

### <u>Spiritual Gift Survey</u>

The Spiritual Gift Survey has 100 questions. There is no right or wrong response. Each response is according to how the individual feels about the question. You answer each question by circling one of the numbers, which range from 1 to 5. A 5 represents that you strongly agree with the question. A 4 represents that you agree with the statement. A 3 represents that you are neutral which means that you neither agree nor disagree with the questions. A 2 represents that you disagree. A 1 represents that you strongly disagree.

Let us practice before we begin. Respond to the following statement:

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1.	Was yesterday the best day of your life?	5	4	3	2	1

Please Circle the number that best represents how you feel about each question.

Before you begin, there are some additional directions. After you complete each response, you will transfer the value for each response to the table on page 24. Then you will add the value for each row and place that total in the "Total" column. The row with the highest value will tell you what your Spiritual Gift is. Use that total along with the Spiritual Gift Reference Chart for the meaning of your gift and the associated traits.



Please Circle the number that best represents how you feel about each question.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1.	Would you rather do a job than find someone else to do it?	5	4	3	2	1
2.	Do your giving records show that you give more than 10% of your income to the Lord's work?	5	4	3	2	1
3.	Do you believe that when you are in charge, things seem to run smoothly?	5	4	3	2	1
4.	Do you hurt for others who are in distress, and desire to do acts of love for those who cannot or will not return them?	5	4	3	2	1
5.	Do you strongly desire to speak out boldly and directly against evil in society or in the church?	5	4	3	2	1
6.	Is studying the Bible and sharing your insights with others for their growth in Christ very satisfying for you?	5	4	3	2	1
7.	Have you urged others to seek a biblical solution to their affliction or suffering?	5	4	3	2	1
8.	I have a desire to pioneer and establish new ministries or churches.	5	4	3	2	1

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		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
9.	Have you applied spiritual truth effectively to situations in your own life?	5	4	3	2	1
10.	Have others told you that you have helped them understand key and key facts of Scripture?	5	4	3	2	1
11.	Do you depend upon God's resources and guidance to an unusual degree?	5	4	3	2	1
12.	Are you sometimes prophetic when exercising an interpretation of tongues for the church?	5	4	3	2	1
13.	Do you experience an intimacy with God which inspires you to serve and edify others?	5	4	3	2	1
14.	Can you judge between the inadequate and the acceptable, or between evil and good?	5	4	3	2	1
15.	Do you enjoy handling the details of organizing ideas, people, resources and time for more effective ministry?	5	4	3	2	1
16.	When you do things behind the scenes and others are helped, you are joyful and you really do not care who gets the credit?	5	4	3	2	1



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17.	Have others told you that God healed them of an emotional problem when you ministered to them?	5	4	3	2	1
18.	Does God seem to regularly do impossible things through your life?	5	4	3	2	1
19.	Do you enjoy sharing the gospel?	5	4	3	2	1
20.	Have you helped individual believers, over a period of time, by guiding them to relevant portions of the Bible and praying with them?	5	4	3	2	1
21.	Do you sense God's purpose and pleasure in meeting every day responsibilities?	5	4	3	2	1
22.	When you are moved by an appeal to give to God's work, do you usually find the money you need to respond?	5	4	3	2	1
23.	Do you find it easy to motivate others to follow through on a ministry project?	5	4	3	2	1
24.	Have you cared for others when they have had material or physical needs?	5	4	3	2	1



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25.	Do you sometimes have a keen sense of what God wants to say to people in response to a particular situation?	5	4	3	2	1
26.	Have people told you that you have helped them learn biblical truth in a meaningful way?	5	4	3	2	1
27.	Do you have a desire to effectively counsel the perplexed, the guilty, or the addicted?	5	4	3	2	1
28.	I can adapt to different surroundings by being culturally sensitive and aware.	5	4	3	2	1
29.	Can you intuitively arrive at solutions to complicated problems?	5	4	3	2	1
30.	Do you enjoy studying and reading quite a bit to learn biblical truths?	5	4	3	2	1
31.	Have there been times when you have felt sure you knew God's specific will for the future growth of His work, even when others have not been so sure?	5	4	3	2	1
32.	Do you understand an unlearned language and communicate that message to the body of Christ	5	4	3	2	1



