

Spiritual Gifts Inventory

(Short Form)

Messiah Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Please read each statement and rate it to how well it describes your own life experiences. 0=The statement has no application to your own experience; 1=The statement on occasions does apply; 2=The statement clearly describes your own experience. Be honest but remember that no statement applies all the time. Our tendency is to be either too honest or too humble.

- 1) **Statements**
 a. When presented a goal or objective, I immediately think of steps that need to be taken in order to achieve the desired result.
 b. I feel excited when I am organizing thoughts, ideas, hopes or dreams into a specific plan. Total for both statements _____
- 2) **Statements**
 a. I can translate into artistic form what I first see in my imagination.
 b. I have been told that my artistic work gives spiritual strength to believers and non-believers. Total for both statements _____
- 3) **Statements**
 a. I have assisted individuals in assessing whether their personal decisions are good or evil in the eyes of God.
 b. In the congregation I am often asked if a particular direction being discussed is motivated by the desire to fulfill God's will or by selfish human interests. Total for both statements _____
- 4) **Statements**
 a. I am seized with the desire to lead the unchurched to Jesus Christ.
 b. I seek out the unchurched in order to open them to accepting the Lordship of Jesus Christ for themselves. Total for both statements _____
- 5) **Statements**
 a. When someone is facing a crisis, I go to provide support and care.
 b. Those who are questioning their faith come to me for help. Total for both statements _____
- 6) **Statements**
 a. My trust in the Spirit's presence when I encounter times of personal crisis is a source of strength for others.
 b. I can see great things happening or about to happen in my congregation and I am not deterred by the pessimism or caution of others. Total for both statements _____
- 7) **Statements**
 a. I manage my money in such a way that I can gladly give much of it to the work of the church.
 b. When I receive money unexpectedly, one of my first thoughts is to share this gift through the church. Total for both statements _____
- 8) **Statements**
 a. I am frequently asked to help with Bible studies or cottage meetings.
 b. "You made me feel welcomed" are words often expressed by others as they take their leave. Total for both statements _____
- 9) **Statements**
 a. I become so absorbed in my prayer life that the doorbell or phone can ring and I don't hear it.
 b. Believers have asked me to pray for healing in their lives, and through my prayers God has evidenced healing in them. Total for both statements _____
- 10) **Statements**
 a. Not one day would be complete without time for Bible study and thought.
 b. My studies have proven helpful to others on their journeys of faith. Total for both statements _____
- 11) **Statements**
 a. I am a take-charge person and possess the confidence that when others follow my direction, the goal or task will be completed.
 b. When I am in a group, I will often be placed in charge. Total for both statements _____
- 12) **Statements**
 a. When I see a person in need, I am moved to meet that need.
 b. People have been surprised by how at ease I am working with those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Total for both statements _____
- 13) **Statements**
 a. I have sung before groups and felt a real sense of God's presence.
 b. I am grateful and humbled that my singing has provided inspiration and hope for others on their faith journeys. Total for both statements _____
- 14) **Statements**
 a. I love to express my faith through a musical instrument.
 b. By playing a musical instrument, inspiration has been provided for both others and myself. Total for both statements _____
- 15) **Statements**
 a. I am motivated to provide spiritual leadership for those on their faith journeys.
 b. People have come to me for spiritual help and it has developed into a long-term relationship. Total for both statements _____
- 16) **Statements**
 a. I am needed to work behind the scenes to enable ministries of the church to be successful.
 b. When I turned the lights out or take down the tables, work in the kitchen or put the chairs away I feel good that I have served my Lord. Total for both statements _____
- 17) **Statements**
 a. I am good at building, repairing, or restoring things and find satisfaction in doing so.
 b. My knowledge of building, maintenance, or repair has been a special value to the church and others. Total for both statements _____
- 18) **Statements**
 a. My greatest joy is to communicate Bible truth in such a way that it becomes real and understood by others.
 b. Students have told me that I can take the most difficult idea, thought or fact and make it understandable. Total for both statements _____
- 19) **Statements**
 a. When a challenge is presented, I usually can determine a solution.
 b. People come to me for help in applying Christian faith and values to personal solutions. Total for both statements _____
- 20) **Statements**
 a. If I am not writing, I don't feel complete or satisfied.
 b. My writings have been helpful to others in understanding Bible truth. Total for both statements _____

Now circle the number of the spiritual gift that corresponds to your highest set of statements numbers with a total score of 4. Next, find the gift that corresponds to your second highest set of statements numbers (usually at least 2-3) and put a check mark beside that one.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- 1) ADMINISTRATION
- 2) ARTISTRY
- 3) DISCERNMENT
- 4) EVANGELISM
- 5) EXHORTATION
- 6) FAITH
- 7) GIVING

- 8) HOSPITALITY
- 9) INTERCESSION
- 10) KNOWLEDGE
- 11) LEADERSHIP
- 12) MERCY
- 13) MUSIC, VOCAL
- 14) MUSIC, INSTRUMENTAL

- 15) PASTORING
- 16) SERVICE (Helps)
- 17) SKILLED CRAFTS
- 18) TEACHING
- 19) WISDOM
- 20) WRITING

Number 1 Gift _____

Number 2 Gift _____

Number 3 Gift _____

Descriptions of these twenty Spiritual Gifts are available on the coffee tables in the lobby