

Self-Assessment Gift Inventory

Instructions:

For each of the 60 questions which follow, write the number that corresponds with the response that most closely matches how you perceive yourself:

- ◆ 4, consistently true
- ◆ 3, frequently true
- ◆ 2, occasionally true
- ◆ 1, infrequently true
- ◆ 0, rarely true

You might also ask a person who is close to you to score the inventory with, and for, you. Their perception of your strengths may be useful in identifying the gifts with which you have been truly blessed.

- _____ 1. When presented a goal, I immediately think of steps that need to be taken in order to achieve the desired results.
- _____ 2. I express myself through artistic means.
- _____ 3. My faith requires me to seek out God's will and purpose in all circumstances that arise in my life.
- _____ 4. I am able to convey the Gospel message to non-believers in ways that they are able to easily understand.
- _____ 5. I am moved by those who through conflict or sorrow are wavering in faith.
- _____ 6. I am certain of the spirit's presence in my life and the lives of others.
- _____ 7. I am blessed by God each day and gladly respond to these blessings by giving liberally of my time and/or money.
- _____ 8. I enjoy meeting new people and becoming acquainted with them.
- _____ 9. I know that God hears and responds to my daily prayers.
- _____ 10. I feel compelled to learn as much as I can about the Bible and faith.
- _____ 11. I am a take charge person. When others follow my direction, the goal or task will be completed.
- _____ 12. When I see a person in need, I am moved to assist them.
- _____ 13. I love to sing and enjoy inspiring others through song.
- _____ 14. I find joy and express myself by playing a musical instrument.
- _____ 15. I am motivated to provide spiritual leadership to those who are on a faith journey.
- _____ 16. I like working behind the scenes to ensure projects are successful.
- _____ 17. I enjoy working with my hands in a trade or skill that required considerable experience to perfect.
- _____ 18. My great joy is to communicate biblical truth in such a way that it becomes real and understood by others.
- _____ 19. When a challenge is presented, I am usually able to identify an appropriate solution.
- _____ 20. I am able to take a thought or idea and put it into a clear and inspiring written or spoken form.
- _____ 21. I enjoy organizing thoughts, ideas, hopes and dreams into a specific plan of action.
- _____ 22. I can translate into artistic form what I first see in my imagination.
- _____ 23. I have assisted others as they sought to discern whether or not their personal decisions were helpful and in accord with God's will for their lives.
- _____ 24. I enjoy being with non-believers and like having the opportunity to encourage them to faith and commitment.
- _____ 25. When I know someone is facing a crisis, I feel compelled to provide support and care.
- _____ 26. My trust in the Spirit's presence, when I encounter times of personal crisis, is a source of strength for others.
- _____ 27. I manage my time and/or money so that I am able to give much of it to the work of the church or other organizations.

- _____ 28. I am often asked to open my home for small group gatherings or social occasions.
- _____ 29. I often become so absorbed in my prayer life that the door bell or phone can ring and I will not hear it.
- _____ 30. Not one day would be complete without biblical study and thought.
- _____ 31. When I am in a group, others will often look to me for direction.
- _____ 32. I feel an urgency to provide housing for the homeless, food for the starving, comfort for those in distress.
- _____ 33. I have sung before groups and felt a real sense of God's presence.
- _____ 34. By my playing a musical instrument, inspiration has been provided for both myself and others.
- _____ 35. I have responsibility for providing spiritual guidance to an individual believer or group of believers.
- _____ 36. People tell me that without my willingness to do the unnoticed jobs, their work would be more difficult.
- _____ 37. I am good at building, repairing, or restoring things and find satisfaction in doing so.
- _____ 38. I want to express my faith by assisting others to discover the truths contained in the Bible.
- _____ 39. People come to me for help in applying Christian faith and values to personal situations.
- _____ 40. I often feel moved to write or speak about my thoughts and feelings so others may benefit from them.
- _____ 41. I have been successful in organizing, directing and motivating people to achieve a goal.
- _____ 42. My artistic work has given spiritual strength to both believer and non-believer.
- _____ 43. In the congregation, I am often asked if a direction being discussed is in accord with God's will and purpose.
- _____ 44. I do not find it difficult to share what Jesus means to me with non-believers.
- _____ 45. Those who are struggling with life questions have come to me for guidance and help.
- _____ 46. I can see great things happening in my congregation and am not derailed by the pessimism of others.
- _____ 47. When I receive money unexpectedly, one of my first thoughts is to share this gift through the church.
- _____ 48. I enjoy welcoming guests and helping them to feel at ease.
- _____ 49. Believers have asked me to pray for healing in their lives, and have evidenced God's healing power.
- _____ 50. My study of the Bible has proven helpful to others in their faith journey.
- _____ 51. People have said they like to work with me because the task will be successfully completed.
- _____ 52. People have been surprised by how at ease I am while working with those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit.
- _____ 53. I am grateful and humbled that my singing has provided inspiration and hope for others on their faith journey.
- _____ 54. Others have told me they were moved by my playing a musical instrument.
- _____ 55. People have come to me for spiritual help and it has developed into a long-term relationship.
- _____ 56. When I turn out the lights, take tables down, work in the kitchen or put chairs away, I feel that I have served the Lord.
- _____ 57. My knowledge of building, maintenance or repair has been a special value to the church and others.
- _____ 58. Students have told me that I can take the most difficult idea or concept and make it understandable.
- _____ 59. When direction is needed at work or in the congregation, I am generally asked for my opinion.
- _____ 60. My written work or spoken words have been helpful to others in understanding life's truths.

