



STEP THREE

Discover Your Purpose

***Those who are planted in the house
of the Lord shall flourish in the
courts of our God.***

Psalm 92:13

WELCOME TO STEP THREE

We are each uniquely designed by God to fulfill a purpose and mission here on earth. When you discover your purpose and get involved in practical ways through serving others, your faith comes alive. Understanding your true purpose will change your life!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

[Ephesians 2:10](#)

Our purpose is found within our mission of **Reaching People** and **Building Lives**.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

[Matthew 28:19-20](#)

Your purpose is to reach people and use your life to help them know Jesus. You can reach people through the unique gifts God gave you. Your gifts are your time, talent, and treasure.

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

[1 Peter 4:10](#)

We see throughout Scripture that Jesus modeled a life of generosity. He put others' needs before His own. When we follow Jesus' example of serving others and shift our focus off of ourselves and onto others, we begin to live generously with the gifts God gave us.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

[Mark 10:45](#)

So with our gifts, we can live generously and serve people, which allows us to reach them and help them know Jesus. That's why we're here on earth. That's our purpose.

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Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body (The body of Christ—that's you and me). We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. [Romans 12:4-6a \(NLT\)](#)

You have a purpose here on earth. Your gifts are necessary to the Body of Christ. We all need each other to fulfill the mission of **Reaching People** and **Building Lives**.

Take a look at this illustration to see how our gifts are unique to each of us.

Imagine you're sitting at a table with a friend. They reach over to grab a pen and accidentally knock over a glass with water spilling everywhere.

*If you don't say a word but quickly grab a napkin and get to work cleaning up the mess and serving you may have the gift of... **Serving***

*If you try to solve the problem by saying, "Here take my drink!" ... **Giving***

*Maybe you don't clean or give but you start encouraging them, "Don't worry, I spill stuff all the time. Look, you didn't even get it on your shirt so we're good!"... **Mercy***

*If you start directing, "It's all good. Why don't you (pointing) go grab a towel. Can you (pointing to a different person) go get another drink, and I'll throw this one away."... **Leadership***

*How about this, you put your arm around them, look them in the eyes and say, "How are you feeling? Are you ok? Are you embarrassed? I hope not. I'm here for you." That's funny but basically if you are empathetic and seek first to care for the person and sit with them in their pain... **Encouraging***

*If you say, "Listen, I'm sorry that happened but next time, put your drink more in the middle of the table and not near the edge. That's what I learned to do when I was 15 years old and used to spill."... **Teaching***

*If you see a spiritual significance to this situation or apply God's word, "This reminds me in Proverbs 24 where it says a righteous man falls seven times but rises again." ... **Prophecy***

Our gifts are from God and for others. God's gifts are always to be used in an orderly, humble, submissive, and accountable way... motivated by God's love. When you serve others with your gifts, it is a physical way to serve God. It pleases Him to see each of us using what He's put inside us for His Kingdom.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GIFTS

Have you ever wondered what unique gifts God has given you? Understanding these gifts can be transformative—not only for your personal growth, but also for how you serve and connect with others. Through this gifts assessment, you'll uncover the talents and abilities God has placed within you, and see how they align with your divine purpose. Let's embark on this exciting journey of discovery together and celebrate the amazing gifts you have to offer!

Administration

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

Apostleship

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training. Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14

Craftsmanship

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications. Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

Discernment

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations. Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

Evangelism

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming Christ followers. Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

Exhortation

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

Giving

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

Healing

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses.

Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

Helps

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry. Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2;

1 Corinthians 12:28

Hospitality

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office or church. Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23;

Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

Intercession

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something or someplace, believing for profound results. Hebrews 7:25;

Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

Knowledge

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God. Acts 5:1-11;

1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

Leadership

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision or idea. Romans 12:8;

1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

Mercy

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way. Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Miracles

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction. Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12;

Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

Missionary

The missionary gift is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality, while in many cases living in that culture or nation. Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21;

Romans 10:15

Music / Worship

The gift of music/worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God. Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42; 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12; Psalm 150

Pastor / Shepherd

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by helping nurture and mend life issues. John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling god's plan. Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:14; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Service

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of christ. Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

Teaching

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the scriptures primarily to bring understanding and growth to other christians. Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

Tongues (and Interpretation)

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues can be accompanied by interpretation of tongues and should be used appropriately. Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

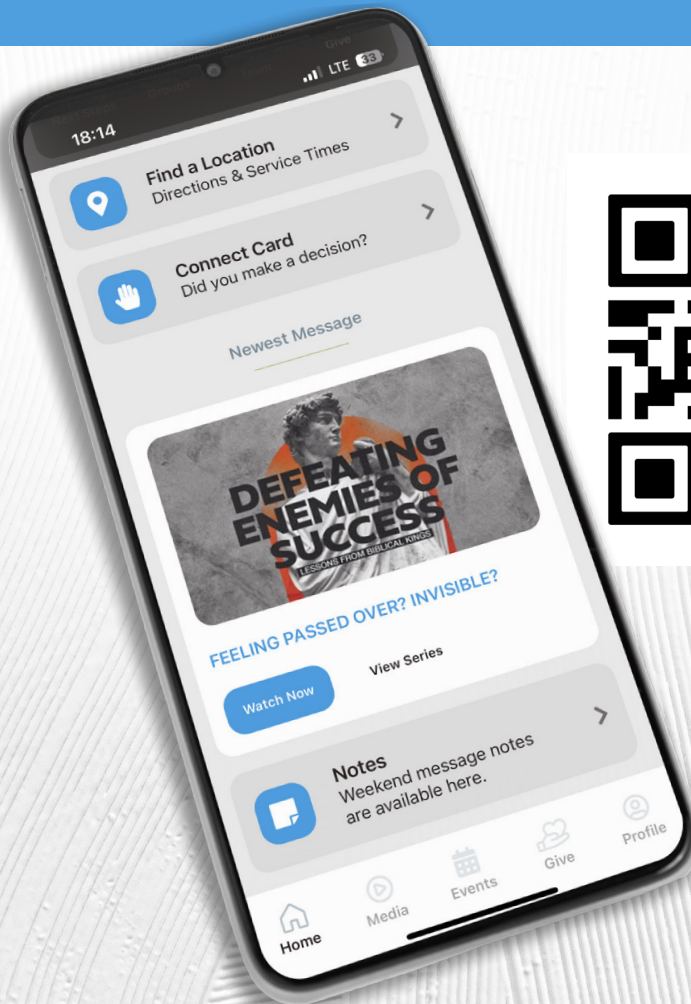
Wisdom

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of scripture in a practical way, producing a fruitful outcome and the character of Jesus Christ. Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8

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