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33.	Do you worship the Lord with unknown words too deep for the mind to comprehend?	5	4	3	2	1
34.	Are you given affirmation by other Christians that you can distinguish spiritual untruth from supernatural insights?	5	4	3	2	1
35.	Are you able to give directions to others without using persuasion to get them to accomplish a task?	5	4	3	2	1
36.	Have other Christians told you that you have helped them become more effective in their ministries?	5	4	3	2	1
37.	Has physical healing occurred because of your praying for people?	5	4	3	2	1
38.	Can others point to specific instances when your prayers have resulted in visible miracles?	5	4	3	2	1
39.	Have you led others to Christ?	5	4	3	2	1
40.	Is it your desire to commit yourself sacrificially to care for the spiritual welfare of a group of young Christians? Shut-ins? Or people in pain?	5	4	3	2	1
41.	Do you enjoy knowing that you are freeing up others to do what God has called them to do?	5	4	3	2	1



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42.	Do you believe that God will meet your needs if you give to Him sacrificially and consistently?	5	4	3	2	1
43.	Do you believe that when you join a group, others expect me to take the leadership?	5	4	3	2	1
44.	Do you work joyfully with and help those people who are ignored by the majority of those around them?	5	4	3	2	1
45.	Has God enabled you to reveal specific things that will happen in the future?	5	4	3	2	1
46.	Do you enjoy giving considerable time to learning biblical truth to minister to children and/or adults?	5	4	3	2	1
47.	Have people come to you in their afflictions or sufferings, and told you that they have been helped, relieved, or healed?	5	4	3	2	1
48.	I have a desire to minister to people in other communities or countries.	5	4	3	2	1
49.	Have people indicated that you have perceived and applied Biblical truths to their specific needs?	5	4	3	2	1
50.	Have you frequently discovered new insights into Scripture through personal study?	5	4	3	2	1



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51.	Have other people told you that you had faith to accomplish what seemed impossible to them?	5	4	3	2	1
52.	Do you edify the Body by interpreting a timely message from God?	5	4	3	2	1
53.	Do you speak in a language you have never learned or do not understand?	5	4	3	2	1
54.	Have others in the church noted that you can see through phoniness before it is evident to other people?	5	4	3	2	1
55.	Do you enjoy bearing the responsibility for the success of a task within the church?	5	4	3	2	1
56.	Have you assisted Christian leaders to relieve them for their essential job?	5	4	3	2	1
57.	When you pray for the sick, either you or they feel sensations of tingling or warmth.	5	4	3	2	1
58.	Have people told you that the Lord used you to bring supernatural change in their lives or circum- stances?	5	4	3	2	1
59.	Are you at ease in sharing how Christ has changed your life?	5	4	3	2	1



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60.	Would you be concerned about guarding, like a shepherd, a group of Christian sheep from those who are "wolves," i.e., enemies of Christians?	5	4	3	2	1
61.	Do you respond cheerfully when asked to do a job, even if it seems menial?	5	4	3	2	1
62.	Do you seek to manage your money well to give liberally to the Lord's work?	5	4	3	2	1
63.	Do you believe that when you set goals, others seem to accept them readily?	5	4	3	2	1
64.	Would you enjoy spending time with a lonely, shut-in person or someone in prison?	5	4	3	2	1
65.	Do you strongly desire to speak direct messages from God that edify, exhort, or comfort others?	5	4	3	2	1
66.	When you communicate biblical truths to others, do you see changes in knowledge, attitudes, values or conduct?	5	4	3	2	1
67.	Can you effectively motivate people to get involved in ministry when such motivation is needed?	5	4	3	2	1



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68.	Do you have a unique ability to give helpful leadership to several churches?	5	4	3	2	1
69.	Have you sensed God's presence and direction when important decisions needed to be made?	5	4	3	2	1
70.	Do you enjoy doing word studies, examining the historical background of a text, and getting at the facts of a passage in order to benefit yourself and other believers?	5	4	3	2	1
71.	Have you believed God for the impossible and seen it happen in a tangible way?	5	4	3	2	1
72.	Do you glorify God and demonstrate his power through this miraculous manifestation?	5	4	3	2	1
73.	Do you communicate a message given by God for the church?	5	4	3	2	1
74.	Are you able to differentiate between demonic influence and mental illness?	5	4	3	2	1
75.	Have you ever made effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group?	5	4	3	2	1
76.	Would you rather be a supportive background person than an up-front leader or speaker?	5	4	3	2	1



