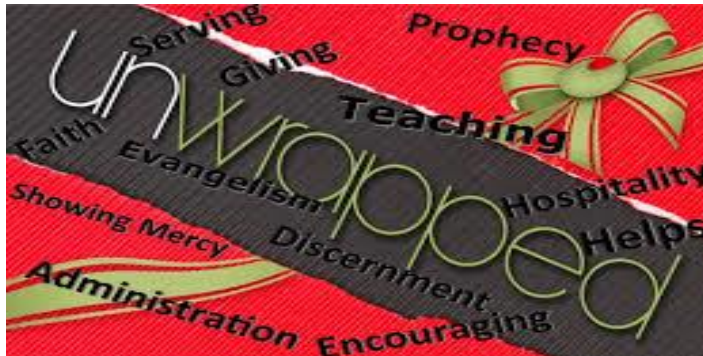


You Were Created For More



“Therefore you do not
lack any spiritual gift as
you eagerly wait for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be
revealed.”

- 1 Corinthians 1:7

Lesson 1003

Your Spiritual Gifts

What are New Name Journals?

You've probably completed numerous Bible studies over the years. Most of these studies strive to increase your knowledge of the Bible itself or strengthen your commitment to the doctrinal principles you hold so dear. Both of these pursuits has value but neither are transformative if you do not find a way to apply them to your walk.

New Name Journals are designed to go further by facilitating your desire for change by helping you to apply Biblical principles to your daily life. To be effective, this must go beyond the mental exercise of accumulating facts. Openness and honesty in your responses should lead you to a point of changing the way you think about yourself, others, God, and the world around you - repentance.

To arrive at this point of repentance, you will want to personalize the information to your own individual circumstances. Feel free to use any extra space available to complete your thoughts.

As with all worthwhile pursuits, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth.



Journal Goals

This Journal will help you to discover your God-given greatness so you can grow in confidence to “do even greater things than these” (John 14:12) as Jesus promised.

This *Your Spiritual Gifts* Journal will give you an opportunity to:

- ✝ Discover how God has gifted you to represent His Kingdom.
- ✝ See yourself as an active member of your community.
- ✝ Learn who your gift draws you to connect with.
- ✝ Better understand your role in bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth.



Name

Date

Your Spiritual Gift Assessment Scores

5 Encourager 10 Mercy 7 Perceiver 20 Giver
13 Ruler 25 Server 14 Teacher

LET ME INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Now that you've taken the spiritual gifts assessment and received your results above, it's time to look at how this all fits into your day to day walk with the Lord and why it's important to your personal walk with the Lord.

There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. (1 Cor. 12:4-5)



First thing to understand here is that a spiritual gift is just that, a gift. Gifts are meant to be a reflection of the givers value of you as an individual and to be fitting as to who you are and what you're about. A gift should make your life better, bring you joy, and in turn do the same for others you connect with. When we receive a spiritual gift from the Lord, and we all do, you can be sure he has chosen wisely!

Even though you may not yet fully understand the meaning of the assessment scores above, how do you feel about how God values you from the gifts reflected in your scores.



Many acknowledge there are gifts and some even receive their gifts; unfortunately, very few open their gift so as to receive the full measure of its glory. I suspect most of us will experience tears of regret when we get to heaven (Revelation 21:4). We'll see from above what we had been given as a gift below and sorrow that we never opened ourselves up to its fullness for God's Glory and our fulfillment on earth.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

The neat thing about spiritual gifts is that they are without limit and irrevocable (Romans 11:29). In other words, it's never too late to get started when it comes to opening and exercising our gifts! Seems the more we share our gifts the more we have to give. Utilizing our gifts as an act of service magnifies the Lord while pushing away darkness and drawing others to the light.



Spend a little time imagining what it would be like to share your gifts with others. Write down what comes to mind; namely, who do you imagine sharing your gifts with?



Membership Has Its Privileges

1 Corinthians 12:27

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 who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Romans 12:4-6a)

The gifts of the spirit are for everyone (lost to be saved – saved to be edified), so that everyone can become as one in the body of Christ through mutual edification. In so doing, we bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth so that when our King returns He receives His just rewards.

1) Write down what has it meant to you to simply attend a church or chapel program. 2) Then write down what it meant to you to be a member and participating in events held in your church or chapel program. (If you never did this, imagine what it would be like.) 3) Finally, write down what it would mean to you to be a part of that body sharing your God-given gifts with others for their edification?

