

How to Score Yourself

Here is how the scoring is done. As you consider each characteristic in the following pages, ask yourself, "How true is this of me?" Your first response will probably be the most accurate. Don't answer the way you would like to be or the way you think you ought to be. Be honest! Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. This is simply a self-discovery process. You alone know yourself well enough to be able to score properly.

It is also important to differentiate, when scoring, between learned behavior and the way you naturally think or act. If you are presently employed, be sure that your current duties do not unduly influence your answers. Your job may or may not be utilizing your giftedness.

If the characteristic is never true of you, put an x or check mark in the box under *Never* and place a 0 in the points column. If the characteristic is true of you only occasionally, mark under *Seldom* and place a 1 in the points column. If the characteristic is true of you sometimes, perhaps 49% of the time, mark under *Sometimes* and place a 2 in the points column. If the characteristic is true of you about 50% to 75% of the time, mark under *Usually* and place a 3 in the points column. If the characteristic is true of you most of the time, mark under *Mostly* and place a 4 in the points column. If the characteristic is true of you all of the time, mark under *Always* and place a 5 in the points column.

After you have scored yourself in all twenty positive characteristics, tally your score. It does not matter whether you tend to score high or low or in the middle, or in extremes. Remember, this is a subjective test. It is the comparison of your seven scores that will help you to determine your special gifting from God. If you were to give yourself a 5 for each of the twenty characteristics of a particular gift you would receive the maximum score of 100.

Now take a look at the profile sheet on page 13. It makes provision for scores of 0 to 100 for each of the seven gifts. You will take your score for each gift and transfer it to the profile sheet by shading in the appropriate horizontal column from left 0 to right, stopping where your score corresponds to the number at the top of the chart. (Sample profile sheets are found on page 28 and 29).

After you have transferred all seven scores you have a composite profile of yourself. The score that stands out farthest to the right, much like the nose on a person's face, is your primary motivational gift. You will also see at a glance which is your secondary gift, third, and so forth. It is also important to identify areas where you are the least gifted. You need to know this so you can:

- ♦ recognize your areas of less capability
- ♦ rejoice in those who are gifted in those areas
- ♦ avoid trying to be what you are not or wasting time and energy doing what you are not gifted to do.
- ♦ say, "No thank you" with confidence when asked to do things that are outside the sphere of your giftedness.

On the other hand, discovering your special gifting will release you to accept responsibilities that will utilize your giftedness. It will help you to use your time and energy in pursuits in which you will tend to be successful and also a blessing to others.

Now, move on to the discovery of your God-given gifts!

Do Not add the five negative characteristics to your score on the profile sheet. The five negative characteristics are to be scored separately and viewed as an indicator of the areas in which positive change will produce a more mature operation of your gift.

The Gift of Perception

Characteristics:

1. Quickly and accurately identifies good and evil and hates evil.
2. Sees everything as either black or white; no gray or indefinite areas.
3. Easily perceives the character of individuals and groups.
4. Encourages repentance that produces good fruit.
5. Believes accepting difficulties produces positive personal brokenness.
6. Has only a few or no close friendships.
7. Views the Bible as the basis for truth, belief, action, and authority.
8. Boldly operates on spiritual principles.
9. Is frank, outspoken, and doesn't mince words.
10. Is very persuasive in method of speaking.
11. Grieves deeply over sins of others.
12. Is eager to see his own blind spots and to help others see theirs too.
13. Desires above all else to see God's plan worked out in all situations.
14. Strongly promotes the spiritual growth of groups and individuals.
15. Is called to intercession.
16. Feels the need to verbalize or dramatize what he "sees".
17. Tends to be introspective.
18. Has strong opinions and convictions.
19. Has strict personal standards.
20. Desires to be obedient to God at all costs.

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Typical Problem Areas of the Gift of Perception:

1. Tends to be judgmental and blunt.
2. Forgets to praise partial progress due to goal consciousness.
3. Is pushy in trying to get others and groups to mature spiritually.
4. Is intolerant of opinions and views that differ from his own.
5. Struggles with self-image.