		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
77.	Have you been used to cure diseases instantly, in the name of the Lord?	5	4	3	2	1
78.	Are you able to change circumstances through the name of the Lord?	5	4	3	2	1
79.	Do you wish to relate to non-Christians, so you can share your faith?	5	4	3	2	1
80.	Do you enjoy relating to a certain group of people in long-term relationships, sharing personally in their successes and failures as well as assuming responsibility for their spiritual well-being?	5	4	3	2	1
81.	Do you attach spiritual value to practical service?	5	4	3	2	1
82.	Are you willing to maintain a lower standard of living to benefit God's work?	5	4	3	2	1
83.	When I speak, people seem to listen and agree.	5	4	3	2	1
84.	Do you enjoy visiting in hospitals and/or nursing homes, and feel you do well in such a ministry?	5	4	3	2	1
85.	Have people told you that you have communicated timely and urgent messages, which must have come directly from the Lord?	5	4	3	2	1



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86.	Can you make difficult biblical truths understandable to others?	5	4	3	2	1
87.	Have you verbally encouraged the wavering, the troubled, or the discouraged?	5	4	3	2	1
88.	Do you demonstrate authority and vision for the mission of the church?	5	4	3	2	1
89.	Do others ask you for workable ideas or alternatives?	5	4	3	2	1
90.	Do you long to share with others the biblical insights that you discover?	5	4	3	2	1
91.	When you are in a group, are you the person others often look to for vision?	5	4	3	2	1
92.	Do you respond to a message spoken in tongues by giving an interpretation?	5	4	3	2	1
93.	Do you express with an interpretation a word by the Spirit, which edifies the church?	5	4	3	2	1
94.	When you sense that a person is teaching is from God, Satan, or of human origin later confirmed to be true?	5	4	3	2	1



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95.	If a group you are in is lacking organization, do you desire to step in to help it run more smoothly?	5	4	3	2	1
96.	Do you enjoy doing routine tasks that lead to more effective ministry by others?	5	4	3	2	1
97.	Do you enjoy praying for sick people because you know that some of them will be healed as a result?	5	4	3	2	1
98.	Has God asked you to perform supernatural signs and wonders?	5	4	3	2	1
99.	Do unbelievers understand you when you explain who Christ is and how to become a Christian?	5	4	3	2	1
100.	Are you able to feed followers in Christ by guiding them through selected Bible passages?	5	4	3	2	1



In the table below, enter the numerical value for each of your responses next to the number of the corresponding statement from **STEP I**. Then add up the five numbers that you have recorded in each row and place the sum in the "Total" column.

Total

Gift

#### Value of Answers

					10000	Chit
1=	21=	41=	61=	81=		Serving
2=	22=	42=	62=	82=		Giving
3=	23=	43=	63=	83=		Leading
4=	24=	44=	64=	84=		Mercy
5=	25=	45=	65=	85=		Prophecy
6=	26=	46=	66=	86=		Teaching
7=	27=	47=	67=	87=		Exhortation
8=	28=	48=	68=	88=		Apostle
9=	29=	49=	69=	89=		Wisdom
10=	30=	50=	70=	90=		Knowledge
11=	31=	51=	71=	91=		Faith
12=	32=	52=	72=	92=		Interpretation
13=	33=	53=	73=	93=		Tongues
14=	34=	54=	74=	94=		Discerning
15=	35=	55=	75=	95=		Administration
16=	36=	56=	76=	96=		Helps
17=	37=	57=	77=	97=		Healing
18=	38=	58=	78=	98=		Miracles
19=	39=	59=	79=	99=		Evangelist
20=	40=	60=	80=	100=		Pastor

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## **Spiritual Gift Reference Chart**

