

Spiritual Gifts and Personality Profile

This report is based on answers given by Jonathan Eck on July 26th, 2018.

Jonathan,

We are grateful that you have invested the time to discover your spiritual gifts and personality traits! This profile report should be treated as a useful tool to help you understand how you may be gifted to serve in the body of Christ, and how your personality type may affect how and where you serve. The accuracy of these results is based on your honest responses combined with current research in the areas of spiritual gifts and personality.

It is strongly suggested that you share these results with someone who knows you well enough to further validate their accuracy. Church leaders can use this information to assist you in finding a ministry or service opportunity to fit your gifts and personality. Of course, serving God is not limited to the walls of the church, but we believe that is the best place to start. God has placed pastors and leaders in the church to equip the saints for the work of ministry. It is His design that those of us who serve Him should be mentored and built up in the church, as well as held to a high standard in our service to Him by our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray that you would use this as an opportunity to grow and mature in your love and service to Jesus.

Understanding who you are in Christ and how He has crafted you as a human being is an exciting thing! However, the goal of believers is not just to know ourselves, but to know and glorify God in all we do. Like any gift, a spiritual gift is meant to be opened, put to use, and enjoyed. This brings happiness both to the Giver and receiver of the gift. God is pleased when we put our spiritual gifts into action because using them is an expression of our faith in Him. Our obedience to His call and purpose for our lives demonstrates our love for both God and our neighbor, fulfilling the greatest commandment of Scripture.

As you read through this profile, know that God loves you and has built you for a specific purpose in His kingdom. Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." May you grow in your trust and walk in the works prepared for you with all humility and love for the One who has called you to them.

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Blessings to you in Christ, The SpiritualGiftsTest.com Team

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Quick Summary:

Your top three gifts:

Rank	Range	Spiritual Gift
1	High	Prophecy
2	High	Apostleship
3	High	Teaching

Your Spiritual Gifts Test Results

The spiritual gifts test results below rank each gift based on your highest to lowest score as compared to the rest of the population. Each gift is given a range of High, Average, or Low based on your score. A description of your top three gifts is given below your results. Further information is found in the Combined Profile section of this report.

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3	High	Teaching
4	High	Leadership
5	High	Exhortation
6	High	Knowledge
7	High	Pastoring
8	High	Wisdom
9	High	Faith
10	High	Administration
11	Average	Evangelism
12	Average	Giving
13	Average	Serving
14	Average	Discernment
15	Average	Mercy

Your Top Three Spiritual Gifts Defined

Prophecy

The spiritual gift of prophecy is an extraordinary and unique gift. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:1 to "Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy." This gift is a blessing to the church and should not be quenched or despised (1 Thessalonians 5:20). Those who have the gift of prophecy differ from the Old Testament Prophets who spoke the authoritative Word of God directly.

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Their words were recorded as Scripture as they proclaimed, "Thus says The Lord," whereas the messages from those with the spiritual gift of prophecy must be tested (1 Corinthians 14:29-33; 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21; 1 John 4:1-3). In the New Testament the Apostles, not the prophets, took over the role of Scriptural proclamation from the Old Testament Prophets.

The Greek word for the gift of prophecy is propheteia which is the ability to receive a divinely inspired message and deliver it to others in the church. These messages can take the form of exhortation, correction, disclosure of secret sins, prediction of future events, comfort, inspiration, or other revelations given to equip and edify the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:3-4, 24-25). Again, they do not constitute the authoritative Word of God, but are the human interpretation of the revelation that was received. They are spoken in human words through a human mind which is why they must be tested against the Scriptures (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21).

The Holy Spirit gives the gift of prophecy to some believers to make God's heart known and to edify the church. This gift is for the benefit of both believers and unbelievers and is a sign that God is truly among His church (1 Corinthians 14:22-25). Those with this gift are sensitive to both the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the needs of the church body. They should be humble and continually study the Scriptures in order to test these revelations before speaking them. When they do speak, they should allow and even expect others to weigh what is said against the Scriptures and interpret the message accordingly. In this way the church may be continually built up together in unity (1 Corinthians 14:4, 26). See also Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-5, Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Peter 4:10-11.

Apostleship

The spiritual gift of apostleship is sometimes confused with the office of Apostle. The office of Apostle was held by a limited number of men chosen by Jesus, including the twelve disciples (Mark 3:13-19) and Paul (Romans 1:1). The requirements for the office of Apostle included being a faithful eyewitness of Jesus' ministry and His resurrection (Acts 1:21-22; 1 Corinthians 9:1), and being called by Jesus Himself (Galatians 1:1). The Apostles were given authority by Jesus to do many different things to establish the church, including writing Scripture and performing miracles (John 14:26, 2 Peter 3:15-16, 2 Corinthians 12:12).

