

Understanding My Spiritual Function

A Questionnaire

A function is a special duty or action required of someone in the carrying out of his or her responsibilities. In the human body, the function of the eye is to see, the ear to hear, the nose to smell, etc. Each of the body's components performs its functions independently of the others but always to the benefit of the whole person. Each component must depend on all the others in order for us to be fully functioning people capable of performing to our total potential. When a function is not performed, the person is handicapped. We get by and manage somehow, but we are limited in our ability to perform at peak efficiency.

Within the local church, as in the illustration of the body, there are separate functions that must be performed in order for the local church to perform to its maximum level. This questionnaire is designed to give a general indication of the spiritual function with which you are gifted of God. When answered properly, the questionnaire will increase your understanding of your particular role within your church body. There are no right or wrong answers! Be honest in your responses. Don't respond because you think you ought to but, rather, because the question refers to natural tendencies you want to express. Don't spend a lot of time with each question or your response to it. Initial reactions to questions of this kind are generally more accurate than answers that come after long contemplation.

Rate each answer according to the following scale: Never/Rarely, Seldom, Frequently, Usually/Always. Give 1 point for Never/Rarely, 2 for Seldom, 3 for Frequently, and 4 for Usually/Always.

Rating Scale

N/R S F U/A

QUESTIONS

				1. Do you feel that you seem to usually know whether something is right or wrong?
				2. Do you seem to concentrate more on practical things that need to be done rather than on why they should be done?
				3. Do you find it relatively easy and enjoyable to spend time in intense study and research of the Bible?
				4. Do you have a greater concern for how to apply God's word than understanding its message?
				5. Would you rather give money to help than perform some manual task?
				6. Do you enjoy motivating others to various tasks and ministries?
				7. Are you drawn to the "underdog"?
				8. Do you feel a challenge to believe and trust God for it when someone says that a job cannot be done or is an impossibility?
				9. When you hear of someone who needs help, do you immediately offer your services when possible?

				10. Have you sensed in your spirit that God has gifted you with a special ability to learn and acquire knowledge concerning His word?
				11. Do people often seek you out to get advice concerning their personal problems?
				12. Do you frequently find yourself giving more than a tithe to your church?
				13. By training and setting things out, do you sense a special ministry to help others become more effective in their work?
				14. Do you feel “turned off” by those who are insincere or hard-hearted toward people in distress?
				15. Do you have a tendency to speak up when issues are being dealt with in a group rather than remain silent and listen?
				16. Do you see yourself as one who is more effective assisting leaders rather than leading?
				17. Do you find that people will often come to you with difficult problems and questions from the Bible, seeking your understanding?
				18. Would you rather talk personally with someone about his or her personal problems than send that person to someone else for help?
				19. Do you think God can be glorified by donating material items?
				20. Do you see more value in spending time to show someone how to do a task than in doing it yourself?
				21. Is it easy for you to talk with those who are suffering physically and to experience response on their part?
				22. Have you sensed that people feel conviction about wrong practices or doctrinal error when you share with them what the Bible says?
				23. Do you believe that you would help almost anyone who had a need if it was possible for you to do so?
				24. In your study of God’s Word, have you observed that new insights and understanding of difficult subjects seem to come easy to you?
				25. Have people often said to you that you have a way of simplifying a difficult problem, usually giving reasons for what you believe?
				26. Do you sense a great deal of joy in giving, regardless of the response of the one to whom you gave?
				27. Do you have a special concern to train and disciple other believers to become leaders?
				28. Do you find it easy to deal with people who are depressed or discouraged, experiencing a certain joy in what can be accomplished?
				29. Do you find that you often evaluate people and what they say as to whether it is right or wrong?
				30. Do you receive a greater satisfaction by manually completing a job rather than counseling people about their problems and needs?
				31. Have other believers frequently pointed out to you that you have an ability to know and understand the things of God’s Word?
				32. When you give your advice to someone, do you seem to emphasize more in the area of “how” it should be done rather than

				“why” it should be done?
				33. When you give money to someone, do you find that you do not expect any appreciation in return?
				34. Do you at times find yourself thinking of decisions that need to be made in giving overall direction to a group or organization?
				35. Do you sense a great deal of love and compassion for people having personal and emotional problems?
				36. Do you feel a great responsibility toward God whenever you sense that something is not right which other believers do not seem to understand?
				37. When someone asks for your help, do you have great difficulty in saying “no” to that person?
				38. Would you rather explain the meaning of a specific word than simply share a verse by quoting it to someone?
				39. Are you more eager to listen to people’s personal problems rather than to share yours with someone else?
				40. Do you see the matter of sharing money as a genuine spiritual ministry which you believe God has given to you?
				41. Do you usually take the leadership in a group where none exists?
				42. Do you feel that visiting those who are suffering physically brings you joy rather than depresses you?
				43. Have you felt a special responsibility to protect the truth of God’s word by exposing that which is wrong and sinful?
				44. Do you find that you enjoy doing things that need to be done without being asked to do them?
				45. Are you pleased when others grasp a new biblical principle that you have shared with them?
				46. When you hear of some believer who has “sinned” or “fallen away,” are you anxious to go to that person immediately and try to help?
				47. Are you more blessed by giving than by receiving?
				48. Do you sense a great deal of joy in a leadership position rather than frustration and difficulty?
				49. Are you willing and eager to spend time, money, and resources to help those who are suffering physically?

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