Spiritual Gift	Definition	Scriptural References	Traits
Administration	The gift of Administration is the divine enablement to understand what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry.	1 Cor. 12:28	<ul> <li>Thorough</li> <li>Objective</li> <li>Responsible</li> <li>Organized</li> <li>Goal-oriented</li> <li>Efficient</li> <li>Conscientious</li> </ul>
Apostle	The gift of Apostleship is the divine ability to start and oversee the development of new churches or ministry structures.	1 Cor. 12:28,29 Eph. 4:11-12	<ul> <li>Adventurous</li> <li>Entrepreneurial</li> <li>Persevering</li> <li>Adaptable</li> <li>Culturally sensitive</li> <li>Risk-taking</li> <li>Cause-drive</li> </ul>
Discernment	The gift of Discernment is the divine enablement to distinguish between truth and error. It is able to discern the spirits, differentiation between good and evil, right and wrong.	1 Cor. 12:10	<ul> <li>Perceptive</li> <li>Insightful</li> <li>Sensitive</li> <li>Intuitive</li> <li>Decisive</li> <li>Challenging</li> <li>Truthful</li> </ul>
Exhortation	The gift of Encouragement is the divine enablement to present truth, so as to strengthen, confront, or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.	Romans 12:8	<ul> <li>Positive</li> <li>Motivating</li> <li>Challenging</li> <li>Affirming</li> <li>Reassuring</li> <li>Supportive</li> <li>Trustworthy</li> </ul>
Evangelism	The gift of Evangelism is the divine enablement to effectively communicate the gospel to unbelievers, so they respond in faith and move toward discipleship.	Eph. 4:11	<ul> <li>Sincere</li> <li>Candid</li> <li>Respected</li> <li>Influential</li> <li>Spiritual</li> <li>Confident</li> <li>Commitment- oriented</li> </ul>
Faith	The gift of Faith is the divine enablement to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill His purposes.	1 Cor. 12:9	<ul> <li>Prayerful</li> <li>Optimistic</li> <li>Trusting</li> <li>Assured</li> <li>Positive</li> <li>Inspiring</li> <li>Hopeful</li> </ul>



Spiritual Gift	Definition	Scriptural References	Traits
Giving	The gift of Giving is the divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. People with this gift do not ask, "How much money do I need to give God?" But, "How much money do I need to live on?"	Romans 12:8	<ul> <li>Stewardship- oriented</li> <li>Responsible</li> <li>Charitable</li> <li>Trust in God</li> <li>Disciplined</li> </ul>
Healing	The gift of Healing is the divine enablement to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing.	1 Cor. 12:9; 28,30	<ul> <li>Compassionate</li> <li>Trust in God</li> <li>Prayerful</li> <li>Full of Faith</li> <li>Humble</li> <li>Responsive</li> <li>Obedient</li> </ul>
Helps	The gift of Helps is the divine enablement to accomplish practical and necessary tasks which free- up, support, and meet the needs of others.	1 Cor. 12:28 Rom. 12:7	<ul> <li>Available</li> <li>Willing</li> <li>Helpful</li> <li>Reliable</li> <li>Loyal</li> <li>Dependable</li> <li>Whatever-it-takes attitude</li> </ul>
Interpretation	The gift of Interpretation is the divine enablement to make known the message of one who speaks in tongues.	1 Cor. 12:10	<ul> <li>Worshipful</li> <li>Responsive</li> <li>Devoted</li> <li>Responsible</li> <li>Spiritually intimate</li> <li>Sensitive</li> <li>Faithful</li> </ul>
Knowledge	The gift of Knowledge is the divine enablement to bring truth to the Body of Christ through a revelation or Biblical insight.	1 Cor. 12:8	<ul> <li>Inquisitive</li> <li>Responsive</li> <li>Observant</li> <li>Insightful</li> <li>Reflective</li> <li>Studious</li> <li>Truthful</li> </ul>
Leadership	The gift of Leadership is the divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.	Rom. 12:8	<ul> <li>Influential</li> <li>Diligent</li> <li>Visionary</li> <li>Trustworthy</li> <li>Persuasive</li> <li>Motivating</li> <li>Goal-setter</li> </ul>
Mercy	The Mercy gift is the divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need, compassion moved to action.	Rom. 12:8	<ul> <li>Empathetic</li> <li>Caring</li> <li>Kind</li> <li>Sensitive</li> <li>Burden-bearing</li> <li>Responsive</li> </ul>



