

# Survey of Spiritual Gifts

Skills and Spiritual Gifts are very similar. You will recognize many of the “skills” as being applicable to yourself and your life experiences; however, Spiritual Gifts are those “skills” with which you’ve been endowed, have a unique characteristic:  
you have been blessed with a special ability to use those gifts for the Kingdom of God.

We encourage you to print this document and complete the inventory. It will take approximately 30-45 minutes. We believe you will benefit from this exercise, and you may also discover things about yourself you didn’t realize.

Please note: In many cases, while completing the inventory, you may be tempted to “second-guess” yourself. Note that, normally, your first response will be the most accurate.

After completing the inventory, complete the analysis and the “Top Three Spiritual Gifts” form. You may want to share this form with your pastor. This form is applicable to virtually every church.

# SURVEY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

After each statement, circle one of the following: Much, Some, Little, or None. Note that the statements are in the form of "I am able...", not "I have already been..." or "I usually..."  
Please answer honestly, not modestly.

This survey was developed by the staff of First United Methodist Church in Anderson, Indiana,  
and we are grateful for their permission to share it with you.

1. I am able to organize ideas, things, and people for effective results.	Much	Some	Little	None
2. I am able to draw, design or paint.	Much	Some	Little	None
3. I am able to repair and maintain things with my hands.	Much	Some	Little	None
4. I am able to share with others how I came to know that God was actively working in my life.	Much	Some	Little	None
5. I am able to speak words of encouragement to those who are troubled, sad, or unsure of themselves.	Much	Some	Little	None
6. I am able to believe that the promises of God will come true despite worldly conditions which say otherwise.	Much	Some	Little	None
7. I am able to manage my money so well that I can contribute generously to God's work.	Much	Some	Little	None
8. I am able to relieve key leaders of small tasks so they can concentrate on their main work.	Much	Some	Little	None
9. I am able to provide food or lodging to someone in need.	Much	Some	Little	None
10. I am able to pray intensely for others.	Much	Some	Little	None
11. I am able to discover new truths myself.	Much	Some	Little	None
12. I am able to persuade other people to achieve important goals.	Much	Some	Little	None
13. I am able to talk cheerfully to the elderly, shut-ins, or those in nursing homes.	Much	Some	Little	None
14. I am able to sing praises to God either alone or with others.	Much	Some	Little	None
15. I am able to play a musical instrument.	Much	Some	Little	None
16. I am able to do routine work that some people would find uninteresting.	Much	Some	Little	None
17. I am able to be responsible for the spiritual growth of a group of fellow Christians.	Much	Some	Little	None

18. I am able to help other people learn Biblical facts and details which aid in building up their lives.	Much	Some	Little	None
19. I am able to apply truth in my life on a day-to-day basis.	Much	Some	Little	None
20. I am able to express my thoughts or feelings on paper.	Much	Some	Little	None
21. I am able to use facts or figures in planning effective projects.	Much	Some	Little	None
22. I am able to create pictures, banners, or other decorative craft items.	Much	Some	Little	None
23. I am able to do electrical, mechanical, or plumbing work.	Much	Some	Little	None
24. I am able and willing to learn how to share my faith with others.	Much	Some	Little	None
25. I am able to help others see new directions for their lives by giving them words of comfort, cheer, or constructive criticism.	Much	Some	Little	None
26. I am able to be more excited about the future than the past.	Much	Some	Little	None
27. I am able to give my money first to God and then pay my bills.	Much	Some	Little	None
28. I am able to do small jobs that take place behind the scenes.	Much	Some	Little	None
29. I am able to make guests feel welcome.	Much	Some	Little	None
30. I am able to pray for others when I am doing other things.	Much	Some	Little	None
31. I am able to influence others by sharing with them what I know.	Much	Some	Little	None
32. I am able to get other people to do work that needs to be done.	Much	Some	Little	None
33. I am able to comfort people who are sick or lonely.	Much	Some	Little	None
34. I am able to lead others in singing songs of praise to God or for pure enjoyment.	Much	Some	Little	None
35. I am able to contribute my instrumental musical abilities to a church, school, or community program.	Much	Some	Little	None
36. I am able to fee that doing small jobs is doing God's work.	Much	Some	Little	None
37. I am able to help straying Christians strengthen their faith.	Much	Some	Little	None
38. I am able to share my knowledge, the knowledge of others, or the love of Christ with children or adults.	Much	Some	Little	None

