S.H.A.P.E WORKBOOK Finding Your GOD-Given S.H.A.P.E

"Your ministry will be most effective and fulfilling when you are using your gifts and abilities in the area of your heart's desire in a way that best expresses your personality and experience." – Rick Warren

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul talks about how just as the human body has many distinct parts, so too, the body of Christ is made by God out of unique pieces, each shaped and placed strategically to build up the entire body. This is exciting! It means that you have been uniquely wired and equipped by God! It also means we NEED you to discover and use your gifts so that we can be built up together in maturity. When it comes to discovering your unique S.H.A.P.E, there are five areas to consider:

Five Ways God Has Shaped You:

- **S** Spiritual Gifts What has God supernaturally gifted me to do? What gifts might He unleash in me?
- **H** Heart What do I have passion for and love to do?
- A Abilities What natural talents and skills do I have?
- **P** Personality Where does my personality best suit me to serve?
- **E** Experiences What spiritual experiences have I had? What painful experiences have I had? What educational experiences have I had? What ministry experiences have I had?

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And from Church of the Palms Discovering your S.H.A.P.E workbook

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other – 1 Corinthians 12:7

Ways To Discover Our Spiritual Gifts:

- Experiment It's easier to discover your gift through ministry than to discover your ministry through your gift.
- Read and study There are a number of books that talk about spiritual gifts.
- Take assessments Like this S.H.A.P.E. assessment.
- Ask others for input Others will often see gifts in us that we can't see ourselves.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for His input Ask Him how He has gifted you, ask Him if there are any gifts He wants to give you.

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Directions: Respond to each statement on the Spiritual Gift Assessment pages which follow, according to the following scale:

- 3 = Consistently, definitely true
- 2 = Most of the time, usually true
- 1 = Some of the time, once in a while
- 0 = Not at all, never

Using the Answer key on page 7, write your response to each statement in the box that corresponds to that statement.

Important: Answer according to who you are, not who you would like to be or think you ought to be. How true are these statements for you? What has been your experience? To what degree do these statements reflect your usual tendencies?

Total each row and record that number in the Total (T) space.

Example:

When you have completed the assessment, please identify your TOP THREE TO FIVE Spiritual Gifts and write them in the space at the end of the section – be ready to share those with someone so they can affirm these gifts in you. (Top 3-5 highest "T's" = corresponding letters to be transferred into profile)

Note: Healing, Interpretation, Miracles, and Tongues are not included in the Spiritual Gift Assessment because their presence in the life of a believer is generally self-evident. If you believe God has given you one or more of these gifts be sure to identify that in the spaces below.

1) I like to organize people, tasks, and events. 2) I would like to start churches in places where they do not presently exist. 3) I enjoy working creatively with wood, cloth, paints, metal, glass, or other materials. 4) I enjoy challenging people's perspective of God by using various forms of art. 5) I can readily distinguish between spiritual truth and error, good and evil. 6) I tend to see the potential in people. 7) I communicate the gospel to others with clarity and effectiveness. 8) I find it natural and easy to trust God to answer my prayers. 9) I give liberally and joyfully to people in financial need or to projects requiring support. 10) I enjoy working behind the scenes to support the work of others. 11) I view my home as a place to minister to people in need. 12) I take prayer requests from others and consistently pray for them. 13) I am approached by people who want to know my perspective on a particular passage or biblical truth. 14) I am able to motivate others to accomplish a goal.
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14) I am able to motivate others to accomplish a goal.
15) I empathize with hurting people and desire to help in their healing process.
16) I can speak in a way that results in conviction and change in the lives of others.
17) I enjoy spending time nurturing and caring for others.
18) I am able to communicate God's work effectively.
19) I am often sought out by others for advice about spiritual or personal matters.
20) I am careful, thorough, and skilled at managing details.
21) I am attracted to the idea of serving in another country or ethnic community.
22) I am skilled in working with different kinds of tools.
23) I enjoy developing and using my artistic skills (art, drama, music, photography, etc).
24) I frequently am able to judge a person's character based upon first impressions.
25) I enjoy reassuring and strengthening those who are discouraged.
26) I consistently look for opportunities to build relationships with non-Christians.
27) I have confidence in God's continuing provision and help, even in difficult times.
28) I give more than a tithe so that kingdom work can be accomplished.
29) I enjoy doing routine tasks that support the ministry.
30) I enjoy meeting new people and helping them to feel welcomed.
31) I enjoy praying for long periods of time and receive leadings as to what God
wants me to pray for.
32) I receive information from the Spirit that I did not acquire through natural means.
33) I am able to influence others to achieve a vision.
34) I can patiently support those going through painful experiences as they try to
stabilize their lives.
35) I feel responsible to confront others with the truth.
36) I have compassion for wandering believers and want to protect them.
37) I can spend time in study knowing that presenting truth will make a
difference in the lives of people.
38) I can often find simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict or confusion.
39) I can clarify goals and develop strategies or plans to accomplish them.