Now, let's discover the gifts you've identified.

Below you will see different categories and what questions correspond to them. Add up the total value you assigned to the three questions listed for each category. Shade in your total in the table.

For example, questions 1, 21, and 41 you've assigned 2, 4, and 3. $2+4+3=9$, shade 9 boxes.

Questions	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Gift
1, 21, 41														Administration
2, 22, 42														Artistry
3, 23, 43														Discernment
4, 24, 44														Evangelism
5, 25, 45														Exhortation
6, 26, 46														Faith
7, 27, 47														Giving
8, 28, 48														Hospitality
9, 29, 49														Intercession
10, 30, 50														Knowledge
11, 31, 51														Leadership
12, 32, 52														Mercy
13, 33, 53														Vocal music
14, 34, 54														Instruments
15, 35, 55														Pastoring
16, 36, 56														Service
17, 37, 57														Skilled Craft
18, 38, 58														Teaching
19, 39, 59														Wisdom
20, 40, 60														Writing/Speaking

Once completed, note that the higher the number, the stronger your corresponding gift. If you have more than one gift on the higher end, then all of these gifts can be referred to as your "gift cluster."

Just because you score low does not mean you have failed—those just aren't your gifts!!!

Take some time to notice how each gift within your cluster has the potential to compliment and support another. Reflect on the ways your gifts have developed, and which ones give you life and joy. Take this home and talk with a close friend about how they see your gifts in your daily life.

This inventory is only a tool to begin your journey of spiritual gifts discovery. This is not a perfect description of you, just a snapshot of where your gifts may lie. So try a few things out! Some gifts may ring true to you, others may develop as you use them, and all will be clearer through prayer.

For more reading, prayer, and conversation, Pastor Amanda has descriptions of each gift and can put together your own personal devotion guide and ministry ideas to engage with at Lord of Life! Stay connected to Lord of Life in September and October and see how your gifts can find fulfillment in your church's ministries!

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, "Our Hands. God's Work" Sunday, September 12, 2021

Gift Inventory Results for _____

Please circle the gifts identified in your Gift Inventory tool that may be your stronger gifts. Pastor Amanda will prepare devotions for you that fit with these identified gifts and hand it to you on Sunday, September 19. In the coming weeks, listen for the ministries happening through Lord of Life for ways to use your gifts!

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| Administration | Hospitality | Pastoring |
| Artistry | Intercession | Service |
| Discernment | Knowledge | Skilled Craft |
| Evangelism | Leadership | Teaching |
| Exhortation | Mercy | Wisdom |
| Faith | Vocal Music | Writing/Speaking |
| Giving | Instruments | Others you'd share? |

If doing this survey on your own, please fill out this page and get it to Lord of Life Lutheran Church! Drop it off, or mail it to Lord of Life at:
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Thank you!