39. I am able to work out solutions to complicated problems in other people's lives.	Much	Some	Little	None
40. I am able to influence others with my written words.	Much	Some	Little	None
41. I am able to get a group of people to set goals and to make plans to accomplish these goals.	Much	Some	Little	None
42. I am able to garden or landscape.	Much	Some	Little	None
43. I am able to build things from my own or others' designs.	Much	Some	Little	None
44. I am able to have special concern for those who find it difficult to have faith in God.	Much	Some	Little	None
45. I am able to encourage others who are inactive in the faith.	Much	Some	Little	None
46. I am able to believe that anything is possible through the Lord.	Much	Some	Little	None
47. I am able to give generously to the Lord's work because of what God has done for me.	Much	Some	Little	None
48. I am able to type, file, or do other record-keeping tasks.	Much	Some	Little	None
49. I am able to make visitors feel at home in their new surroundings.	Much	Some	Little	None
50. I am able to feel that my prayers lead to amazing results in my life or in the lives of others.	Much	Some	Little	None
51. I am able to apply what I know to the everyday situations of life.	Much	Some	Little	None
52. I am able to get others to follow my direction.	Much	Some	Little	None
53. I am able to help others even when they don't seem to appreciate my assistance.	Much	Some	Little	None
54. I am able to sing familiar songs from the hymnal either alone or with others.	Much	Some	Little	None
55. I am able to use my instrumental music talents for the entertainment of friends or the glory of God.	Much	Some	Little	None
56. I am able to take directions from others better than I can give directions to others.	Much	Some	Little	None
57. I am able to guide a small group of Christians in their spiritual growth.	Much	Some	Little	None
58. I am able to get children or adults to learn about the love of Christ.	Much	Some	Little	None

59. I am able to go to Scripture and choose a reference which will be beneficial to the working out of a problem or decision I face.	Much	Some	Little	None
60. I am able to prepare or arrange newspaper or newsletter articles.	Much	Some	Little	None
61. I am able to develop a picture of the future and to lead people to it.	Much	Some	Little	None
62. I am able to sew, knit, or do needlepoint.	Much	Some	Little	None
63. I am able to do painting, plastering, or carpentry work.	Much	Some	Little	None
64. I am able to talk to other people about life or spiritual matters.	Much	Some	Little	None
65. I am able to help people who feel confused or lost.	Much	Some	Little	None
66. I am able to discover what God wants of me or my church.	Much	Some	Little	None
67. I am able to feel deeply moved when I learn of the financial needs of God's work.	Much	Some	Little	None
68. I am able to help prepare or serve meals.	Much	Some	Little	None
69. I am able to enjoy entertaining people in my home.	Much	Some	Little	None
70. I am able to believe that concrete results will come from my prayers.	Much	Some	Little	None
71. I am able to acquire facts and understanding through disciplined study.	Much	Some	Little	None
72. I am able to guide small or large groups of people in decision-making activities.	Much	Some	Little	None
73. I am able to help others even when their troubles are their own fault.	Much	Some	Little	None
74. I am able to experience singing as one of my favorite spiritual exercises.	Much	Some	Little	None
75. I am able to use my instrumental talents to inspire others.	Much	Some	Little	None
76. I am able to do work behind the scenes that nobody knows about.	Much	Some	Little	None
77. I am able to help individuals or small groups discover Scripture verses that strengthen their lives.	Much	Some	Little	None
78. I am able to get children or adults to see God at work in the stories of the Bible.	Much	Some	Little	None

