



Discovering Your Design:

Preparing Christ's followers to change the world

KNOWING WHERE TO PLUG GIFTS IN TO MINISTRIES

SHAPE

When we know our gifts, we will better understand what it is God wants us to do to build up the body of Christ. We might call this our spiritual job description. For example, if we have the gift of administration we will know what we are to do, but the reality with this gift, and many others like it, is that there are countless ministries that could use the gift of administration.

So how does one know where to plug in?

SHAPE Approach: *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10*

S = SPIRITUAL GIFTS - what am I gifted to do?

H = HEART - what do I love to do? What dreams, passions has God laid on your heart. Check out the Heart Assessment in the Appendix. This concept is not explicitly taught in the Bible, but we see examples of it in Jesus' life and the apostle Paul's life (cf Jn6:38; Rom 15:20)

A = ABILITIES - what natural talents and skills do I have?

P = PERSONALITY - where does my personality best suit me to serve? Check out the personality worksheet in the appendix

E = EXPERIENCE - what experiences have I had that might point me to an area of ministry?

Think of these categories:

- Spiritual experiences
- Serving experiences
- Painful experiences
- Educational experiences

Three more tips on finding your sweet spot:

1. Pray.
2. Listen - if someone asks you to consider an area of service don't consider that routine and be open to this being God's leading.
3. When all else fails, serve where there is a need.