40) I am willing to take an active part in starting a new church.	
41) I enjoy making things for use in ministry.	
42) I help people understand themselves, their relationships and God better through artistic	
expression	
43) I can see through phoniness or deceit before it is evident to others.	
44) I give hope to others by directing them to the promises of God.	
45) I am effective at adapting the gospel message so that it connects with	
an individual's felt needs.	
46) I believe that God will help me to accomplish great things.	
47) I manage my money well in order to free more of it for giving.	
48) I willingly take on a variety of odd jobs around the church to meet the needs of others.	
49) I genuinely believe the Lord directs strangers to me who need to get connected to others.	
50) I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray.	
51) I am committed, and schedule blocks of time for reading and	
studying Scripture, to understand Biblical truth fully and accurately.	
52) I can adjust my leadership style to bring out the best in others.	
53) I enjoy helping people sometimes regarded as undeserving or beyond help.	
54) I boldly expose cultural trends, teachings, or events, which contradict Biblical principles.	
55) I like to provide guidance for the whole person – relationally, emotionally, spiritually, etc	
56) I can devote considerable time to learning new Biblical truths in order to	
communicate them to others.	
57) I can easily select the most effective course of action from among several alternatives.	
58) I can identify and effectively use the resources needed to accomplish tasks.	
59) I can adapt well to different cultures and surroundings.	
60) I can visualize how something should be constructed before I build it.	
61) I like finding new and fresh ways of communicating God's truth.	
62) I tend to see rightness or wrongness in situations.	
63) I reassure those who need to take courageous action in their faith, family, or life.	
64) I invite unbelievers to accept Christ as their Savior.	
65) I trust God in circumstances where success cannot be guaranteed by human effort alone	
66) I am challenged to limit my lifestyle in order to give away higher percentages of my income	
67) I see spiritual significance in doing practical tasks.	
68) I like to create a place where people do not feel that they are alone.	
69) I pray with confidence because I know that God works in response to prayer.	
70) I have insight or just know something to be true.	
71) I set goals and manage people and resources effectively to accomplish them.	
72) I have great compassion for hurting people.	
73) I see most actions as right or wrong, and feel the need to correct the wrong.	
74) I can faithfully provide long-term support and concern for others.	
75) I like to take a systematic approach to my study of the Bible.	
76) I can anticipate the likely consequences of an individual's or a group's action.	
77) I like to help organizations or groups become more efficient.	
78) I can relate to others in culturally sensitive ways.	
79) I honor God with my handcrafted gifts.	

80) I apply various artistic expressions to communicate God's truth.	
81) I receive affirmation from others concerning the reliability of my insights or perceptions.	
82) I strengthen those who are wavering in their faith.	
83) I openly tell people that I am a Christian and want them to ask me about my faith.	
84) I am convinced of God's daily Presence and action in my life.	
85) I like knowing that my financial support makes a real difference in the lives	
and ministries of God's people.	
86) I like to find small things that need to be done and often do them without being asked.	
87) I enjoy entertaining people and opening my home to others.	
88) When I hear about needy situations, I feel burdened to pray.	
89) I have suddenly known some things about others, but did not know how I knew them.	
90) I influence others to perform to the best of their capability.	
91) I can look beyond a person's handicaps or problems to see a life that matters to God.	
92) I like people who are honest and will speak the truth.	
93) I enjoy giving guidance and practical support to a small group of people.	
94) I can communicate Scripture in ways that motivate others to study and want to learn more.	
95) I give practical advice to help others through complicated situations.	
96) I enjoy learning about how organizations function.	
97) I enjoy pioneering new undertakings.	
98) I am good at and enjoy working with my hands.	
99) I am creative and imaginative.	
100) I can identify preaching, teaching, or communication which is not true to the Bible.	
101) I like motivating others to take steps for spiritual growth.	
102) I openly and confidently tell others what Christ has done for me.	
103) I am regularly challenging others to trust God.	
104) I give generously due to my commitment to stewardship.	
105) I feel comfortable being a helper, assisting others to do their job more effectively.	
106) I do whatever I can to make people feel that they belong.	
107) I am honored when someone asks me to pray for them.	
108) I discover important Biblical truths when reading or studying Scripture which	
benefit others in the Body of Christ.	
109) I am able to cast a vision that others want to be a part of.	
110) I enjoy bringing hope and joy to people living in difficult circumstances.	
111) I will speak God's truth, even in places where it is unpopular or	
difficult for others to accept.	
112) I can gently restore wandering believers to faith and fellowship.	
113) I can present information and skills to others at a level that makes it easy	
for them to grasp and apply to their lives.	
114) I can apply Scriptural truth that others regard as practical and helpful.	
115) I can visualize a coming event, anticipate potential problems, and develop backup plans.	
116) I am able to orchestrate or oversee several church ministries.	
117) I am able to design and construct things that help the church.	
118) I regularly need to get alone to reflect and develop my imagination.	
119) I can sense when demonic forces are at work in a person or situation.	