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Miracles	The gift of Miracles is the divine enablement to serve as human agents thorough whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.	1 Cor. 12:10, 28-29	<ul> <li>Bold</li> <li>Venturesome</li> <li>Authoritative</li> <li>God-fearing</li> <li>Convincing</li> <li>Prayerful</li> <li>Responsive</li> </ul>
Prophecy	The gift of Prophecy is the divine enablement to reveal truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification. There may be immediate or future implications.	Rom. 12:6 1 Cor. 12:10,28	<ul> <li>Discerning</li> <li>Compelling</li> <li>Uncompromising</li> <li>Outspoken</li> <li>Authoritative</li> <li>Convicting</li> <li>Confronting</li> </ul>
Serving	The gift of Serving is the divine enablement to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals.	Rom. 12:6-7	<ul> <li>Practical</li> <li>Humble</li> <li>Supportive</li> <li>Adaptable</li> <li>Responsive</li> <li>Diligent</li> <li>Observant</li> </ul>
Shepherding/ Pastoring	The gift of Shepherding/Pastoring is the divine enablement to nurture, care for, and guide people toward on-going spiritual maturity and becoming like Christ.	Eph. 4:11,12	<ul> <li>Influencing</li> <li>Nurturing</li> <li>Guiding</li> <li>Disciplining</li> <li>Protective</li> <li>Supportive</li> <li>Relational</li> </ul>
Teaching	The gift of Teaching is the divine enablement to understand, clearly explain, and apply the Word of God, causing greater Christ-likeness in the lives of listeners.	1 Cor. 12:28, 29	<ul> <li>Disciplined</li> <li>Perceptive</li> <li>Teachable</li> <li>Authoritative</li> <li>Practical</li> <li>Analytical</li> <li>Articulate</li> </ul>
Tongues	The gift of Tongues is the divine enablement to receive a spontaneous message from God in public worship and t speak it in an unknown language that is then made know to the church through the gift of interpretation.	1 Cor. 12:10, 28-30	<ul> <li>Worshipful</li> <li>Prayerful</li> <li>Trusting</li> <li>Devoted</li> <li>Spontaneous</li> <li>Receptive</li> </ul>
Wisdom	The gift of Wisdom is the divine enablement to apply spiritual truth effectively to meet a need in a specific situation.	1 Cor. 12:8	<ul> <li>Sensible</li> <li>Insightful</li> <li>Practical</li> <li>Wise</li> <li>Fair</li> <li>Experienced</li> <li>Common Sense</li> </ul>



# **Spiritual Gift Personal Vision Development**

1	2	3	4
Things I Really Enjoy Doing When Using My Spiritual Gift	What Brings Me Happiness/Joy When Using My Spiritual Gift	The Two Best Moments of My Past Week When Using My Spiritual Gift	Three Ministries That I would Serve in If I No Longer had to Work for A Living
5	6	7	8
Issues or Causes I Care Deeply About	My Most Important Values	Things I Can Do at the Good-to-Excellent Level When Using My Spiritual Gift	What I'd Like to Help People to Stop Doing or Do as Little as Possible



# Things I Can Do at the Good-to-Excellent Level

Cleaning	Electricity	Plumbing
Work as Team Member	Planning	Organizing
Directing	Accounting	Scheduling
Writing	Public Speaking	Data Processing
Repairing Equipment	Operating Tools	Writing
Leading	Counseling	Guiding
Coordinating	Play Instruments	Dance, body movement
Artistic Perform	Construct/Repair Buildings	Supervising Others
Typing	Group Counseling	Individual Counseling
Washing Dishes	Child Care	Safety Rules Procedures
Packing	Wood Working	Constructing Buildings
Operating Basic Machinery	Welding	Horticultural
Financing	Evaluating Data	Reviewing Products
Inspecting Products	Financing	Budgeting
Purchasing/Ordering	Making Clothes	Decorating
Machine Work	Food Preparation	Basic Plumbing
Promoting	Public Relations	Planning
Security	Sales	Human Relations
Work in an Office	Work in an Outdoors	Investigations
Maintaining Machinery	Replacing Defective Parts	Diagnosing Malfunctions
Office Work	Data-entry	Telephone Answering
Follow Directions	Clerical Skills	Repairing Engines
Work as Team Member	Developing Methods	Recording
Examining	Evaluating	Work in Office
Filing	Recommending	Bookkeeping
Hair Cutting and Styling	Receptionist	Computers
Driving Small Trucks	Janitorial Skills	Maintenance Skills
Coaching/Mentoring	Customer Service	Clerical



