



Week of May 17, 2010

## A Tool to Choose Your Ministry



You may have heard of the 80-20 rule. It operates in all human organizations, including the church. In most churches 20% of the people do 80% of the work. The other 80% either tackle the remaining 20% of the duties or, more likely, they sit on the sidelines and watch everyone else do the work.

This is NOT how God intended His church to operate! God wants every believer to make a difference for Him in every area of life – at home, at school or work, in the community, and in the local church. In fact, the effectiveness of your church depends on how many of its members are contributing their spiritual gifts to the work of the church.

Whether they know it or not, the people in your church are counting on you to minister to them out of your giftedness as part of the Body of Christ. In return, you benefit by having your fellow churchgoers investing their time and talents in building up you. This is serious business. God will hold you accountable for how you invested the “talents” He has entrusted to you.

So how do you figure out where to serve in the church? By triangulating! Webster’s dictionary defines the principle of *triangulation* as a “... *finding a position or location from two fixed points a known distance apart.*”

You were designed to make a distinctive contribution in the church through two fixed points. If you employ your **spiritual gifts** in an area of ministry that reflects the **passion** implanted in your heart, you will locate a **ministry** that will benefit others and bring you great satisfaction.

# 1 Passion:

Your passion is an intense emotion compelling action. Your passion is either a group of people that you long to influence or a social issue/problem that you want to resolve. You will know if it's your passion if you have an enthusiasm and eagerness to do something to make a difference there.

## Groups of People

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Infants               | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletes        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschoolers          | <input type="checkbox"/> Educators       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children              | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainers    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior high           | <input type="checkbox"/> Executives      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior high           | <input type="checkbox"/> Laborers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College age           | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless / Poor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single adults         | <input type="checkbox"/> Media           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young married couples | <input type="checkbox"/> Men             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married couples       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents               | <input type="checkbox"/> Politicians     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors               | <input type="checkbox"/> Women           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internationals        | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other races           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other religions |

## Social Issues/Problems

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief support          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Health care            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/Chemical dependence | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth control               | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunger and starvation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career transitions          | <input type="checkbox"/> Inner city             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic illnesses           | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital restoration    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Media influence        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Postpartum depression  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developmentally challenged  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diseases                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce recovery            | <input type="checkbox"/> Racism and prejudice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual abuse / assault |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____           |

The **passion** that God embedded in my heart is:

## 2 Ministry Opportunities:

Knowing your passion helps identify the best ministry opportunity for you. Review the ministry opportunities listed below. Your church may or may not offer these ministries. It's also possible your church will have ministries that aren't listed here. Which 3 ministries are most likely to maximize your contribution to the Body of Christ? Contact the leaders of those ministries to gather information before making a final decision.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building – maintenance, repair, improvement               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy ministry:<br>Hospital visits, grief support, special needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care / nursery                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music – instrumentalist, vocalist                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church grounds and landscaping                            | <input type="checkbox"/> New believers  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church summer camp  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer ministry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College and career ministry                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Production – sound, lighting, staging                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion preparation                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications<br>Writing, editing, publication, distribution      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers / web page                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors ministry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couples ministry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Single adult ministry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce recovery  | <input type="checkbox"/> Small group ministry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama – actors, writers                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports ministry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism / Discipleship                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship<br>Accounting, finance, counters, benevolence        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food – preparation, service, pantry                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday school  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral or memorial service assistance                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual arts – illustrators, photographers                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school ministry                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's ministry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior high / middle school ministry                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship leader   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage ministry<br>Preparation, enrichment, restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's ministry  |   |

The **ministry opportunity** that seems to be the best fit for me is:

### 3 Spiritual Gifts: What are you most likely to enjoy doing as you serve in a ministry?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship    | <input type="checkbox"/> Helps                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Miracles    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discernment    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality               | <input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercession              | <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism     | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation of Tongues | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith          | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tongues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giving         | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom      |

My 3 most likely **spiritual gifts** are:

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- 2.
- 3.