

Christ United Methodist Church

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Spiritual Gifts Inventory

The Spiritual Gifts Inventory helps individuals identify their God-given gifts for living faithfully as Christian disciples day by day and to find meaningful ways to use their gifts in connection with others through the community of faith. The process helps people understand the nature of spiritual gifts and ways to enhance the effectiveness of their gifts by linking together with others.

Please take the time necessary to complete your inventory. Take your time. Your answers should reflect what you know to be true about yourself. When finished, please return to pastor Jim or the church office.

Inventory Statements Example For each numbered statement rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 7 (1 – Never7 – Always)	1 - Never	2 - Almost Never	3 - Rarely	4 - Sometimes	5 - Often	6 - Almost Always	7 - Always
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1. I am able to help people make choices and clarify options.							
2. I am aware of things without anyone having told me about them.							
3. I easily delegate authority to others.							
4. I enjoy sharing my faith with the homeless and impoverished in order to give hope.							
5. I enjoy teaching the bible to a small group.							
6. I believe that God will help anyone who believes in God.							
7. Through prayer, God miraculously works in my life.							
8. I don't mind being made fun of for what I believe.							
9. I am able to organize human and material resources to serve the needs to others.							
10. I enjoy giving money to support the work of God.							
11. I like to work with people who are considered outcasts in their communities.							
12. Praying for sick people is critical for their healing.							
13. I can tell when Christian groups are being honest and faithful.							
14. I listen to others as carefully as I want others to listen to me.							
15. I would rather be a secretary in a group than president or chairperson.							
16. When sharing my faith, I ask others about their faith commitment.							

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17. I help others regardless of whether they are deserving or appreciative of the help.							
18. I am willing to counsel people who have spiritual, emotional, or physical problems.							
19. I can speak several foreign languages.							
20. I can follow the conversation of a foreign language I have never studied.							
21. I am good at seeing many different sides to an issue and helping others to see them as well.							
22. Things I know by faith are supported later by experience or hard data.							
23. When I make decisions, I stand behind them.							
24. I like being part of new ministries that didn't exist before.							
25. I am an effective mentor to other Christians.							
26. I see God's hands at work in both good times and bad.							
27. God works amazing miracles in my life.							
28. Others tell me I am a good public speaker.							
29. Working with a group to minister to the physical needs of others is more enjoyable than doing the same thing on my own.							
30. I have enough money to give generously to important causes.							
31. I like to visit people wherever they are: at home, in the hospital, in prison, and so forth.							
32. I believe that God's healing power manifests itself in many different ways, not just in physical healing.							
33. I am able to point out the flaw in logic of certain beliefs or teachings.							
34. I need to talk about the things I read in Scripture and share my insights with others.							
35. I am good at attending to details and doing "the busy work" that others often avoid.							
36. An invitation to Christian discipleship should be extended to believers and nonbelievers whenever they worship.							
37. I give practical/material assistance to people who are in need.							
38. I will work hard for and support a group that is truly committed to its task.							
39. Foreign languages are easy to learn.							
40. I understand the meaning of foreign words and phrases.							
41. Others are surprised by my depth of understanding and the soundness of my advice.							
42. I sense people's moods and problems just by talking with them.							
43. I am effective at organizing resources to minister to others.							
44. I desire the opportunity to be a missionary.							
45. I feel a responsibility to point out dangerous or false teachings to others.							
46. I trust that God will protect those who have lost their faith.							
47. I believe that God works miracles through the faith of Christian believers.							

