

Gifts & Talents Inventory

Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God. (1 Peter 4:10)

Each of us is like a gift package from God. Our combination of gifts is unique. Not one of us has ever been replicated on this earth! Our giftedness includes our talents and abilities, styles, interests, experiences, preferences, and passions for serving in the world. Our gifts are part of an abundant web of giftedness in our faith community. These gifts were given to us so that we might minister together as partners in God's work in the world. And our gifts are meant for us too! When we live out our gifts, we discover the joys of an abundant life.

(Jean Morris Trumbauer, Created and Called)

My gifts are...

Check up to a dozen things you do well. Have each member of your household do this. Feel free to add other gifts not specifically listed. (Adapted from *Created and Called* by Jean Morris Trumbauer.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> accounting/finances/budget | <input type="checkbox"/> mechanical work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> acting/drama | <input type="checkbox"/> mediating and problem-solving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> artwork/crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> medical/nursing care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> caring and compassion | <input type="checkbox"/> mentoring/tutoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> carpentry/building | <input type="checkbox"/> music: instrumental or voice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child care | <input type="checkbox"/> photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> clerical work | <input type="checkbox"/> planning/visioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communication | <input type="checkbox"/> praying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer skills | <input type="checkbox"/> promotion/advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cooking and serving food | <input type="checkbox"/> public speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> coordinating and organizing projects | <input type="checkbox"/> researching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> social justice work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> facilitating and working with groups | <input type="checkbox"/> sound recording/audio production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> faith-sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> teaching/training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> video and video production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> visiting others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> graphic design | <input type="checkbox"/> Web design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> housekeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> legal services | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> listening | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> maintaining buildings/grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Identifying Ways to Be Involved in Church, Community, and World

Equipped with a list of your gifts and talents and those of your household, you can now start to consider the type of activities you and members of your household might want to be involved in. Take a look at the two lists below, one for the church community and one for the civic community and world. Think about which interests

best match with your gifts and talents. Some activities may be more traditional, such as teaching or singing, while others may be new, such as Web ministry. (Adapted from *Created and Called* by Jean Morris Trumbauer)

I have experience or interest in these areas of involvement in the church...

Mark the three greatest areas of experience (E) with a 1, 2, and 3. Mark the three greatest areas of interest (I) with A, B, C.

E	I	Potential Involvement
_____	_____	aging
_____	_____	arts
_____	_____	children’s ministry
_____	_____	consolation/grief ministry
_____	_____	communications/media
_____	_____	community outreach/service
_____	_____	data administration
_____	_____	education: children
_____	_____	education: youth
_____	_____	education: adults
_____	_____	family ministry
_____	_____	finance
_____	_____	global mission
_____	_____	health ministry
_____	_____	media ministry
_____	_____	music
_____	_____	new member welcome
_____	_____	pastoral care
_____	_____	prayer ministry
_____	_____	property management
_____	_____	recovery ministry
_____	_____	sacramental preparation
_____	_____	singles ministry
_____	_____	small faith communities
_____	_____	social justice
_____	_____	social/community life
_____	_____	spiritual growth
_____	_____	stewardship
_____	_____	visual communication
_____	_____	Web ministry/cyberministry
_____	_____	worship/liturgy
_____	_____	young adult ministry
_____	_____	youth ministry
_____	_____	other: _____
_____	_____	other: _____

I have experience or interest in these areas of involvement in the community and world...

Mark the three greatest areas of experience (E) with a 1, 2, and 3. Mark the three greatest areas of interest (I) with A, B, C.

E	I	Potential Involvement
_____	_____	abuse
_____	_____	addiction and recovery
_____	_____	the arts
_____	_____	care for and dignity of the elderly
_____	_____	disabilities
_____	_____	disaster relief
_____	_____	discrimination
_____	_____	economic/community development
_____	_____	education: children, youth
_____	_____	employment
_____	_____	environment
_____	_____	governmental and political reform
_____	_____	grief and loss
_____	_____	health care
_____	_____	homelessness
_____	_____	human rights
_____	_____	hunger
_____	_____	literacy
_____	_____	mental health
_____	_____	poverty and economic disparity
_____	_____	prisons and rehabilitation
_____	_____	violence
_____	_____	war and peace
_____	_____	other: _____
_____	_____	other: _____
_____	_____	other: _____
_____	_____	other: _____