



Using Spiritual Gifts to Serve

“I will seek opportunities to serve my church family and those beyond my church utilizing my gifts, talents, and time.”

Key Verse:

“A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another. God has also given each of us different gifts to use. . . .”
Romans 12:4-6

What's a Spiritual Gift?

Unlike other kinds of gifts, a spiritual gift is God-given. Through these gifts, God gives His people the ability to excel in particular areas of ministry in order to serve others and further His kingdom.

“When God planned the masterpiece he would make of you life, he decided to give you certain gifts that would enable you to effectively share his love and make your own unique contribution to his kingdom. He placed these spiritual abilities within you and waits eagerly for you to discover them.”

Erik Rees, S.H.A.P.E. Finding & Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life

Resources

Additional Biblical passages: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10; Ephesians 4:7-13; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 13

Gateway Academy Classes

Discovering Your S.H.A.P.E.: Finding & Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose in Life ([check to see if it is being offered](#))

Online Articles /Web sites

[How Do I Uncover My Spiritual Gifts?](#) 3 Ways to Discern How God Wired You; Nancy Ortberg (article)

[How to Use Your God-Given Gifts](#); Tom Blackaby (article)

[Your Teen's Spiritual Gifts](#); Joe White with Larry Weeden (article)

[Begin the Journey: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts](#) (UMC Web site)

[Spiritual Gift Analysis](#) (Church Growth Institute Web site)

Books

[S.H.A.P.E. Finding & Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life](#); Erik Rees

[Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts](#); Kenneth Cain Kinghorn

[What You Do Best in the Body of Christ](#); Bruce L. Bugbee