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Encourager

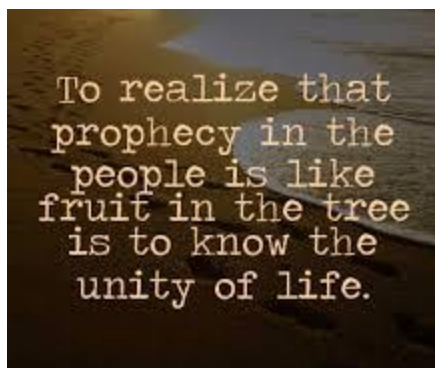
(Stimulates Faith in Others)

- Loves to give practical application
- Has the ability to see how “tribulation” can produce new levels of maturity
- Likes to relate human experiences to Scriptures
- Feels grieved when an exhortation is not followed by action
- Loves counseling – with results

Mercy

(Compassion In Action)

- Very sensitive to the feelings, reactions, and emotions of other
- Deep desire to remove hurt and to bring healing to others
- Attracted to and understands people in distress
- Tendency to avoid firmness unless absolutely necessary
- Greater concern for mental distress than physical distress



Perceiver

(Repairs and Restores the Body)

- Can discern character and motives of people
- Needs to express the message verbally
- Inward identification with the sins of those he/she ministers to
- Wants to see people come to repentance
- Has a willingness to experience brokenness

Giver

(Motivates People to Give)

- Enjoys using his/her giving as a tool to motivate others to give
- Is very alert to special needs
- Ability to make wise purchases and investments
- Enjoys meeting needs without special appeals
- Hates to give sloppy or thoughtless gifts – must be high quality

**No one has ever
become poor by giving.**

Anne Frank



Ruler

(Keeps Things and People Moving in the Body)

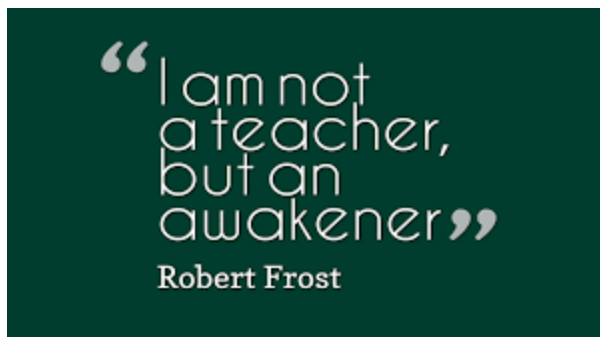
- Ability to see overall picture and make long range goals
- Will assume responsibility if no structured leadership is available
- Enjoys a new challenge when the job is completed
- Knows what can and cannot be delegated
- Wants to organize what he/she is responsible for

Server

(Meets Practical Needs Within the Body)

- Can recall special likes and dislikes of people
- Will do extra work to see the job "well done"
- Involved in many activities – can't say "no"
- When serving, can work for long periods of time and not appear tired
- Ability to detect and meet practical needs

**I slept and dreamt that life
was joy. I awoke and saw
that life was service. I acted
and behold, service was joy.**



Teacher

(Reveals and Emphasizes the Truth)

- Strong emphasis on accuracy of words
- Has great love for research to find truth
- Very systematic in presentations
- Dislikes non-Biblical illustrations
- Enjoys taking old teachings and finding new truths

YOU'RE INVITED!



Go back and look at your spiritual gift assessment scores. The higher the score, the stronger your gifting in this area. Your scores also mean you're actually capable of operating in every gifting through the administration of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:11). Our spiritual gift is our invitation from God to reflect Christ to others. Wherever we are, if we remain open to the Holy Spirit using us, the spiritual gifts can manifest through us to God's glory.

Paul, in Romans 1:1, first identifies himself as a bondservant of Christ then as an Apostle (his gifting). Serving from our hearts as unto the Lord with our gifts is the model Paul shares with us; and he too was a man just like we are.

The time and place to use our gifts is here and now; guessing we won't really need them in Heaven.

The sooner you open and use your gift(s) the sooner you'll receive an upgrade in your life...

Write down your top gift below based on your highest score on your assessment. (If there is a tie for your top score, pick the one you think motivates you the most.) Then, after reviewing the characteristics of your top gift, write down how you imagine yourself operating in your gift. Be specific.

In Conclusion

Go back and review all of your answers throughout this Journal. Summarize below how you see yourself now differently than before you worked through this assignment. Does your future look more hopeful? Do you have more tools than you thought you had for a prosperous (3 John 1:2) life ahead? How do you see the community around you benefiting from your participation in it?

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As you complete this stage of your journey of transformation, look back and appreciate what you have accomplished. Recognize what God has given you to carry you through the challenges and opportunities ahead.

This Journal has helped me to... _____

New Name Ministries envisions its model of
community safe residential reentry
replicated nationwide, promoting social
reform through effective renewal of former
offenders reentering society, resulting in
fewer victims and a safer, stronger America.

