

## Spiritual Gifts Bibliography

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***Created and Called: Discovering Our Gifts for Abundant Living***, by Jean Morris Trumbauer. 1998. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.

Practical, concrete strategies for helping people discover and use their God-given gifts, with numerous exercises and permission to duplicate.

***Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts***, by Lloyd Edwards. 1997. Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications.

Includes step-by-step exercises and a challenging self-evaluation.

***Discover Your Children's Gifts: A Parent's Handbook to Recognize and Develop Your Children's Gifts***, by Don and Katie Fortune. 1989. Grand Rapids, MI: Chosen Books.

A workbook for parents.

***Discover Your Gifts: And Learn How to Use Them***, by Alvin J. Vander Griend. 1996. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian Resources.

This seven-session course helps adults identify their unique gifts and use them for the benefit of others. Includes leader's guide, student manual, and spiritual gift discovery questionnaire (one questionnaire is included in each student manual).

***Discover Your Gifts: And Learn How to Use Them (Youth Version)***, by Ruth Vander Zee. 1998. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Designed for junior high and high school students, this student book and leader's guide includes six sessions that introduce the concept of spiritual gifts.

***Discover Your God-Given Gifts***, by Don and Katie Fortune. 1987. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books/Chosen Books.

This book includes an assessment tool (which is also available separately).

***Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts***, by Kenneth C. Haugk. St. Louis, MO: Stephen Ministries.

An eight-hour course containing a Ministry Mobilization Manual to follow-up after the assessment. Resources include planning and preparation manual; leader's guide; Haugk Spiritual Gifts Inventory Manual; Ministry Mobilization Manual; participant manual; and Haugk Spiritual Gifts Inventory (Parts 1 and 2).

***Discovering My Ministry, Class 301***. Foothill Ranch, CA: Saddleback.

A comprehensive gifts program.

***Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts***, by Phyllis Bennett and Traci Mullins. 1998. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

This six-session interactive Bible study is from the Women of Faith series.

***Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts: A Personal Inventory Method***, by Kenneth C. Kinghorn. 1984. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

Features a unique personal inventory method.

***Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts***, by J. E. O'Day. 1985. Madison, WI: InterVarsity Press.

A brief booklet about developing spiritual gifts.

***Each One a Minister: Using God's Gifts for Ministry***, by William J. Carter. 2002. Nashville, TN: Upper Room.

Following a six-session study of Ephesians, four ministry categories, closely connected to the congregational primary task (receive, relate, equip, send), are identified; and Scripture readings, activities, and ways to implement specific ministries are suggested.

***Equipped for Every Good Work: Building a Gifts-Based Church***, by Dan R. Dick and Barbara Miller Dick. 2001. Nashville, TN: Upper Room.

This book gives the reader tools for the discovery and development of spiritual gifts, spiritual types, interaction styles, and working preferences. Supplemental resources can be found online (<http://www.gbod.org/equipped/>).

***The Equipping Church: Serving Together to Transform Lives***, by Sue Mallory. 2001. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

This is a comprehensive look at how to mobilize lay members of your church into effective gift-based teams, illustrated with successful examples. See also the companion resource, *The Equipping Church Guidebook*.

***Find Your Fit***, by Jane Kise and Kevin Johnson. 1999. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers.

A spiritual gifts assessment for youth, ages fifteen and above.

***Finding Your Spiritual Gifts: Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire***, by C. Peter Wagner. 1995. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.

Coordinates with Wagner's *Discover Your Spiritual Gifts*.

***Gifts: The Joy of Serving God***, by John Ortberg, Laurie Pederson, and Judson Poling. 2000. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Designed for small groups, this study includes seven sessions and a leader's guide.

***LifeKeys: Discover Who You Are***, by Jane A.G. Kise, David Stark, and Sandra Krebs Hirsh. 2005. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers.

A unique blend of Myers-Briggs and spiritual gifts.

