DISCOVERING YOUR MINISTRY AT ACC

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good 1 Corinthians 12:7

Take this spiritual gifts inventory, rank yourself, discover how the Lord may want to use you, and speak with Rev. Cinnamon or Fr. Bill to et involved.

Step I

The Inventory

Select the value that best reflects what is true at this season in your life. Numbers should be posted to the left of each line and logged yon the log sheet (Step 2) that follows.

Write "O" for Seldom, "5" for Occasionally, or "10" for Often

_____1. I have the ability to use my hands in creative ways to design and build things.

_____2. I am usually a good judge of character and can spot varying forms of hypocrisy when I see it.

_____3. I enjoy developing relationships with non-Christians, with hopes of sharing with them the joy that can be found in God.

_____4. I am very fulfilled when I encourage others, especially if it's about their spiritual growth.

_____5. It is easy for me to trust in God's faithfulness, even in the midst of significant problems.

_____6. I joyfully give money to the church, well above my normal tithes or offerings.

_____7. People seek me out to pray for their physical or emotional healing.

_____8. I enjoy working behind the scenes, taking care of little details.

_____9. I enjoy entertaining and making guests feel at home when they visit.

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____10. Whenever I hear reports on the news or among friends about needy situations, I am persuaded to pray.

_____11. I enjoy studying difficult questions about the Bible, and am able to find answers more easily and quickly than others.

_____12. I enjoy visiting people in hospitals, prisons, or rest homes.

_____13. God has used me to perform supernatural acts.

_____14. I can adapt easily to different cultures, languages, or lifestyles and would like to use this gift locally or globally.

_____15. I believe I could share God's love to others through song or instrument.

_____16. People have told me that I have said "timely things," which touched them strongly.

_____17. I enjoy helping people in any type of need, and feel a sense of satisfaction in meeting that need.

_____18. I have the ability to thoroughly study as passage of Scripture, and then passionately communicate it to others so they understand it.

_____19. I have the ability to pray in a special language that God has given me.

_____20. When a person has a problem, I can frequently guide them to a biblical solution.

_____21. I enjoy doing things like woodworking, crocheting, sewing, metal work, stained glass, etc.

_____22. I am able to distinguish between right and wrong in "gray matters" that other people can't seem to figure out.

_____23. I have shared joyfully, in a way that is meaningful to nonbelievers, how Christ has brought me to himself.

_____24. People have come to me in their afflictions or suffering and told me they have been helped, relieved or healed.

_____25. I often see and begin "projects" that other people won't attempt, and the outcomes are usually successful.

_____26. I wouldn't mind lowering my standard of living to give more to the church, or to those in need.

_____27. When praying for others, sensations of heat, tingling, or peace are usually experienced in me or in the person(s) I'm praying with.

_____28. I would like to assist pastors or other leaders so they will have more time to accomplish their own essential priorities.

_____29. Others have mentioned that I am a very hospitable person.

_____30. Prayer is my favorite ministry in the church, and I consistently spend a great deal of time at it.

_____31. I enjoy studying in order to learn Biblical truths and principals.

_____32. I am "moved" for those who are hurting and lonely, and desire to spend time to comfort and/or cheer them.

_____33. When praying for others, I am often able to sense the presence of God on individuals or groups of people.

_____34. I would like to be a Christian witness in a culture different than my own, whether in this country or abroad.

_____35. I enjoy singing and people say I have a good voice.

_____36. I sometimes have a strong sense of what God wants to say to a person, or a group of people, in response to a particular situation.

_____37. I take the initiative to serve others and enjoy serving others, no matter how small the task, with little need of public recognition.

_____38. Others listen and enjoy my teaching of the Scriptures.

_____39. I have interpreted an unlearned language with the result that the hearers were edified, exhorted, or comforted.

_____40. God has enabled me to choose correctly between several complex options in an important decision, when no one else knew what to do.

_____41. I find satisfaction in meeting the needs of people by making something for them.

_____42. I am usually able to sense the presence of evil in a room or a situation.

_____43. Non-Christians have noted that they feel comfortable when they are around me, and that I have a positive effect on them towards developing their faith in Christ.

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_____44. People find it easy to talk with me and respond well to my encouragement to seek God.

_____45. There have been times when I have felt sure I knew God's specific will for a situation, even when others have not been so sure.