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48. I find practical application to daily life when I read the bible.							
49. It is easy for me to ask others to help with a worthy project.							
50. I feel a strong desire to give money to Christian ministries.							
51. I want to help anyone I can, regardless of the reason for their need.							
52. I pray for healing of those who are sick or afflicted.							
53. I know when a preacher or speaker is being true to the gospel of Jesus Christ.							
54. It bothers me when people are persuaded by stories of faith that contain false teachings or wrong information.							
55. I give whatever time is needed to finish a project or meet a deadline.							
56. I feel comfortable telling non-Christians how important it is to believe in Jesus the Christ.							
57. I prefer working in the background rather than the spotlight.							
58. I am patient with people who are less mature in their spirituality.							
59. I communicate easily with members of other races, cultures, or generations.							
60. I understand the language and attitudes of generations other than my own.							
61. When others seek my advice or counsel, I am confident that my words will be sound.							
62. People are surprised by how well I understand them.							
63. I offer good leadership to a group or committee.							
64. It is easy for me to share the gospel with other cultures that speak other languages.							
65. I work to create unity and harmony within groups.							
66. Regardless of the possibility or likelihood of success, I trust God's promise to be true.							
67. I feel the power of the Holy Spirit when I pray.							
68. My faith gives me the courage to speak out, even to people in authority.							
69. I design strategies and plans for implementing ministries through the church.							
70. I know whether or not an appeal for money is legitimate.							
71. My compassion for others prevents me from tending to personal needs.							
72. I participate in the healing of people through prayer.							
73. I sense elements of truth or error in the other people's teachings.							
74. I enjoy creating lessons and projects that help illustrate Biblical truths.							
75. Pastors and other church leaders seek my opinion on key issues.							
76. I feel comfortable sharing my faith in non-Christian settings.							
77. I make sure that everything runs smoothly.							
78. People are willing to listen to my suggestions and criticisms because they know that I have their best interests in mind.							
79. I communicate well with members of other generations.							

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80. I am able to interpret foreign languages for others.							
81. God gives me insight into the significant decisions of others.							
82. Knowing what the bible says and means gives me the answers to my problems.							
83. I help others make the most of their gifts and talents.							
84. I make sure that people know I am a Christian, especially when I travel to new places.							
85. I like to help others apply Christian principles to their lives.							
86. Prayer on behalf of others channels God's power to their needs.							
87. God uses me as an instrument of spiritual and supernatural power.							
88. I see how biblical principles apply to today's world.							
89. Others refer to me as an affective leader.							
90. I seek the counsel of friends or family when I contribute or charity or church.							
91. I listen to those who need someone to talk to.							
92. When I pray, I deliberately include people who are physically or emotionally ill.							
93. I know when a Christian leader is more self-interested than God-interested.							
94. I need proof before I accept a claim as valid or true.							
95. I am a better assistant than I am a leader.							
96. The idea of sharing the gospel with other people excites me.							
97. Serving others to make their lives easier is important to me.							
98. People go out of their way to please me.							
99. I can explain western religious practices to people of different cultures.							
100. I understand intuitively the meaning of foreign rituals and practices.							
101. I know some things without understanding how I know them.							
102. I see potential problems that others are unaware of.							
103. I focus on the big picture rather than on individual details.							
104. I am accepting of different lifestyles and other cultures.							
105. I look for ways to help others grow as Christian disciples.							
106. I spend long periods of time in prayer for others.							
107. I pray for things that other people think are impossible.							
108. I enjoy showing others how the Bible speaks to their life situations.							
109. I enjoy supporting ministries that help the poor and needy.							
110. I am a cheerful giver of mercy.							
111. I am drawn to people who suffer physical or emotional pain.							
112. When I pray for healing for myself or others, I accept that the healing that occurs might not be the one I expect.							
113. I know when people are speaking with the power of the Holy Spirit.							
114. I understand the connections between the Old and New Testaments.							
115. Being thanked is not important to me; I will continue to serve and give regardless of recognition.							
116. It is important to me to lead others to Jesus Christ.							