***Ministering through Spiritual Gifts: Recognize Your Personal Gifts and Use Them to Further the Kingdom***, by Charles F. Stanley. 1999. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson.

Based on Romans 12.

***Ministry Specialties Test***, by Corinne Ware. 1995. Herndon, VA: The Alban Institute.

Ware helps people discern gifts in the following areas of ministry: theology, pastoral care/social services, counseling, administration, teaching, spiritual direction, preaching, missions, youth ministry, liturgics, and music.

***Network***, by Bruce Bugbee, Don Cousins, and Wendy Seidman. 2005. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Blended with the DVD course, this comprehensive process includes introducing the concept, gaining leadership support, and a complete follow-up program to effectively direct participants into meaningful places of ministry. Resources include a participant's guide, a PowerPoint® CD, and a leader's guide. *Network* is also available in Spanish. Related resources include *Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way: 4 Assessments for Determining Your Spiritual Gifts*; *What You Do Best in the Body of Christ: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style, and God-Given Passion (Expanded Edition)*—also available in Spanish.

***Opening Your Spiritual Gifts***. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.

A user-friendly assessment tool to help church members discover their spiritual gifts. Leads to reflection on how gifts can be used in the congregation and in daily life.

***Our Gifts: Identifying and Developing Leaders***, by David P. Mayer. 2002. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.

Mayer provides a simple and practical, yet theologically rich, guide for equipping all of God's people as disciple leaders.

***Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts: Building Up the Body of Christ through the Gifts of the Spirit***, by Charles V. Bryant. 1991. Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books.

John I. Penn has developed a companion workbook that leads people through a seven-session study.

***S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life***, by Erik Rees. 2006. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Illustrated with real-life stories, this book guides you through a series of challenges that help you uncover your God-given S.H.A.P.E.—your unique blend of Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences.

***Sharing the Ministry: A Practical Guide for Transforming Volunteers into Ministers***, by Jean Morris Trumbauer. 1995. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.

Included in this three-ring binder is a systematic approach to help individuals discover their gifts; design meaningful ministries; recruit and interview lay ministers; match individuals' gifts with ministry; and to train, supervise, and support volunteer ministers.

***Spirit Gifts: One Spirit, Many Gifts***, by Patricia D. Brown. 1996. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press.

Participants share in study, reflective exercises, discussion, worship, prayer, music, and group activities. Includes participant's workbook and leader's resources.

***Spiritual Gifts***, by R. Paul Stevens. 2004. Madison, WI: InterVarsity.

This revised 8-session study features questions for starting group discussions and for meeting God in personal reflection, expanded leader's notes, and a "Now or Later" section.

***The Three Colors of Ministry: A Trinitarian Approach to Identifying and Developing Your Spiritual Gifts***, by Christian A. Schwarz. 2001. St. Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.

The process of discovering and implementing one's gifts is linked to the three dimensions of God's nature. "Gift-oriented ministry" is one of the eight building blocks of *Natural Church Development*. A short introductory booklet on the subject, *The Threefold Art of Experiencing God: The Liberating Power of a Trinitarian Faith*, is also available.

**Trenton Spiritual Gifts Analysis.**

Winfield, British Columbia: International Center for Leadership Development and Evangelism.

A basic gifts assessment tool with approximately eighty-five questions.

***Uniquely You in Christ***, by Mels Carbonell. Blue Ridge, GA: Uniquely Yours.

The variety of comprehensive gifts assessment tools includes an instrument for youth, parents, and for those unfamiliar with church, etc. The tools identify seven, nine, sixteen, or twenty-three spiritual gifts.

***Unleash Your Church***, by Paul Ford. St. Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.

This comprehensive leader's guide provides the foundational Biblical principles for gifts mobilization, a strategic seven step process for action, and instructions for using the *Getting Your*

*Gifts in Gear* workbook, the *Ministry Mentor Guide*, and the book *Seven Principles for Mobilizing Spiritual Gifts*.