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The Gift of Serving

Characteristics:

1. Easily recognizes practical needs and is quick to meet them.
2. Especially enjoys manual projects, jobs, and functions.
3. Keeps everything in meticulous order.
4. Is a detail person with a good memory.
5. Enjoys showing hospitality.
6. Will stay with something until it is complete.
7. Has a hard time saying no to requests for help.
8. Is more interested in meeting the needs of others than own needs.
9. Enjoys working on immediate goals rather than long-range goals.
10. Shows love for others in deeds and actions more than in words.
11. Needs to feel appreciated.
12. Tends to do more than asked to do.
13. Feels greatest joy in doing something that is helpful.
14. Does not want to lead others or projects.
15. Has a high energy level.
16. Cannot stand to be around clutter.
17. Tends to be a perfectionist.
18. Views serving to be of primary importance in life.
19. Prefers doing a job to delegating it.
20. Supports others who are in leadership.

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Typical Problem Areas of the Gift of Serving

1. Is critical of others who do not help out with obvious needs.
2. May neglect own family's needs by being too busy helping others.
3. May become pushy or interfering in eagerness to help.
4. Finds it hard to accept being served by others.
5. Is easily hurt when unappreciated.

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The Gift of Teaching

Characteristics:

1. Presents truth in a logical, systematic way.
2. Validates truth by checking out the facts.
3. Loves to study and do research.
4. Enjoys word studies.
5. Prefers to use biblical illustrations rather than life illustrations.
6. Gets upset when Scripture is used out of context.
7. Feels concerned that truth be established in every situation.
8. Is more objective than subjective.
9. Easily develops and uses a large vocabulary.
10. Emphasizes facts and the accuracy of words.
11. Checks out the source of knowledge of others who teach.
12. Prefers teaching believers to engaging in evangelism.
13. Feels Bible study is foundation for the operation of all the gifts.
14. Solves problems by starting with scripture principles.
15. Is intellectually sharp.
16. Is self-disciplined.
17. Is emotionally controlled.
18. Has only a select circle of friends.
19. Has strong convictions and opinions based on investigation of facts.
20. Believes truth has the intrinsic power to produce change.

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Typical Problem Areas of the Gift of Teaching:

1. Tends to neglect the practical application of truth.
2. Is slow to accept viewpoints of others.
3. Tends to develop pride in intellectual ability.
4. Tends to be legalistic and dogmatic.
5. Is easily sidetracked by new interests.

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The Gift of Exhortation

Characteristics:

1. Loves to encourage others to live victoriously.
2. Wants a visible response when teaching or speaking.
3. Prefers to apply truth rather than research it.
4. Prefers systems of information that have practical applications.
5. Loves to prescribe precise steps of action to aid personal growth.
6. Focuses on working with people.
7. Encourages others to develop in their personal ministries.
8. Finds truth in experience and then validates it with Scripture.
9. Loves to do personal counseling.
10. Will discontinue personal counseling if no effort to change is seen.
11. Is fluent in communication.
12. Views trials as opportunities to produce personal growth.
13. Accepts people as they are without judging them.
14. Is greatly loved because of his positive attitude.
15. Prefers to witness with life rather than verbal witnessing.
16. Makes decisions easily.
17. Always completes what is started.
18. Wants to clear up problems with others quickly.
19. Expects a lot of self and others.
20. Needs a "sounding board" to bounce off ideas and thoughts.

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Typical Problem Areas of the Gift of Exhortation:

1. Tends to interrupt others in eagerness to give opinions or advice.
2. Will use Scripture out of context in order to make a point.
3. May be "cut and dried" in prescribing steps of action.
4. Is outspokenly opinionated.
5. Can become overly self-confident.