#### **Personal Vision Statement**

**1.** Based on your responses, fill in the blanks to begin writing your personal vision for serving God:

My vision is to serve with( 6 - M	in
( <b>6</b> - N	Most Important Values)
theministry by using ( <b>4</b> - Ministry Name)	( <b>7</b> - Good-to-Excellent Level)
bring( <b>5</b> - Issues or Causes)	
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longer exists( 8 - Stop Doing)	<u> </u>
( <b>8</b> - Stop Doing)	

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## **Ministry Service Area Chart**

Academic	Facility/Grounds	Prayer
Administration	Finance	Prison
Aerobics	Fitness	Public Relations
Announcement	Foster Care	Radio
Audio	Golf	Recreation
<b>Baptismal Preparation</b>	Grandparents	Scholarship
Basketball	Greeters	Security
Benevolent	Health	Singles
Bereavement	Hospitality	Sports
Bookstore	Kitchen	Television
Bowling	Landscaping	Tutoring
Building Committee	Legal	Transportation
Catering	Marriage	Trustee
Children	Media	Ushers
Christian Education	Men's Day	Van
Custodial	Men	Web Site
 Maintenance		
Dance	Missions	Wedding
Daycare	Motorcycle	Young Adult
Deacon	Music	Youth
Domestic Violence	Parking Lot	Video
Drama	Pastor's Care	Other
Entrepreneur	Praise and Worship	



## **Ministry Service Area Descriptions**

Ministry	Description
Academic	The Academic Ministry provides classes that educate church leaders.
Administration	The Administration Ministry Team oversees the business functions of the church.
Aerobics	The purpose of the Aerobics Ministry is to teach, motivate and encourage the physical fitness of the Body, Mind and Spirit for Christians, friends, family and community, through safe and effective fitness activities.
Announcement	The Announcement Ministry works to keep the members informed of activities and events happening within the church and the community through making announcements at each church service.
Audio	The Audio Ministry makes sure microphones are working and are at proper levels, music is played on time with the appropriate volume, video and power point presentations are played at appropriate times, and assures that guest musicians are properly setup. They also record every service and give out CD's to all who request them.
Baptismal Preparation	The Baptism Preparation Ministry informs adults, parents, and godparents of children that are to be baptized of the theological, parental and community aspects of the Sacrament of Baptism.
Benevolent	The Benevolence Ministry provides counseling and material assistance in the Name and to the glory of Jesus Christ.



Bereavement	The purpose of the Bereavement Ministry is to service persons that have lost a love one by assisting the family at the funeral and ensuring that no one grieves alone.
Bookstore	The Bookstore Ministry is located inside the church and provides a large selection of Christian-themed books and accessories, all aimed to help customers strengthen their spiritual relationship with God and expand their knowledge of God's word.
Bowling	The Bowling Ministry provides an opportunity for church members to fellowship in a social environment.
Building Committee	The Building Committee works on issues related to the church's physical structure and upkeep.
Catering	The Catering Ministry brings smiles to everyone's face with the tasty recipes they cook up for different events.
Children	The Children's Ministry empowers, equips, and activates children to advance the Kingdom of God.
Christian Education	The Christian Education Ministry provides additional teaching opportunities through bible study and other small-group learning activities.
Custodial Maintenance	The Custodial Ministry members are dedicated to keeping the church clean and sparkling.
Dance	The Dance Ministry provides an opportunity to share the love and joy of the Christian life through dance.



Daycare	The Daycare Ministry is a state-licensed daycare facility within the church. Qualified staff is dedicated to the successful intellectual development of children.
Deacon	Deacons serve the church and its members and perform a variety of duties – both spiritual and practical – in support of the Pastor and the church's mission.
Domestic Violence	Members of the Domestic Violence Ministry work to inform everyone about the dangers of domestic violence and provide a basis of support for those who are victims of it.
Drama	The Drama Ministry is an opportunity for artists to use their dramatic and comedic gifts in worship, special productions, and seasonal events to bring glory to God. Opportunities include acting, directing, script writing, stage construction, and costume design.
Entrepreneur	The Entrepreneur Ministry provides fertile ground that allows people with a God given idea to learn how to establish and grow a professional business.
Finance	The Finance Ministry is responsible for the financial welfare and wellbeing of the church through the management, oversight and budgeting of the church finances and business interests.
Fitness	The Fitness Ministry helps men and women to grow in Christ while learning principles of self-control, physical stewardship, and leading a healthy lifestyle.
Foster Care	The Foster Care Ministry provides a substitute family life experience for the children in need so that they can enjoy a healthy home and community experience.

