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Purpose Driven S.H.A.P.E. Profile is attached to the end of this devotional.

Heart

Your heart represents what you are passionate about. Just as people have different spiritual gifts, so too, do people have different passions. When you match an area of passion with serving, you will find your emotional bucket gets filled while you are making a difference in people's lives. What are your passions?

Consider asking yourself these three questions:

1. What do you like to do?
2. Whom do you like to help?
3. What gets you fired up or breaks your heart?

Identifying your heart will help connect you where to serve. For example, some people love helping little children. For others, they can't stand working with little kids. Thankfully, there are ministry opportunities for both types of people. Where's your heart? What's your passion? Answer the three questions above to find out where you can make a difference.

Once a meal was completed, they would then go and deliver that meal to a family in need or to first responders in the community. Are you a coach? Are you a writer? Are you good at listening to people? Are you good at social media? All these things can be used for the glory of God when we decide to match our skills with needs within our community.

Personality

How has God wired you?

The fourth key factor in discovering your S.H.A.P.E. is your personality. Your personality will affect how and where you use your spiritual gifts and abilities. Here are a few God-given personality traits. Where do you tend to fall on the simple scale listed below:

- Introvert 1-2-3-4-5 Extrovert
- Prefer routine 1-2-3-4-5 Prefer variety
- Prefer leading 1-2-3-4-5 Prefer following
- Thinker 1-2-3-4-5 Feeler
- Work alone 1-2-3-4-5 Team player
- Structured 1-2-3-4-5 Unstructured

It's important to note that these traits are not good or bad, simply descriptive of how God has wired you. Understanding how God has wired you will help you find a place to serve and to enjoy doing so.

Experience

What lessons have you learned along the way?

The fifth key factor in discovering your S.H.A.P.E. is your experiences – both good and bad.

- **Family Experience:** What did you learn growing up?
- **Educational Experience:** What were your favorite subjects in school?
- **Vocational Experience:** What jobs have been your most effective in and enjoyed the most?
- **Spiritual Experience:** What have been your most meaningful times with God?
- **Ministry Experience:** How have you served God in the past?

The lessons you have learned through your life experience can impact where and how you serve in the future. Sometimes our deepest pain can actually serve as our biggest platform for ministry. Don't believe me? Think back to a time where you walked through a difficult circumstance. My guess is that the person who comforted you the most was someone who went through a similar situation. Whether it was good or bad, every experience can be an opportunity to help someone else down the road.

What's your S.H.A.P.E.?

If you would like to know more about discovering your unique identity in Christ, the Purpose Driven S.H.A.P.E. Profile is attached to the end of this devotional.

Love is Like Breathing

When you think about your vertical relationship with God and your horizontal relationship with people, picture taking a deep breath.

Breathing in = loving God

Breathing out = loving people

You cannot only breath in, nor can you only breath out. If you want the proper oxygen flow in and through your body, you need to have a regular rhythm of both breathing in and breathing out. Taking in a deep breath of loving God will actually give you the ability to love others the way Jesus loved us. A breath today and make the conscious choice to love like Jesus.



Spiritual Gifts / Heart / Abilities / Personality / Experiences

The first key factor in discovering your S.H.A.P.E. is to unwrap your spiritual gifts. Review the short list of spiritual gifts from 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and Romans 12. As you read through the list, place a check next to any definitions that describe you. *(You may have more than one gift, but everyone has at least one. Not sure what to check, visit <https://www.freeshapetest.com/>).*

- **Administration:** To organize and manage people, resources, and time.
- **Apostle:** To sense and seize opportunities to start new church and oversee their development.
- **Discernment:** To distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
- **Encouragement:** To strengthen people in their faith and motivate them to action.
- **Evangelism:** To preach the gospel in such a way that hearers respond with repentance unto salvation.
- **Faith:** To trust and obey God regardless of circumstances, appearance, or risks.
- **Giving:** To contribute generously to people in need.
- **Healing:** To minister to people who are physically, emotionally, psychologically, or spiritually broken.
- **Hospitality:** To make people feel welcomed and to foster biblical fellowship.
- **Leadership:** To communicate vision and to motivate others to accomplish a goal.
- **Mercy:** To manifest compassionate, practical, cheerful love to suffering people.
- **Miracles:** To be used by God to perform powerful acts that glorify God and affirm the truth and power of God's Word.
- **Pastoring:** To foster spiritual growth in believers and to equip them for ministry.
- **Preaching/Prophecy:** To declare publicly and persuasively the will of God through the Word of God.
- **Service:** To recognize and meet needs cheerfully, practically, and anonymously.
- **Teaching:** To explain and apply biblical truth and to train others for ministry.
- **Tongues:** To pray in a language that is understood only by God or by one who is given the gift of interpretation.
- **Wisdom:** To understand God's perspective on life situations and communicate those insights simply and clearly.

Do you have a sense of what your spiritual gifts might be?

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The second key factor in discovering your S.H.A.P.E. is to listen to your heart. Your heart tells you what you are passionate about, and your passions are clues as to where you should be serving. What do you have a passion for?

A role (what you like to do): _____
A people group (whom you like to help): _____
A cause (what you like to see changed or supported): _____

How can you use your God-given passions and interests to serve others effectively?

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The third key factor in discovering your S.H.A.P.E. is applying your abilities. Here are just a few God-given abilities. See if you can find any of yours in this list. Feel free to add more in the blanks.

Conversation	Writing	Inventing	Tailoring	Listening
Mathematics	Baking	Public speaking	Making music	Cooking
Gardening	Athletics	Nursing	Animal care	Videography
Sculpting	Selling	Motivating	Floral arrangement	Graphic design
Recruiting	Organizing	Problem-solving	Linguistics	Marketing
Fixing things	Hosting	Making money	Engineering	_____
Teaching	Acting	Decorating	Quilting	_____
Accounting	Negotiating	Architecture	Brain-storming	_____
Healthcare	Artistry	Administration	Debating	_____
Mechanics	Coaching	Carpentry	Typing	_____

God matches your ministry with your capabilities. How might God use your abilities for ministry?

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How can these personality traits help you discover your area of ministry?

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What lessons have you learned through your life experiences that can direct you to your area of ministry?
