

Gospel-Centered Relationships

#5 – Gifts, Passion & Ministry

Respond to each statement in the following way:

3 = this is almost always true of me

2 = this is often true of me

1 = this is occasionally true of me

0 = this is rarely true of me

1	I am good at listening.	
2	I find it easy to explain things from the Bible.	
3	I take prayer requests from others and regularly pray for them.	
4	I have been used to bringing others to Christ.	
5	I enjoy administrative work.	
6	I view my home as a place to minister to people in need.	
7	I am handy at most things and good at fixing and mending.	
8	I am deeply concerned about the world and social affairs.	
9	I am usually looked to for a lead.	
10	I make helpful relationships with others easily.	
11	I enjoy spending time studying the Bible in depth.	
12	I enjoy praying for long periods.	
13	I have a great love for others and a longing to win them for Christ.	
14	I organize well, clearly and efficiently.	
15	I like to create a place where people feel they are not alone.	
16	I enjoy helping out other people.	
17	I am active in service in the community.	
18	In a group I often find myself leading or am elected chairperson.	
19	I can encourage others and help them bear burdens.	
20	I find others ask me questions about the Bible.	
21	I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray.	
22	I find my life is full of opportunities to witness to Christ.	
23	I love office work and enjoy doing it thoroughly.	

24	I do whatever I can to make people feel that they belong.	
25	I like to use my hands to make things well.	
26	I am aware of social needs and keen to do something about them.	
27	When leading something I put a lot of preparation into it.	
28	I really care about other people.	
29	I can help other people see Christian truth more clearly.	
30	I often see specific results in response to my prayers.	
31	I love to talk to others about Jesus.	
32	I am painstaking about details in organization.	
33	I can make people feel at ease even in unfamiliar surroundings.	
34	I spend much time helping in practical ways.	
35	I often finds ways to help out my neighbors.	
36	I am good at delegating work to others in a team setting.	

Scoring

- Transfer your scores into the following table. For example, place your response to statement one (above) in box number 1 (below)
- Then add up the scores down the columns to give a total in the box at the bottom with a letter
- Your highest scores should then give an idea of your preferred gifts

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

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| A. Pastoral | D. Evangelism | G. Practical and creative help |
| B. Teaching | E. Administration | H. Service in the community |
| C. Intercession | F. Welcoming and hospitality | I. Leadership |

What is your passion?

1. If you could snap your fingers to make something happen and knew you could not fail, what would it be?

2. At the end of my life I would like to know I had done something about:

3. What conversation would keep you talking late into the night?

4. What occupies most of your time and energy day to day?

5. The people I would like to help are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> infants | <input type="checkbox"/> children | <input type="checkbox"/> refugees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> young moms | <input type="checkbox"/> single parents | <input type="checkbox"/> homeless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> divorced people | <input type="checkbox"/> widowed people | <input type="checkbox"/> disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> career woman | <input type="checkbox"/> young marrieds | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitalized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parents | <input type="checkbox"/> men | <input type="checkbox"/> poor people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unemployed people | <input type="checkbox"/> elderly people | <input type="checkbox"/> leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prisoners | <input type="checkbox"/> youth | <input type="checkbox"/> other_____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> students | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> single people | _____ |

6. The issues or causes I feel strongly about are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> environment | <input type="checkbox"/> child care | <input type="checkbox"/> homosexuality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> discipleship | <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> injustice | <input type="checkbox"/> racism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> economy | <input type="checkbox"/> addictions | <input type="checkbox"/> international |
| <input type="checkbox"/> healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> reaching the lost | affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> church | <input type="checkbox"/> world mission | <input type="checkbox"/> family & |
| | | parenting |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> literacy |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other_____ |
| | | _____ |
| | | _____ |

7. List below five of the most positive and fulfilling experiences of your life. They could be anything, from leading someone to Christ, to bringing a garden back to life. The important thing is that they made you feel fulfilled.

	Five positive experiences	Why this meant so much to me
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Conclusion

Can you see any underlying themes?

Without being too precise, I feel that my heart is in the following sort of area(s):

Second opinion

Ask a Christian brother or sister who knows you well for a second opinion. Show them the instructions below and ask them to answer as honestly as they can.

Please read the descriptions below. Mark each according to how well it describes the person for whom you are filling out this form.

Y = very descriptive of them

S = sometimes descriptive of them

N = not descriptive of them

? = unsure whether it describes them or not

A	Empathizing with hurting people, reassuring troubled people and nurturing others in their walk with God.	Y S N ?
B	Understanding and communicating biblical truth in a way which motivates others to change	Y S N ?
C	Praying faithfully for others, while expressing faith in God's ability and willingness to answer	Y S N ?
D	Readily communicating their faith and talking about spiritual matters with non-believers	Y S N ?
E	Organizing people, tasks and events in order to fulfill particular goals; creating order out of organizational chaos	Y S N ?
F	Making new people feel at home in unfamiliar surroundings and opening their home to others	Y S N ?
G	Working behind the scenes, often without being asked, and expressing a love for God in creative and practical ways	Y S N ?
H	Identifying practical needs in the wider world and finding ways to do something about those needs	Y S N ?
I	Motivating, directing and guiding others, enabling them to perform to the best of their abilities	Y S N ?

1. What kind of work would you envisage them doing in the church?

2. What kind of spiritual gifts do you think they might have?