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Golf	The purpose of the Golf Ministry is to utilize the game of golf as a platform to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the golfing community.
Grandparents	Being a grandparent can be a special time in the lives of both the grandparent and the grandchild. Our Grandparents Ministry allows you to build relationships with other grandparents and share experiences (and pictures!).
Greeters	When you visit the church for Sunday services, one of the first people you'll meet are members of the Greeters Ministry. These friendly people are available to answer any questions you have about the church and want to make sure you have an experience that leaves a favorable impression on you.
Health	The Health Ministry members are committed to promoting good health habits and providing information to better educate you about steps you can take to lead a healthier lifestyle.
Hospitality	The Hospitality Ministry prepares and plans for food gatherings.
Kitchen	Members of the Kitchen Ministry prepare meals and treats from within a commercial-grade kitchen using professional equipment.
Landscaping	The landscaping Ministry maintains the grounds at the church by weeding, pruning, planting and much more to make sure that the church facility is clean, green and welcoming to members and visitors.



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Legal	The Legal Ministry focuses on educating the members about their rights, duties and responsibilities regarding various legal matters.
Marriage	The Marriage Ministry works to strengthen the relationship of married couples through Bible study, conversation and other activities.
Media	The Media Ministry provides the technology, media, technology support for worship services and other ministries as well as recording various events, teachings and sermons, which are made available on DVD and for viewing or podcasting on the churches web site.
Men	The Men's Ministry biblically trains and equips men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, in the church, and in their places of business.
Missions	The Mission Ministry works to spread the power influence of God's word to receptive souls locally and globally. The group has programs and activities that help individuals and families in the local community, but they also administer programs to help people around the world. Spreading the gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ are a primary objective for the Mission Ministry.
Motorcycle	The Motorcycle Ministry promotes fellowship between Christian motorcyclists and to reach the unsaved by sharing the Love of Jesus.
Music	The Music Ministry facilitates worship, fellowship, encouragement and outreach through a balanced program of music.



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Outreach	The Outreach Ministry maintains contact with those members that have been unable to attend church services because of extended illness or personal circumstances.
Parking Lot	The Parking Lot Ministry assist members and visitors by directing traffic in and out of the appropriate parking areas.
Pastor's Care	The Pastor's Care Ministry does exactly what their name implies: they take care of our pastor. The group works to make the pastor's life easier and simpler by handling tasks as necessary.
Praise and Worship	The Praise & Worship Ministry exists to minister to the Lord through praise and worship, to encourage and lead the congregation into the presence of the Lord, and to facilitate and create an atmosphere where the presence of the Lord can dwell.
Prayer	The Prayer Ministry exists to pray for the members of the church, the church, and the community.
Prison	The Prison Ministry reaches lives of persons in prison for Jesus Christ.
Public Relations	The Public Relations Ministry works to promote the positive things that the does in the community and for its members to the news media.
Radio	The Radio Ministry promotes the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the usage of radio broadcast.
Scholarship	The Scholarship Ministry works to promote a strong academic foundation for the youth that attend church.



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Security	Members of the Security Ministry work to make sure the church is always a safe and secure place to worship and enjoy. During each church service and with each event that happens at the church, the Security Ministry ensures that safety is first priority for everyone.
Singles	The Singles Ministry provides opportunities for singles to connect with other singles through serving, social events, small groups, and large group gatherings.
Sports	The Sports Ministry provides opportunities using sports as a platform for evangelism.
Television	The Television Ministry promotes the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the usage of television broadcast.
Tutoring	The Tutoring Ministry seeks to enhance the academic knowledge and growth of members and friends of the church.
Transportation	The Transportation Ministry works to make sure that members who need transportation to church service, bible study or any other church event or activity are able to receive it.
Trustee	The Trustee Ministry manages the financial affairs of the church and related activities.
Ushers	The Ushers Ministry works to ensure the smooth flow of people traffic during church services and church events.



