





## ***We are Called and Gifted***

Q: What is my purpose in life? What am I *called to do*? What makes me special? How do I discover my uniqueness, my *giftedness*?

A: Our purpose in life is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and do so for the Glory of God. We are called to do this by discovering and developing the *gifts* given to us at Baptism and Confirmation through the grace of God



## Cardinal John Henry Newman

“God has created me to do Him some definite service...

He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another...

I have a part in a great work...

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.”



# Journey to Dynamic Disciple (Learning to live a life of HOLY MOMENTS!)

(P) Prayer

(S) Study

(G) Generosity

(D) Discipleship

MISSIONARY

DISCIPLE



INTENTIONAL

DISCIPLE



BAPTISM



HOLY  
COMMUNION



CONFIRMATION



**7 Gifts of Holy Spirit**

- Counsel
- Fear of Lord
- Fortitude
- Knowledge
- Piety
- Understanding
- Wisdom

**Theological Virtues**

- Faith
- Hope
- Charity

**Cardinal Virtues**

- Prudence
- Justice
- Fortitude/Courage
- Temperance

**Fruits to Enjoy**

- Chastity
- Charity
- Faithfulness
- Generosity
- Humility
- Joy
- Goodness
- Kindness
- Long Suffering
- LOVE
- Modesty
- Peace
- Patience
- Self Control

**8 Beatitudes**

- ...poor in spirit
- ...they who mourn
- ...meek/humble of heart
- ...hunger/thirst for righteousness
- ...the merciful
- ...the clean of heart
- ...the peacemakers
- ...they who are persecuted

**Works of Mercy (Corporal)**

- Feed the Hungry
- Give drink to Thirsty
- Clothe the Naked
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Bury the Dead

**10 Commandments**

- 1...no other gods
- 2...no name of GOD in vain
- 3...keep LORD's Day HOLY
- 4...Honor Mother/Father
- 5...do not kill
- 6...do not commit adultery
- 7...do not steal
- 8...do not lie
- 9...do not covet others wives
- 10.do not covet others goods

**Works of Mercy (Spiritual)**

- Instruct the Ignorant
- Counsel the Doubtful
- Admonish the Sinner
- Bear Wrongs Patiently
- Forgive Offenses Willingly
- Comfort the Sorrowful
- Pray for the Living/Dead

**Charisms**

**Pastoral**

- Encouragement
- Helps
- Hospitality
- Mercy
- Pastoring

**Communication**

- Evangelization
- Prophecy
- Teaching

**Organizational**

- Administration
- Leadership
- Giving
- Service

**Lifestyle**

- Celibacy
- Faith
- Missionary
- Voluntary

**Healing**

- Healing
- Intercessory Prayer

**Understanding**

- Knowledge
- Wisdom

**Creative**

- Craftsmanship
- Music
- Writing

MASS

MOST HOLY BIBLE

PRAYER/FASTING

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH (CCC)

SACRAMENTS





# *Gifts, Fruits & Beatitudes*

## A SPIRITUAL ARSENAL

### 7 Gifts to Seek

Counsel  
Fear of the Lord  
Fortitude  
Knowledge  
Piety  
Understanding  
Wisdom



### Theological Virtues

Faith, Hope,  
**Love/Charity\***

### Cardinal Virtues

Prudence, Justice,  
Fortitude/Courage,  
Temperance

### 12 Fruits to Enjoy

Chastity\*  
Charity\*  
**Faithfulness/Fidelity\***  
**Generosity**  
**Gentleness/Humility\***  
**Goodness\***  
**Joy \***  
**Kindness\***  
**Long Suffering\***  
**Love**  
Modesty\*  
**Peace \***  
**Patience\***  
Self-Control\*



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# *Gifts, Fruits & Charisms*