79. I am able to determine where a person could best use his or her abilities.	Much	Some	Little	None
80. I am able to write stories or essays which inspire the reader.	Much	Some	Little	None
81. I am able to get a group of people to use effective procedures for doing their work.	Much	Some	Little	None
82. I am able to do interior decorating.	Much	Some	Little	None
83. I am able to clean things so that they are pleasing to look at.	Much	Some	Little	None
84. I am able to get people to respond positively when I share my faith with them.	Much	Some	Little	None
85. I am able to comfort someone who is suffering from physical or emotional problems.	Much	Some	Little	None
86. I am able to trust that God is always reliable, even when everything else around me looks very dim.	Much	Some	Little	None
87. I am able to deliberately choose to acquire fewer things so that I can give more to God's work.	Much	Some	Little	None
88. I am able to help prepare materials to be mailed or handed out.	Much	Some	Little	None
89. I am able to go up to a visitor and start a conversation.	Much	Some	Little	None
90. I am able to say that praying is a favorite spiritual exercise of mine.	Much	Some	Little	None
91. I am able to discover which truths and facts will be of benefit to me and others.	Much	Some	Little	None
92. I am able to motivate other people so that they respond in a positive manner.	Much	Some	Little	None
93. I am able to work with people who have psychological problems.	Much	Some	Little	None
94. I am able to find joy in the simple routing of hymn singing.	Much	Some	Little	None
95. I am able to enjoy playing a musical instrument either alone or with other groups of people.	Much	Some	Little	None
96. I am able to see a job that needs to be done and do it without being told.	Much	Some	Little	None
97. I am able to bring friends or relatives back to the faith after they have strayed away.	Much	Some	Little	None

98. I am able to get children or adults to want to learn about God.	Much	Some	Little	None
99. I am able to feel the presence of God during the making of important decisions.	Much	Some	Little	None
100. I am able to strengthen the lives of other people with my written words.	Much	Some	Little	None

## DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

In the grid below, enter the numerical value of your answers to the 100 statements, as follows: “Much” = 3, “Some” = 2, “Little” = 1, and “None” = 0. Then total your numerical values across the page to find your total value for each gift listed. Then, enter a check mark (✓) next to your **Top Three Spiritual Gifts** on the form at the bottom of the page. *Place that form in the offering plate on Sunday morning, along with the Service Opportunity form.*

( 3 )	( 3 )	( 3 )	( 2 )	( 3 )	= 14	<i>Example</i>
1 ( )	21 ( )	41 ( )	61 ( )	81 ( )	=	Administration
2 ( )	22 ( )	42 ( )	62 ( )	82 ( )	=	Arts and Crafts
3 ( )	23 ( )	43 ( )	63 ( )	83 ( )	=	Building/Maintenance
4 ( )	24 ( )	44 ( )	64 ( )	84 ( )	=	Proclaiming the Faith
5 ( )	25 ( )	45 ( )	65 ( )	85 ( )	=	Exhortation
6 ( )	26 ( )	46 ( )	66 ( )	86 ( )	=	Faith
7 ( )	27 ( )	47 ( )	67 ( )	87 ( )	=	Giving
8 ( )	28 ( )	48 ( )	68 ( )	88 ( )	=	Helps
9 ( )	29 ( )	49 ( )	69 ( )	89 ( )	=	Hospitality
10 ( )	30 ( )	50 ( )	70 ( )	90 ( )	=	Intercession
11 ( )	31 ( )	51 ( )	71 ( )	91 ( )	=	Knowledge
12 ( )	32 ( )	52 ( )	72 ( )	92 ( )	=	Leadership
13 ( )	33 ( )	53 ( )	73 ( )	93 ( )	=	Mercy
14 ( )	34 ( )	54 ( )	74 ( )	94 ( )	=	Music-Vocal
15 ( )	35 ( )	55 ( )	75 ( )	95 ( )	=	Music-Instrumental
16 ( )	36 ( )	56 ( )	76 ( )	96 ( )	=	Serving
17 ( )	37 ( )	57 ( )	77 ( )	97 ( )	=	Shepherding
18 ( )	38 ( )	58 ( )	78 ( )	98 ( )	=	Teaching
19 ( )	39 ( )	59 ( )	79 ( )	99 ( )	=	Wisdom
20 ( )	40 ( )	60 ( )	80 ( )	100 ( )	=	Writing



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### MY TOP THREE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

	Administration	Hospitality	Proclaiming the Faith
	Arts and crafts	Intercession	Serving
	Building/Maintenance	Knowledge	Shepherding
	Exhortation	Leadership	Teaching
	Faith	Mercy	Wisdom
	Giving	Music-Vocal	Writing
	Helps	Music-Instrumental	

Place a check mark (✓) to the left of your top three spiritual gifts.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES at Geneva United Methodist Church**

Areas in which I could commit my time and talents.