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117. I am more interested in meeting the physical needs of others than in meeting their spiritual needs.							
118. People seek out my opinion on personal matters.							
119. I can speak a foreign language that I never formally studied.							
120. I can accept the thoughts, speech, and actions of different cultures, even when they conflict with my own beliefs.							
121. I have a clear sense of the right choices that other people should make.							
122. My intuitions are clear and correct.							
123. I work well under pressure.							
124. I would like to represent the church in a foreign country.							
125. When Christians lose faith, it is my duty to try to help them recover it.							
126. Others tell me I have a strong faith.							
127. When I pray, I invoke God's power to change present circumstances.							
128. I am committed to speaking the truth even when my stance is unpopular with others.							
129. In a group, I emerge as a leader.							
130. My money management abilities are of value to my church.							
131. I am especially drawn to people who are suffering.							
132. Others have told me that I have a healing touch.							
133. I am deeply troubled by spiritualities that lack a sound theological basis.							
134. I am energized and excited when I teach.							
135. I enjoy making work easier for other people.							
136. It is easy to invite people to make a commitment to Christ.							
137. I prefer doing a job to planning a job.							
138. Others tell me that I am a good counselor.							
139. I am able to effectively communicate, in other languages, complex ideas about God.							
140. I feel a close kinship with members of other cultures and traditions.							
141. When I am faced with difficult choices in life, biblical applications come to mind.							
142. I know when people are upset, no matter how well they try to hide it.							
143. I am a good judge of other people's gifts for ministry and service.							
144. I want to learn a new language in order to qualify for mission work.							
145. I enjoy working with newcomers to the Christian faith.							
146. I see the image of God in everyone I meet.							
147. When I pray for the health of others, there are tangible results.							
148. I talk to people about salvation and heaven.							
149. I like directing projects better than participating in them.							
150. When I give money, I give it anonymously.							
151. I reach out to people who have gotten themselves in trouble.							
152. When I see people in pain, I am moved to pray for them.							
153. I know when someone is not being honest.							

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154. I would rather read Scripture or theology than Christian biographies or inspirational stories.							
155. I would rather have a task defined for me than have to define it for myself.							
156. I let people know what Christ has done in my life.							
157. I do what is right even when it means breaking the rules.							
158. I challenge people with hard truths, even if it makes me unpopular.							
159. I am called to proclaim the gospel in a foreign culture or location.							
160. I can translate foreign phrases into my own language automatically.							
161. God allows me to see situations from God's own perspective.							
162. I am able to apply difficult biblical concepts to real-life situations.							
163. I encourage people to use their gifts and talents to serve others.							
164. I seek the opportunity to spread the gospel to unchurched people.							
165. I assist others in their discipleship journey and spiritual growth.							
166. God's promises in the Bible are still valid today.							
167. I help others see God's miracles when they don't see them on their own.							
168. The bible speaks directly to the economic, social, and justice issues of our day.							
169. People say that I am organized.							
170. There is no limit to what I will give to help others.							
171. I am very sensitive to the feelings of others.							
172. I encourage people to pray for the sick and the afflicted.							
173. I find inspirational messages and spiritual applications in secular books, films, or speeches.							
174. I read the Bible to learn and understand God's will.							
175. I prefer serving to leading.							
176. I talk to nonbelievers about the Christian faith and invite them to make a commitment.							
177. I enjoy doing jobs that others consider less important.							
178. I encourage dispirited and discouraged people whenever possible.							
179. I have spoken a language without knowing what it was.							
180. I can explain the theological thinking and teaching of foreign speakers to non foreign-speaking people.							
181. People tell me they are impressed by my insights.							
182. I look at issues and situations from as many angles as possible.							
183. I enjoy managing people and resources.							
184. I study other cultures and traditions with a hope that I might serve more people.							
185. I want to get to know the people I serve and give aid to.							
186. Even when others grow discouraged, it is easy for me to trust god.							
187. My first reaction to problems or difficulties is to pray.							
188. I believe that God speaks through me.							
189. I experience my faith more in day-to-day living than in study, prayer, and reflection.							
190. I am ready to give money to a cause I believe.							

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191. Where there is sickness or suffering, I engage in the laying on of hands.							
192. My faith increases when I witness the miracles of God.							
193. People gain a clearer understanding of the Bible when I explain it to them.							
194. I enjoy preparing Bible study or church school lessons.							
195. I make sure everything is prepared so that meetings, programs, or services run smoothly and everyone has everything he or she needs.							
196. I am more effective at sharing the gospel one-on-one than at sharing it in front of a group or crowd.							
197. I minister in ways other than preaching, teaching, or praying.							
198. I tell others that practicing the spiritual disciplines will help their faith grow.							
199. People who speak only another language understand what I am saying.							
200. I feel God leading me to involvement with people of other races, cultures, or generations.							