_____46. When I give money to someone, I don't expect anything in return, and even enjoy giving anonymously.

_____47. Others have told me they experienced some level of healing after praying with me.

_____48. I enjoy helping "behind the scenes" and don't need a lot of public recognition.

_____49. My home is available to others whenever needed.

_____50. I have passion to pray for significant issues of the church and for God's will to happen in others.

_____51. I enjoy exploring difficult biblical truths and principles on my own, just for my own personal enjoyment.

_____52. I have a desire to work with those who have physical or mental problems, to help alleviate suffering.

_____53. I have prayed for others when physical healing has actually occurred.

_____54. I have no racial prejudice and have a sincere appreciation for people very different from myself.

____55. I am asked to sing or play a musical instrument at church functions.

____56. I desire to speak specific messages from God that edify, exhort, or comfort.

_____57. I am very dependable for getting things done on time, and I don't need much praise or thanks.

_____58. I feel I can communicate biblical truths to others and see resulting changes in knowledge, attitudes, values, or conduct.

_____59. Praying in tongues is personally meaningful to me in my prayer and/or ministry life.

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_____60. I often have insights that offer practical solutions to difficult problems.

Step II

Log Sheet

Log your totals for each question, and circle the gifts ranking the highest number.

1____+ 21____+ 41____ = ____

Craftsmanship - the distinctive ability to use your hands and mind to benefit other believers through artistic, creative, or a wide variety of construction arenas.

2 + 22 + 42 = ____

Discernment - the distinctive ability to perceive whether personal actions originate from Godly, demonic, or human sources.

3____+ 23____+ 43 ____= ____

Evangelism - the distinctive ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in such a way that many non-Christians believe in Christ and are motivated towards relationship and spiritual growth. 4_____+ 24_____ + 44_____ = _____

Exhortation - the distinctive ability to appropriately communicate words of encouragement, challenge, or rebuke in the body of Christ.

5____+ 25 ____+ 45____ = ____

Faith - the distinctive ability to believe God with confidence for things unseen, spiritual growth and the will of God.

6_____+ 26_____+ 46_____ = _____ Giving - the distinctive ability to cheerfully and generously contribute personal resources to God's work. 7____+ 27____+ 47 ____= ____

Healing - the distinctive ability to be used as a human intermediary through whom God's supernatural power is applied to a person's physical or emotional need.

8____ + 28____ + 48 = ____ Helps - the distinctive ability to work with and support other Christian ministry efforts.

9____+ 29____+ 49 ____ = ____ Hospitality - the distinctive ability to make people feel "at home", welcome, cared for, and part of the group.

10____+ 30_____+ 50____ = _____ Intercession - the distinctive ability to pray for significant lengths of time, on a regular basis, and to often observe specific answers to those prayers.

11_____ + 31____ + 51____ = ____ **Knowledge** - the distinctive ability to seek out, gather, organize, and clarify facts and ideas on a number of diverse subjects. 12____+ 32____+ 52____= ____

Mercy - the distinctive ability to feel sincere empathy and compassion in a way that results in practical relief for people's hurts, pain, and suffering.

13____+ 33____+ 53____ = ____ **Miracles** - the distinctive ability to perform supernatural acts as an instrument or agent of God, which alter the expected course of nature.

14_____ + 34____ + 54____ = ____ Missionary - the distinctive ability to minister effectively in cultures beyond your own.

15_____ + 35____ + 55____ = ____ **Music** - the distinctive ability to make a significant contribution to a worship experience through singing or playing a musical instrument. 16____+ 36____+ 56____ = ____ **Prophecy** - the distinctive ability to boldly declare the truth of God, regardless of the consequences, calling people or individuals to deeper relationships with God.

17____+ 37____+ 57 ____ = ____ Service - the distinctive ability to identify and meet the practical needs of others.

18_____+ 38_____+ 58 = _____ **Teaching** - the distinctive ability to communicate practical truths to others in a way which stimulates the growth and well being of the body. 19____+ 39____ + 59____ = ____

Tongues/Interpretation - the distinctive ability to speak, or interpret, in an unlearned language, which communicates to the listener(s) divinely anointed messages.

20_____+ 40____+ 60____ = _____ Wisdom - the distinctive ability to discern the mind of Christ and apply scriptural truth to a specific situation in order to make the right choices and help others move in the right direction.

Step III

Ministry Locater

Now it's time to contact a Rev. Cinnamon or Fr. Bill. They will ask you about the Inventory, see if it rings true, and together see which ministry in the church would be a good fit for your gifts and skill set. It may even mean starting up a ministry which has yet to be discovered.

Resources for this questionnaire

Spiritual Gifts: A Tool to Discover Your Place in Ministry, INJOY, Dr. Dan Reiland Spiritual Gifts: Gifts Discovery Workshop, Charles E. Fuller Institute and Church Growth Andover Community Church www.andovercommunytnh.com