EXPERIENCE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

"...Each man has his own gift from God, one has this gift, and another that." I Corinthians 7:7b

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." I Peter 4:10 (LB)

1. _____

"But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith ..., to another gifts of healing ..., to another effecting of miracles ..., to another prophecy ..., to another the distinguishing of spirits ..., to another various kinds of tongues ..., to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. I Corinthians 12:7-11 (NASB)

2. _____

"For by the grace given me I say to everyone of you; do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is servicing, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." Romans 12:3-8 (NIV)

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I CORINTHIANS 12:12-31; EPHESIANS 4:11-16

- APOSTLES; PROPHETS; TEACHERS; PASTORS; EVANGELIST; MIRACLES; GIFTS OF HEALINGS; HELPS; ADMINISTRATIONS; VARIETIES OF TONGUES

HOW DO I FIND MY SHAPE?

1. _____

"Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith God has given you." ROMANS 12:3 (PHILLIPS)

2. _____

"Put these abilities to work; throw yourselves into your tasks, so everyone may notice your improvement and progress." I TIMOTHY 4:15 (LB)

3. _____

"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in the abundance of counselors there is safety." PROVERBS 11:14 (ESV)

4. _____

“If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.” ECCLESIASTES 11:4 (NLT)

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“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do!” Eph. 2:10

My Life Calling To Be A Bi-vocational _____

“God in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him.” Gal. 1:15 (TEV)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I USE MY LIFE TO SERVE & BLESS OTHERS?

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“My life is being poured out as a part of the sacrifice and service I offer to God for your faith. Yet, I am FILLED WITH JOY, and I share that joy with all of you.” Phil. 2:17 (GW)

“Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do.” Phil. 4:4-5 (LB)

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2. _____

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served but to serve...” Matt. 20:28 (LB)

“If you serve Christ in this way, you will please God and be respected by people.” Rom. 14:18 (CEV)

“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.” Prov. 11:25 (MSG)

3. _____

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” Mark 8:35 (NLT)

“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted.” 1 Cor. 15:58 (NCV)

4. _____

“Good people will be remembered as a blessing.” Prov. 10:7 (NCV)

“If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others.” Matt. 20:26 (CEV)

“God is fair; he will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for him by helping his people. And he will remember that you are still helping them.” Heb. 6:10 (NCV)

“My Father will honor anyone who serves me.” John 12:26 (NCV)