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The Gift of Giving

Characteristics:

1. Gives freely of money, possessions, time, energy, and love.
2. Loves to give without others knowing about it.
3. Wants to feel a part of the ministries to which he contributes.
4. Intercedes for needs and the salvation of souls.
5. Feels delighted when his gift is an answer to specific prayer.
6. Wants gifts to be of high quality or craftsmanship.
7. Gives only by the leading of the Holy Spirit.
8. Gives to support and bless others or to advance a ministry.
9. Views hospitality as an opportunity to give.
10. Handles finances with wisdom and frugality.
11. Quickly volunteers to help where a need is seen.
12. Seeks confirmation on the amount to give.
13. Has strong belief in tithing and in giving in addition to tithing.
14. Focuses on sharing the Gospel.
15. Believes God is the Source of his supply.
16. Is very industrious with a tendency toward success.
17. Has natural and effective business ability.
18. Likes to get the best value for the money spent.
19. Is definitely not gullible.
20. Possesses both natural and God-given wisdom.

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Typical Problem Areas of the Gift of Giving:

1. May try to control how contributions are used.
2. Tends to pressure others to give.
3. May upset family and friends with unpredictable giving.
4. Tends to spoil his own children and other relatives.
5. May use financial giving to get out of other responsibilities.

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The Gift of Administration

Characteristics:

1. Is highly motivated to organize that for which he is responsible.
2. Expresses ideas and organization in ways that communicate clearly.
3. Enjoys being under authority in order to have authority.
4. Will not take responsibility unless delegated by those in authority.
5. Will assume responsibility if no specific leadership exists.
6. Especially enjoys working on long-range goals and projects.
7. Is a visionary person with a broad perspective.
8. Easily facilitates resources and people to accomplish tasks or goals.
9. Enjoys delegating tasks and supervising people.
10. Will endure criticism in order to accomplish the ultimate task.
11. Has great zeal and enthusiasm for his involvements.
12. Finds greatest fulfillment and joy in working to accomplish goals.
13. Is willing to let others get the credit in order to get a job done.
14. Prefers to move on to new challenges once something is complete.
15. Constantly writes notes to self.
16. Is a natural and capable leader.
17. Knows when old methods are working and when new ones are needed.
18. Enjoys working with and being around people.
19. Wants to see things completed as quickly as possible.
20. Does not enjoy doing routine tasks.

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Typical Problem Areas of the Gift of Administration:

1. Becomes upset when others do not share the same vision or goals.
2. Develops outer callousness due to being a target for criticism.
3. Can regress into "using" people to accomplish own goals.
4. Tends to drive self and neglect personal and family needs.
5. Neglects routine home responsibilities due to intense interest in "job".

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The Gift of Compassion

Characteristics:

1. Has tremendous capacity to show love.
2. Always looks for good in people.
3. Senses the spiritual and emotional atmosphere of a group or individual.
4. Is attracted to people who are hurting or in distress.
5. Takes action to remove hurts and relieve distress in others.
6. Concerned for mental and emotional distress more than physical distress.
7. Is motivated to help people have right relationships with one another.
8. Loves opportunities to give preference or place to others.
9. Takes care with words and actions to avoid hurting others.
10. Easily detects insincerity or wrong motives.
11. Is drawn to others with the gift of compassion.
12. Loves to do thoughtful things for others.
13. Is trusting and trustworthy.
14. Avoids conflicts and confrontations.
15. Does not like to be rushed in a job or activity.
16. Is typically cheerful and joyful.
17. Is ruled by the heart rather than head.
18. Rejoices to see others blessed and grieves to see others hurt.
19. Is a crusader for good causes.
20. Intercedes for the hurts and problems of others.

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Typical Problem Areas of the Gift of Compassion:

1. Tends to be indecisive.
2. Is often prone to take up another person's offense.
3. Is easily hurt by others.
4. Empathizes too much with the suffering of others
5. Affectionate nature is often misinterpreted by opposite sex.

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Adult Individual Motivational Gift Profile Sheet

Gift	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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Giver											
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Compassion Person											

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Gift 2: _____

Gift 3: _____

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NOTE: Use *only the scores from the 20 positive characteristics* identified from the 7 gift identification sheets. The five problem characteristics are to be scored separately, to enable you to become aware of the typical problems of your motivational gifts, and to enable you to pray more effectively about those areas of your life in which you may need more of the Lord's grace and help.