Van	The Van Ministry provides transportation to the attendees of the church and community so that they may attend church activities involving transportation.
Web Site	The Website Ministry is responsible for the design, development and maintenance of the church's website.
Wedding	The Wedding Ministry coordinates the use of the church for weddings for soon-to-be-married couples. It also offers its expertise in planning weddings for couples who need that in preparation for that big day.
Young Adult	The Young Adult Ministry connects men and women in their 20s and 30s to God, the church, the community and each other.
Youth	The Youth Ministry connects teenagers to God, the church, the community and each other.



#### **Values**

Abundance Accountability Accuracy Achievement Adaptability Advancement Adventure Affection Appreciation Attentiveness Attractiveness Authenticity Autonomy Availability Balance Beauty Caring Challenge Change Collaboration Commitment Communication Community Compassion Competence Competition Concern Concern for Others Confidence Connectedness Consideration Contentment Consensus Conservation Conviction

Cooperation Country Courage Courtesy Creativity Credibility Curiosity Decisiveness Dedication Deference Dependability Determination Development Dignity Discernment Discipline Diligence Discretion Diversity Duty Education Empowerment Enlightenment Entrepreneurship Environment Equality Equitableness Ethics Excellence Excitement Expertise Fairness Faith Fame Family

Fearlessness Fidelity Flexibility Forgiveness Freedom Friendliness Frugality Generosity Gentleness God Goodness Goodwill Gratitude Greatness Growth Happiness Harmony Healing Health Home Honesty Honor Humility Humor Imagination Independence Individuality Influence Innovation Integrity Involvement Joyfulness Justice Justice Kindness



Knowledge Leadership Learning Life Love Loyalty Meaning Meekness Mercy Merit Money Nature Observance Order Openness Optimism Partnership Passion Patience Peace Perfection Perseverance Persistence Personal Development Persuasiveness Philanthropy Powered Privacy Progress Productivity Professionalism **Problem Solving** Prosperity Prudence Punctuality Purpose

Quality Recognition Relationships Religion Resourcefulness Respect Responsibility **Risk Taking** Safety Sanctuary Security Self-confidence Self-control Self-esteem Serenity Service Sharing Sincerity Simplicity Spirituality Stability Status Stewardship Strength Submission Success Tact Teamwork Temperance Thankfulness Thoroughness Thriftiness Tolerance Tradition Transformation Trust

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## **Needed Resources**

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#### **Bonus Homework - Elkanah and Hannah**

Hannah was one of two wives of a man named Elkanah. The other wife of Elkanah, Peninnah, had children, but Hannah had no child. Due to this, Hannah was saddened. She desperately wanted a child but could not conceive. Peninnah made things worse by taunting Hannah concerning her barrenness.

Even though Elkanah loved Hannah and was kind to her (1 Samuel 1:5, <u>8</u>), Peninnah's unkindness along with Hannah's sadness was too much for her to bear. Hannah cried out to God about her situation and promised the Lord that if He would give her a son, she would dedicate him to God as a Nazirite (a man set apart to serve God; see Numbers 6:1-8).

While Hannah was earnestly and silently praying, <u>Eli</u> (the priest at the tabernacle) saw her and misidentified her distress for drunkenness. He made a comment to encourage her to give up drinking, and she responded saying, "I have been praying here out of my great anguish and sadness,"(<u>1 Samuel 1:16</u>). Hannah then explained her predicament, and Eli told her, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him."

The Lord answered Hannah's prayer. She bore a son and named him Samuel, whose name means "Asked of God." When the child was old enough, she kept her promise to the Lord, taking him to Eli and giving him to the Lord to serve in the tabernacle. There, Eli worshiped God along with Hannah. And then Hannah spoke a beautiful prayer, recorded in 1 Samuel 2:1-10.

In Hannah's prayer, God is presented as the One who helps the weak. Hannah and Peninnah represent the weak and the strong in this world. The strong often mock the weak, but God hears and rescues the weak such as the Hannahs of the world.

Every person experiences desires that will not be satisfied and circumstances that cause sadness. Many times, we simply do not understand these things. But in the life of Hannah we see that God knows our story from beginning to end, that everything has a purpose, and that trust in Him is never misplaced.



What qualities did Elkanah have as a husband?

What qualities did Hannah have as a wife?

What problems did they have in their marriage?

How could they have improved their marriage?

Are there any similarities in your marriage?



How can the example between Elkanah and Hannah help to improve marriages?

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