There are no more that hold the office of Apostle today, but the gift of apostleship continues in a different sense. Jesus gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers at His ascension (Ephesians 4:7-12), and these represent a distinct category of apostles. They do not have the authority to write Scripture as the original Apostles did. They also have a different purpose in the sense of establishing the church – the foundation has already been set.

The mission for those with the gift of apostleship today is to plant new ministries and churches, go into places where the Gospel is not preached, reach across cultures to establish churches in challenging environments, raise up and develop leaders, call out and lead pastors and shepherds, and much more. They often have many different gifts that allow them to fulfill their ministry. These are leaders of leaders and ministers of ministers. They are influencers. They are typically entrepreneurial and are able to take risks and perform difficult tasks. Missionaries, church planters, certain Christian scholars and institutional

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leaders, and those leading multiple ministries or churches often have the gift of apostleship. See also Ephesians 4:11, I Corinthians 12:28, Acts 1:21-22, 1 Corinthians 9:1.

Teaching

The spiritual gift of teaching is one that carries a heavy responsibility in the church. In fact, James 3:1 warns, "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." Like every believer, teachers are to be stewards of every word that comes out of their mouths. But the greater responsibility to which they are called is to be stewards of the Word of God to His people. Teachers have been entrusted with the task of effectively communicating what the Bible says, what it means, and how we as followers of Jesus Christ are to apply it to our lives here and now.

The Greek word for those with the spiritual gift of teaching is didaskalos. From the root of this word we get our English word, "didactic." The word didasko means to teach, instruct, instill doctrine, explain, and expound. Those with the spiritual gift of teaching love to study the Word of God for extended periods of time. They consume the Scriptures as food for their hearts, souls and minds with the expressed purpose of knowing Him and then making Him known to others. They want to know what God has revealed of Himself and what He requires of us as people created in His image. They take great joy and satisfaction in seeing others learn and apply the truth of God's Word to their lives. They love to see how the Gospel is woven throughout the Scriptures and how it glorifies and magnifies Jesus Christ in the hearts and lives of those who love Him by grace.

The Holy Spirit gives certain people the spiritual gift of teaching so that they would help the church fulfill her ministry as "a pillar and buttress of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). Without this gift, the church would quickly fall into error and sin. Teachers are there to make sure that doesn't happen. They hate when Scripture is abused and used out of context or with ill intent. They love the truth and speak the truth in love. They will never hide or withhold it. On the contrary, they desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who taught in the synagogues and in the Temple as well as anywhere the people were gathered. They are called to demonstrate God's love while revealing His truth to the world without fear. The effect of their ministry is the upholding of God's Word and the growth and maturity of His Bride until the day of His return. See also Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7; James 3:1

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Next Steps

Thank you for taking the time to understand your spiritual gifts and personality traits. You are now on a journey to begin serving The Lord in ways that better suit how He designed you. We hope you are excited to grow deeper in fellowship with Jesus, and to help the church build itself up in love (Ephesians 4:16). Now that you have your results, you are probably asking yourself, "What next?" Here are three steps you can take to begin walking with Christ and bearing much fruit for God's glory.

Pray

The first step is to pray and seek confirmation of these results. The contents of this report are simply a tool for you to use so that you can better serve God in the work He has already prepared for you. As you pray, humbly ask God to give you guidance and peace about how, where, and whom you will serve in His name.

Meet

Take this opportunity to meet with other Christians who can help you on your journey. This will likely be someone in your local church body who can connect with you and discern both your gifts and your heart. They will also know the needs of the church and the community around them, so this will help you find a place to begin serving God. The suggested ministries in your combined profile are a helpful tool in this process.

Serve

Start. That is the best advice we can give you. Don't wait for the perfect opportunity, or the perfect time. Just get going! It is impossible to steer a vehicle unless it is moving. Once you start serving Jesus He may steer you one way or the other, but the change won't be difficult if you are already in motion. Again, the suggested ministries in your profile are helpful, but don't limit yourself to them. If you feel led to start a new work for The Lord, go for it! Don't try it alone though. It is best to have someone come alongside you as either a guide or a partner.

Share

There are others just like you who don't know where to begin. Maybe you will be the inspiration for their next journey with The Lord. Share this resource with them and see what God will do!

Thank you

Thank you for using our resources! Our prayer is that you would go and fulfill the Great Commission in the spirit of the Greatest Commandment. That you would love God and love others, so that they too would love God and worship Him forever. Let us know how we can continue to be a blessing to you in that.

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