***Unwrapping Our Gifts***. Laity Empowerment Project.

Participants explore how they are ministers of God in their home, workplace, church, and world. Through imaginative Bible studies, supportive discussion, and gift discernment exercises, participants unwrap their God-given gifts, build in-depth community, and learn to live out daily life Christianity (eight sessions with a Saturday retreat).

***What You Do Best in the Body of Christ***, by Bruce Bugbee. 2005. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

Also available in Spanish.

***Women Gifted for Ministry: How to Discover and Practice Your Spiritual Gifts***, by Ruth and Elmer Towns. 2001. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson.

An interactive workbook.

***The Word on Finding and Using Your Spiritual Gifts***, by Jim Burns and Doug Fields. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.

These twelve sessions for youth include reproducible handouts.

***Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow***, by C. Peter Wagner. 2005. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.

Identifies and discusses twenty-seven spiritual gifts.

***Your Spiritual Gifts Inventory: From Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts***, by Charles V. Bryant. 1997. Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books.

Contains 160 questions, a scoring grid, and lists of biblical references.

## **Websites**

**<http://www.advisorteam.org/instruments/>**

Keirseley Temperament Sorter II.

**<http://www.churchgrowth.org/analysis/intro.html>**

Personalized Spiritual Gifts Analysis provided by Ephesians Four Ministries and Church Growth Institute.

**<http://www.elca.org/evangelism/assessments/spiritgifts.html>**

Finding Your Spiritual Gifts Self-Assessment.

**<http://www.elca.org/christianeducation/programplanners/2005CEProgramPlanner/spiritualgifts.html>**

Spiritual Gifts Inventories for Children, Youth, and Adults.

**<http://www.kolbe.com>**

The Kolbe Pure Instinct System to help you discover your natural abilities.

**<http://www.pcusa.org/transformation/downloads/spiritualgifts.pdf>**

Spiritual Gifts Inventory from *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*, by C. Peter Wagner.

## Related Resources

***Equipping the Saints: Mobilizing Laity for Ministry***, by Michael J. Christensen, Carl E. Savage, and Leonard Ira Sweet. 2000. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press.

Offers new models for ministry.

***Four Spiritualities: Expressions of Self, Expressions of Spirit***, by Peter Tufts Richardson. Davies-Black® Publishing.

Using MBTI® type theory, Richardson delineates the journeys of unity, devotion, works, and harmony.

***Knowing Me, Knowing God: Exploring Your Spirituality with Myers-Briggs***, by Malcolm Goldsmith. 1997. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press.

Includes a personality assessment tool.

***Learning for Life: Christian Education and the Practice of Faith***. 2001. Grand Rapids, MI: Reformed Church Press.

Contains an entire section devoted to an emphasis on spiritual gifts. Available online.

***Natural Church Development: A Guide to Eight Essential Qualities of Healthy Churches***, by Christian A. Schwarz. ChurchSmart Resources.

Explains why and how churches grow and offers step-by-step instructions for developing your own program. Also available are an implementation guide and the booklet *The ABCs of Natural Church Development*, for introducing the program to the leaders in your church.

***Natural Church Development Survey***, by Christian A. Schwarz and Christoph Schalk. ChurchSmart Resources.

Includes one survey for the pastor and thirty surveys for laypeople who are actively involved in the church. The completed surveys are returned to a denominational representative for processing. The church receives a report identifying their minimum factor. The church may want to consider conducting a survey every twelve months to track its progress and determine if its minimum factor has changed.

***Partners in Ministry: Clergy and Laity***, by Roy W. Trueblood and Jackie B. Trueblood. 1999. Nashville, TN: Abingdon.

Drawing on their extensive experience leading the Partners in Ministry program, the authors provide direct, practical guidance on how the ministry of laity and clergy can complement and strengthen each other.