120) I am able to challenge or rebuke others in order to foster spiritual growth.
121) I seek opportunities to talk about spiritual matters with unbelievers.
122) I can move forward in spite of position or lack of support when I sense
God's blessing on an undertaking.
123) I believe I have been given an abundance of resources so that
I may give more to the Lord's work.
124) I readily and happily use my natural or learned skills to help wherever needed.
125) I can make people feel at ease even in unfamiliar surroundings.
126) I often see specific results in direct response to my prayers.
127) I confidently share my knowledge and insights with others.
128) I figure out where we need to go and help others to get there.
129) I enjoy doing practical things for others who are in need.
130) I feel compelled to expose sin wherever I see it and to challenge people to repentance.
131) I enjoy patiently but firmly nurturing others in their development as believers.
132) I enjoy explaining things to people so that they can grow spiritually and personally.
133) I have insights into how to solve problems that others do not see

Spiritual Gift Answer Key:

1=	20=	39=	58=	77=	96=	115=	T=	Α
2=	21=	40=	59=	78=	97=	116=	T=	В
3=	22=	41=	60=	79=	98=	117=	T=	С
4=	23=	42=	61=	80=	99=	118=	T=	D
5=	24=	43=	62=	81=	100=	119=	T=	E
6=	25=	44=	63=	82=	101=	120=	T=	F
7=	26=	45=	64=	83=	102=	121=	T=	G
8=	27=	46=	65=	84=	103=	122=	T=	Н
9=	28=	47=	66=	85=	104=	123=	T=	- I
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11=	30=	49=	68=	87=	106=	125=	T=	K
12=	31=	50=	69=	88=	107=	126=	T=	L
13=	32=	51=	70=	89=	108=	127=	T=	М
14=	33=	52=	71=	90=	109=	128=	T=	N
15=	34=	53=	72=	91=	110=	129=	T=	0
16=	35=	54=	73=	92=	111=	130=	T=	Р
17=	36=	55=	74=	93=	112=	131=	T=	Q
18=	37=	56=	75=	94=	113=	132=	T=	R
19=	38=	57=	76=	95=	114=	133=	T=	S

Spiritual Gift Assessment and Definitions Key:

These Definitions are adapted from the Gifted 2 Serve website, accessed on February 1st, 2017 and available at: http://buildingchurch.net/g2s-d.htm.

- A = Administration the ability God gives to understand the goals of a particular unit of the body of Christ and devise and execute plans to accomplish those goals. This is a leadership gift for serving the body.
- B = Apostleship a leadership gift God gives to some who see where God is leading and plant incarnational gospel expressions many church planters and international workers possess this gift. (1 Corinthians 12:28)
- C = Craftsmanship the ability God gives to some to serve Him with their hands and skills. This was particularly evident in the Old Testament during the building of the temple. (Exodus 31:1-5)
- D = Creative Communication the ability God gives certain members of the body to communicate God's truth through a variety of art forms (Deuteronomy 31:22).
- E = Discernment The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human, or Satanic. (1 Corinthians 12:10).
- F = Encouragement/Exhortation The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped and healed. (Romans 12:8).
- G = Evangelism The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to readily share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women often become Jesus' disciples and responsible members of the Body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11).
- H = Faith The special ability that God gives certain members of the Body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for His work. (1 Corinthians 12:9).
- I = Giving The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness. (Romans 12:8).
- J = Helps The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the Body, thus enabling those others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:28).
- K = Hospitality The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to provide an open house and a warm welcome to those in need of food and lodging. (Romans 12:13).
- L = Intercession The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian. (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

