

Surfside UMC
God's Gifts - Our Lives



A Spiritual Gifts Inventory
"Living Out the Love of Jesus"

NAME _____

SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

Work hard to *honestly* answer each question according to who you are, not who you would like to be or think you ought to be.

Respond to each of the following statements according to the scale:

3=MUCH 2=SOME 1=little 0=NONE

To what extent do these statements reflect your experience, inclinations, or usual tendencies?

1. Time flies unnoticed when I spend time nurturing and caring for others.
2. I seem to communicate God's word effectively.
3. People seem to seek me out frequently for advice about spiritual or personal matters.
4. I enjoy acquiring and mastering ways of seeing things which can be applied to given situations to aid others in their growth.
5. Through my personal involvement, troubled, distressed, or confused persons receive strength and composure in the Lord.
6. I tend to see the rightness or wrongness in situations.
7. I manage my money well in order to free more of it for giving.
8. I enjoy working behind the scenes so others can be out front with the public.
9. I have great compassion for people who are hurting.
10. I feel comfortable relating to people of a different race or ethnicity than my own, and they seem to accept me.
11. I enjoy inviting unbelievers to accept Christ as their savior.

12. I enjoy meeting new people and helping them to feel welcomed.
13. I find it natural and easy to trust God to answer my prayers.
14. I am able to cast a vision that others want to be a part of.
15. I like to organize people, tasks, and events.
16. My prayers are a source of healing for others.
17. I have a special sense of knowing when others need my prayers.
18. I enjoy challenging people's perspective of God by using various forms of art.
19. I enjoy working creatively with wood, cloth, paints, metals, glass, or other materials.
20. I enjoy being with and serving the same people over long periods of time.
21. I enjoy explain things to people so that they can grow spiritually and personally.
22. I can often find simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict or confusion.
23. I can distinguish key Biblical truths that benefit myself and others.
24. I give hope to others by directing them to the promises of God.
25. Others indicate to me that many of my insights or observations about certain teachings or people are often true.
26. I like knowing that my financial support makes a real difference in the lives and ministries of God's people.
27. I willingly take on a variety of odd jobs in the church to meet the needs of others.
28. I enjoy bringing hope and joy to people living in difficult circumstances.

29. I feel I can learn another language well in order to minister to those in a different culture.
30. I get great joy from telling persons who have not professed Christ as Savior how He became my Savior and how He wants to become theirs.
31. I like to create a place where people do not feel that they are different and that they belong.
32. I have confidence in God's continuing provision and help, even in difficult times.
33. I figure out where we need to go and help others get there.
34. I am careful, thorough, and good at managing details.
35. Because of my specific prayers, certain unhealthy conditions change for the good.
36. When I hear requests for prayers, I eagerly and immediately begin to pray.
37. I enjoy developing and using my artistic skills.
38. I am skilled in working with different kinds of tools.
39. I like to provide guidance for the whole person: relationally, emotionally, and spiritually.
40. I comfortably spend my time studying, confident that God's truth will emerge in a way that will make a difference in my life and the lives of others.
41. I can easily select the most effective course of action from among several alternatives.
42. People tell me I help distinguish key and important truths and facts about the Bible.
43. I enjoy reassuring and strengthening those who are discouraged.
44. I intuitively spot what is real or phony in situations.

45. I'm a strong believer that some individuals, including myself, should give more than a tithe of their income for the Lord's work.
46. I like to find small things that need to be done and often do them without being asked.
47. I enjoy doing practical things for others who are in need.
48. People of a different race or culture have been attracted to me and we have related. Well.
49. I constantly look for opportunities to build relationships with non-Christians.
50. I enjoy entertaining people and opening my home to others.
51. I trust God in circumstances where success cannot be guaranteed by human effort alone.
52. I set goals and manage people and resources effectively to accomplish them.
53. I can identify and effectively use the resources needed to accomplish task.
54. God heals the physically, mentally, socially, and financially sick through my efforts.
55. Praying is my most enjoyable spiritual activity.
56. I like new and fresh ways of communicating God's truth.
57. I enjoy making things for use in the ministry of the church.
58. I find long-term, deep involvements with a variety of people easy and enjoyable.
59. I enjoy the Bible and enjoy helping others to learn its stories and truths.
60. I give practical advice to help others through complicated situations.
61. I enjoy reading books to gain more historical and practical insight into the Bible.