<b>1. Worship</b>			
	<b>Regular</b> church attendance		Special Music
	Greeter		Give occasional children's messages
	Acolyte (grades 4 and up)		Nursery attendant
	Usher		Junior church leader
	Provide Altar Flowers		Make banners
	Chancel Choir / Youth or Children's Choir		Become a Lay Speaker (training req'd)
	Liturgical Dance Team		Lay Reader (reads the day's Scriptures)
	Lay Communion Ministry (Serve Communion in homes)		Other:

<b>2. Outreach/Caring Ministries</b>			
	Visit elderly, hospital, nursing home, homebound, etc.		Deliver welcome gifts to visitors
	Homebound Ministry (Deliver tapes of services, etc)		Prayer Steward (relay prayer requests)
	Send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, etc.		Assist with funeral meals
	Caring Hands -errands, transport; meals; household help		Friendly neighbor visits to new residents
	Stephen Minister (training required)		Other:
	Friends in Faith (New member mentorship)		Other:

<b>3. Christian Education</b>			
	<b>Regular</b> Sunday School class attendance		Teach Children's/ Youth Sunday School class
	Teach/Assist with VBS		Teach Adult Sunday School class
	Attend Bible Study groups		Lead or Help with Youth Fellowship
	Other:		

<b>4. Building, Grounds, Office</b>			
	Special Skill:		Work Day volunteer
	Outdoor flowers (contribute \$ +/-or help plant)		Prepare newsletters, etc. for mailing
	Job Jar - volunteer for special maintenance		Other:

<b>5. Church Fund Raising &amp; Community Service</b>			
	Help with Grape JAMBoree		Monthly worship at Rae-Ann (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 2:30 pm)
	Help at Rummage Sales		Choir sing-along at Rae-Ann (Wednesdays, 6:30 pm)
	Work at Community Thanksgiving Dinner		Other:

6. Groups			
	United Methodist Youth Fellowship		Women's Circles (Miriam-Esther/Wesleyan)
	Attend Fellowship Ministries events		Praise Café - host or visit
	Other:		

7. Missions			
	Work project to help area residents in need		Donate provisions for Geneva Food Pantry
	Donate gifts from Share-A-Christmas tree		Donate scarves & mittens for the mitten tree
	Serve on a Geneva UMC work mission team		Habitat for Humanity volunteer
	Other:		Other:

8. Administration and Program Planning	
By checking one or more of these, you are indicating your desire to learn more about them, or your wish to continue serving as a member of that committee/group.	
	Church Council - governing body of the church; meets monthly.
	Staff-Parish Relations Committee - meets bi-monthly to maintain healthy relationships between staff and parish.
	Committee on Finance - meets monthly to review operational income/expense, as well as special needs financing.
	Board of Trustees - meets monthly; general responsibility for all property of the church.
	Education Committee - meets monthly to plan and implement Sunday School, Bible study, and VBS programs.
	Missions Committee - meets monthly to guide and implement missions projects, and funding special projects such as Noisy Collection (Heifer), Food Pantry Provision Sundays, and others.
	Committee on Lay Leadership - strives to train and develop non-staff leadership within the church; recommends individuals to fill expiring or vacant positions on other committees; meets throughout the year.
	Lay Leader - primary liaison between the laity and the pastor(s); meets regularly with the pastor(s); serves on Church Council, SPR Committee, and Committee on Lay Leadership.
	Lay Delegate to Annual Conference - represents our church during Conference Week in June of each year; serves on Church Council, Committee on Finance, and SPR Committee.
	Fellowship Ministries - plans fellowship events.
	OWM* - Worship - works with pastor(s) to plan and implement various segments of worship. Meets bi-monthly with (*).
	OWM* - Outreach Ministries - invitational ministries. Meets bi-monthly with (*).
	OWM* - Membership Care Ministries - caring ministries to members. Meets bi-monthly with (*).
	Archives, History & Memorials - maintains historical records & church library; plans remembrance celebrations/memorials.
	Altar Guild - decorates and cares for altar; seasonal church decorations; meets monthly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*“I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’  
Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me!’ ” (Isaiah 6:8)*