- M = Knowledge The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information and ideas which are pertinent to the well-being of the Body. (1 Corinthians 12:8).
- N = Leadership The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God. (Romans 12:8).
- O = Mercy The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals (both Christian and non-Christian) who suffer from distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds which reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering. (Romans 12:8).
- P = Prophecy The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people with authority and urgency perceived by the hearers. (Romans 12:6).
- Q = Shepherding (sometimes translated as pastoring not to be confused with the role of a pastor) The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the welfare of a group of believers. (Ephesians 4:11).
- R = Teaching The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the Body and its members in such a way that others will learn. (Romans 12:7).
- S = Wisdom The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to know how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:8).

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- T = Healing The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom God cures illness and restores health apart from the use of natural means. (1 Corinthians 12:9).
- U = Miracles The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom God performs powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature. (Acts 19:11-12).
- V = Tongues The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ (a) to speak to God in a language that they have never learned and/or (b) to receive and communicate a message of God to his people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they never learned. (1 Corinthians 12:10).
- W = Interpretation The special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:30).

I feel God may have gifted me in the following ways:
When you have found the top three to five, take some time alone with God and ask the Holy Spirit for His affirmation. Share these with someone you trust as well so they can affirm you.
I am going to pray that God unleashes this gift in me:
It is the Spirit that gives us gifts and He often stirs in us a desire for more! Read 1 Corinthians 14:1 and following!

HEART

Another way to think of your heart is to think about passion! Take a moment to think about these questions: What drives you?
 What would you do for God if you knew you couldn't fail?
What pushes you to action?What moves you so deeply that it keeps you awake at night?
Who are the people you most want to help?
Who do you feel you can influence the most?
• Is there an age range you feel most drawn to? If so, what age group?
• Is there an affinity group I feel most drawn to?
What are the needs I feel most drawn to?
What are the top two needs I love to meet for people?
Why do I love meeting those needs?
What cause am I most passionate about?
What cause or issue makes my heart race?
Where could I make the greatest impact for God?

Check each box you feel applies to you:

The	people I would like to	serv	e most are:		
	Children		Homeless	Single Parents	Young Married
	College Students		Hospitalized	Singles	Youth
	Disabled		Infants	Teen Moms	Poor
	Divorced		Men	Unemployed	Other:
	Elderly		Parents	Widowed	Other:
	Empty Nesters		Prisoners	Women	Other:
The	issues or causes I fee	l mos	st strongly about are:		
	Abuse/Violence		Drug Abuse	Homelessness	Sanctity of Life
	Alcoholism		Education	Injustice issues	Sexuality
	At-risk children		Environment	Law/ Justice system	Spiritual apathy
□ beha	Compulsive avior		Ethics	Marriage/ Family	Other:
	Deafness		Finances	Parenting	Other:
	Disabilities		Health/fitness	Policy/ Politics	Other:
	Divorce		HIV/AIDS	Poverty/ Hunger	Other:

ABILITIES

Each of us has abilities we have discovered and learned over our lifetime. Read through this list of abilities and check the ones that you excel at or love doing:

Adapting - The ability to adjust, change, alter, modify
Administrating – The ability to govern, run, rule
Analyzing - The ability to examine, investigate, probe, evaluate
Building - The ability to construct, make, assemble
Coaching - The ability to prepare, instruct, train, equip, develop
Communicating - The ability to share, convey, impart
Competing - The ability to contend, win, battle
Computing - The ability to add, estimate, total, calculate
Connecting - The ability to link together, involve, relate
Consulting - The ability to advise, discuss, confer
Cooking - The ability to prepare, serve, feed, cater
Coordination - The ability to organize, match, harmonize
Counseling - The ability to guide, advise, support, listen, care for
Decorating - The ability to beautify, enhance, adorn
Designing - The ability to draw, create, picture, outline
Developing - The ability to expand, grow, advance, increase
Directing - The ability to aim, oversee, manage, supervise
Editing - The ability to correct, amend, alter, improve
Encouraging – The ability to cheer, inspire, support
Engineering - The ability to construct, design, plan
Excelling – the ability to be the best and make my team the best, setting and attaining the highest standard.
Facilitating - The ability to help, aid, assist, make possible
Forecasting - The ability to predict, calculate, see trends, patterns, and themes
Implementing - The ability to apply, execute, make happen
Improving - The ability to better, enhance, further, enrich