62. I reassure those who need to take courageous steps in their faith, family, work, or life.
63. I am deeply disturbed when something seems wrong, and exuberant over what seems right, without any apparent reasons for my judgment, eventually my feeling prove correct.
64. My sharing of financial resources for Christian endeavors is one of the great joys of my Christian walk.
65. Short-term projects interest me more than long-term responsibilities.
66. I can patiently support those giving through painful experiences as they try to stabilize their lives.
67. I would be willing to have comfortable surrounds, if it would enable me to help others physically or spiritually.
68. I communicate the Gospel with clarity and effectiveness.
69. I view my home as a place to minister to people in need.
70. I am convinced of God's daily presence and action in my life.
71. I can adjust my leadership style to bring out the best in others.
72. I like to help organizations or groups become more efficient.
73. Through my counseling, touch, or prayer, illnesses disappear.
74. I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray.
75. I am creative and imaginative.
76. I am good at and enjoy working with my hands.
77. I have special feelings for Christians who have strayed and for church members who are inactive.
78. I can present information and skills to others at a level that makes it easy for them to grasp and apply to their lives.
79. I have insights in how to solve problems that others do not see.

80. I prefer to understand something thoroughly before committing to it.
81. I gravitate toward broken people and desire to help them grow.
82. I have a special sense for false teachings, erroneous judgments, and insincere and dishonest behavior.
83. I enjoy giving my money quietly without any strings attached or public notice.
84. I readily and happily use my natural or learned skills to help whenever needed.
85. I can look beyond a person's handicaps or problems to see a life that matters to God.
86. More than most, I have had a strong desire to see peoples of other countries won to the Lord.
87. I openly tell people that I am a Christian and want them to ask me about my faith.
88. I can make people feel at ease even in unfamiliar surroundings.
89. I can move forward in spite of opposition or lack of support when I sense God's blessing on an undertaking.
90. I am able to influence others to perform to the best of their ability.
91. I can visualize a coming event, anticipate potential problems, and develop backup plans.
92. Directly through my various efforts, healings occur that did not come from natural or medical means.
93. I often see specific results in direct response to my prayers.
94. I apply artistic expressions (music, art, drama, etc.) to communicate God's truth.
95. I am able to design and construct things that help the church.

SCORING YOUR INVENTORY

The numbers in the score chart refer to the numbered questions to which you just responded. Place your answer to each question in the corresponding numbered box on the score sheet.

Counting horizontally, add your totals for each row in the score chart, put the sum of each horizontal row in the "Total" column. The sum has a range of a maximum of 15 to a minimum of 0.

Look to see which gifts have the highest totals.

Below, list your TOP THREE GIFTS in the order of highest indicated in the sum column on the score chart.

FIRST _____

SECOND _____

THIRD _____

SCORE CHART

GIFTS	VALUE	VALUE	VALUE	VALUE	VALUE	TOTAL
PASTOR/SHEPHERD	1	20	39	58	77	
TEACHING	2	21	40	59	78	
WISDOM	3	22	41	60	79	
KNOWLEDGE	4	23	42	61	80	
EXHORTATION/ ENCOURAGEMENT	5	24	43	62	81	
DISCERNMENT	6	25	44	63	82	
GIVING	7	26	45	64	83	
HELP/SERVICE	8	27	46	65	84	
MERCY	9	28	47	66	85	
MISSIONARY	10	29	48	67	86	
EVANGELISM	11	30	49	68	87	
HOSPITALITY	12	31	50	69	88	
FAITH	13	32	51	70	89	
LEADERSHIP	14	33	52	71	90	
ADMINISTRATION	15	34	53	72	91	
HEALINGS	16	35	54	73	92	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER	17	36	55	74	93	
CREATIVE COMMUNICATION	18	37	56	75	94	
CRAFTSMANSHIP	19	38	57	76	95	