## Charisms to Share

### **Pastoral**

Encouragement  
Helps  
Hospitality  
Mercy  
Pastoring

### **Communication**

Evangelization  
Prophecy  
Teaching

### **Organizational**

Administration  
Leadership  
Giving  
Service

### **Lifestyle**

Celibacy  
Faith  
Missionary  
Voluntary Poverty

### **Healing**

Healing  
Intercessory Prayer

### **Understanding**

Knowledge  
Wisdom

### **Creative**

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Writing

## **Difference between Charisms and Natural Talent**

### **Natural Talent**

Born with it; inherited; *luck of the draw?*

Can be used for good or evil

Nothing to do with God

### **Charisms**

Cannot be inherited

Supernaturally powered

Dependent upon grace

Cannot be used for evil

Connected to and grows as our relationship with God grows





# Talent or Charism?

## Talent

...a special **natural ability** or aptitude

## Charism

... gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given to every baptized Christian that enable them to accomplish things for God above and beyond our natural human abilities



# The Inventory

- While ***Charisms are REAL***, ***DISCERNMENT*** is NOT!
- Only way to ***DISCERN*** it to DO and ***let GOD DO!***
- ***Higher scores*** than others does ***NOT*** mean you are more gifted!
- Three signs of a Charism: *personal experiences, objective effectiveness for the Kingdom of GOD, and positive feedback of others, both direct and indirect, should be consistent...*





There are 120 Questions on the Assessment. Moderator will announce each question number and Testor will place his/her appropriate response in the adjoining box as :

**0 = LITTLE 1 = LITTLE 2 = SOME 3 = OFTEN**

After completing the Assessment, total the responses in each ROW and place in the TOTAL column.

(Ex: Line #1+25+49+73+97= TOTAL SCORE (Line Totals may = 0 to 15 only)

Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory - Ans Sheet										TOTAL	Charism
1	3	25	2	49	3	73	1	97	2	11	
2	3	26	3	50	3	74	3	98	3	15	
3	2	27	3	51	2	75	2	99	1	10	
4		28		52		76		100			
5		29		53		77		101			
6		30		54		78		102			
7		31		55		79		103			
8		32		56		80		104			
9		33		57		81		105			
10		34		58		82		106			
11		35		59		83		107			
12		36		60		84		108			
13		37		61		85		109			
14		38		62		86		110			
15		39		63		87		111			
16		40		64		88		112			
17		41		65		89		113			
18		42		66		90		114			
19		43		67		91		115			
20		44		68		92		116			
21		45		69		93		117			
22		46		70		94		118			
23		47		71		95		119			
24		48		72		96		120			



# Assessment Answer Sheet

Line #	Charism
1	Administration
2	Celibacy
3	Craftsmanship
4	Discernment of Spirits
5	Encouragement
6	Evangelism
7	Faith
8	Giving
9	Healing
10	Helps
11	Hospitality
12	Intercessory Prayer
13	Knowledge
14	Leadership
15	Mercy
16	Missionary
17	Music
18	Pastoring
19	Prophecy
20	Service
21	Teaching
22	Voluntary Property
23	Wisdom
24	Writing



# Gifts Discernment

- Important for each person to discern and have knowledge of own charisms
- Discernment is *always* necessary
- Charisms should be received with gratitude and consolation
- **Prevents us from judging ourselves because we are not like others**
- **Helps us avoid burn-out, ineffectiveness, frustration and judging others because they are not like us**





## Gifts Discernment (cont'd)

### Know God

**The person who does not pray, cannot discern at all.** Our reason for being is because of God and who better to tell us His will and how we were created, then He Himself.

- **Prayer:** daily, regular times of prayer or a variety of
  - Reflective, quiet presence
  - Scriptural reading
  - Contemplation, listening to God within oneself in love



# What difference do Charisms make?

- **Charisms of individual Christians make a difference in secular society\***
- Charisms allow God's love and care to reach others
- Charisms provide means to reveal Christ to others
- **Charisms manifest when our relationship to God becomes *personal*; when we experience the *fruit* of discipleship**



# Charisms Valued or NOT

## VALUED in a Parish

- Administration
- Craftmanship
- Mercy
- Encouragement
- Music
- Giving
- Pastoring
- Helps
- Service
- Hospitality
- Wisdom

## NOT SO MUCH

- Leadership
- Extraordinary Faith
- Celibacy
- Evangelism (except in youth ministry)
- Missionary
- Voluntary Poverty
- Prophecy
- Teaching Knowledge
- Writing
- Intercessory Prayer
- Healing





**“As each one has received a *gift*, use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”**

**1 Peter 4:10**