Influencing – The ability to affect, sway, shape, change
Landscaping - The ability to garden, plant, improve
Leading - The ability to pave the way, direct, excel, win
Learning - The ability to study, gather, understand, improve, expand self
Managing - The ability to run, handle, oversee
Mentoring - The ability to advise, guide, teach
Motivating – The ability to provoke, induce, prompt
Negotiating - The ability to discuss, consult, settle
Operating – The ability to run mechanical or technical things
Organizing - The ability to simplify, arrange, fix, classify, coordinate
Performing – The ability to sing, speak, dance, play an instrument, act out.
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Pioneering - The ability to bring about something new, groundbreaking, original
Planning – The ability to arrange, map out, prepare
Promoting - The ability to sell, sponsor, endorse, showcase
Recruiting - The ability to draft, enlist, hire, engage
Repairing – The ability to fix, mend, restore, heal
Researching - The ability to seek, gather, examine, study
Resourcing – The ability to furnish, provide, deliver
Serving – The ability to help, assist, fulfill
Shopping – The ability to collect, or obtain things, getting the highest quality for the best price.
Strategizing – The ability to think ahead, calculate, scheme
Teaching – The ability to interpret, decode, explain, speak
Traveling – The ability to journey, visit, explore
Visualizing - The ability to picture, imagine, envision, dream, conceptualize
Welcoming - The ability to entertain, greet, embrace, make comfortable
Writing - The ability to compose, create, record

PERSONALITY

Understanding your personality will help you more effectively use your spiritual gifts, heart and abilities for His sake. We will be focusing on two aspects of personality – how you are <u>energized</u> and how you are <u>organized</u>.

DIRECTIONS:

- For each statement, circle the number towards the statement that most accurately describes what you would prefer in most situations.
- Do not answer according to what you feel is expected by a spouse, family member, employer, etc.
- Select the behavior or perspective that would come naturally to you if you knew there were no restrictions on or consequences for your personal expression.

How Are You Energized?

I'm mo	ore comfortable: doing things for people	1	2	3	4	being with people
When	doing a task, I tend to: focus on the goal	1	2	3	4	focus on relationships
I get m	nore excited about: advancing a cause	1	2	3	4	creating community
I feel I	've accomplished something v gotten a job done	when I'v 1	ve: 2	3	4	built a relationship
It is m	ore important to start a meet on time	ing: 1	2	3	4	when everyone gets there
I'm mo	ore concerned with: meeting a deadline	1	2	3	4	maintaining the team
I place	higher value on: action	1	2	3	4	communication

Add all the prior numbers and record the total here. Total = If your score was 7 - 17: You are more task-oriented If your score was 18 - 28: You are more people-oriented

How Are You Organized?

While on vacation I prefer to: be spontaneous	1	2	3	4	follow a set plan
I prefer to set guidelines that are: general	1	2	3	4	specific
I prefer to: leave my options open	1	2	3	4	settle things now
I prefer projects that have: variety	1	2	3	4	routine
I like to: play it by ear	1	2	3	4	stick to a plan
I find routine: boring	1	2	3	4	restful
I accomplish tasks best: by working it out as I go	1	2	3	4	by following a plan
Add all the prior numbers and reco If your score was 7 – 17: You are u If your score was 18 – 28: You are	nstruct	tured	ere. Tot	al =	
Record your results:					

EXPERIENCE

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Take a moment to think about these different experiences and how they have impacted your life: • Spiritual experiences – meaningful decisions, times with God, times you felt especially close God.			
Painful experiences – problems, hurts, trials, etc			
Educational experiences – favorite subjects in school, special training, etc			
Ministry experience – how you've served in the past.			

Finding your S.H.A.P.E. at CentrePoint Church

S.H.A.P.E. MINISTRY PROFILE SUMMARY

Name:		Date:	Date:	
S = Spiritual Gifts - The gift	(s) that the Holy Spirit has	given me to use in ministr	y:	
1	2	3		
H = Heart (Passion) - My 1. Who are the people you		I most deeply care abou	it and love to do:	
2. What are the needs you	feel most drawn too?			
3. What cause am I most p	assionate about?			
A = Abilities – My God-g 1. List the abilities you exce 2. Aptitudes – I am natural	el at or love doing:	alities:		
P = Personality – My pers	sonality type is:			
E = Experiences – Ways Summarize the way	my life story has prepare s your past has equipped minist	l you, energized you, or	influenced you for	

When you have completed this sheet, please share the results with the Pastor Nathan (you can email him at nathan@centrepointchurch.ca.