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Hey Team

We are praying as you prepare to go overseas. May God use you and challenge you like no other time in your life, and may this be the awakening of what He has called you to do.

I have enclosed a Spiritual Gift exam: please circle those number/statements that you wholeheartedly agree with. If you read the question and feel that it is a “maybe” or “no,” then leave it un-circled. Upon answering all 70 questions, please add up all the “yes” (circled questions). If you end up circling 55-70 questions, I suggest doing it again and being a little more critical. There are no correct answers; we are only looking for an inclination or a preference. A better number of circled questions would be 30-54. Next, add up every 7th number (i.e. 1, 8, 15, 22 . . . 2, 9, 16, 23 . . .), up to ten numbers each. Call or email if you have any questions. I want to see what your spiritual gift(s) is/are (see Romans 12:1-15).

Look on the back of the exam. The *every 7th number* you circled on the Spiritual Gift exam starting with #1 pertains to prophecy. Starting with #2 pertains to service, #3—teaching, #4—exhortation/encouraging, #5—giving, #6—leadership, #7—mercy. Which one has the most circled numbers? Please note that this exam is not infallible over time; it is only a suggestion of your gifts. Notice the 7 characteristics of each gift.

The second test deals with your personality. I found it to be interesting. Please email me with your findings for both exams. My email is SA@oci.org or robincook@oci.org. Have a good time with these. I am really interested in hearing from you.

God bless,

Rob Cook

DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

QUIZ TO HELP DISCOVER YOUR GIFT

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Word of Caution: These tests should preferably be completed before you read any of the material, or listen to the tapes on the spiritual gifts. This gives you the more accurate results of the testing. After you have completed it, it can either be returned to us for grading or you may want to study through the material; then if you are still unsure of the interpretation of the test, you may send it to us to interpret, or a key for grading may be sent upon request.

How to Take Test: These quizzes can help you discern your gift if you are completely honest. There are no "right answers." Answer the questions according to your true motives and feelings rather than what you think the answers ought to be. To mark "yes," circle the number for "no" leave blank.

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1. Does hypocrisy in others really bother you?
2. Do you tend to neglect your own responsibility while being of help to others?
3. Do you find that you are tempted to give all knowledge you have on a subject when conversing with someone?
4. Do you have to be careful not to share examples about the ones whom you are helping to grow? In other words, is there sometimes an indiscretion in sharing results?
5. Do you tend to be a frugal person and a good money manager?
6. When receiving or giving instructions, do you want them spelled out?
7. Do you tend to feel uncomfortable around people who continually analyze things before making decisions?
8. Do you tend to judge quickly?
9. Do you tend to over—emphasize practical needs at the sacrifice of spiritual needs?
10. Do you feel that Scriptural truth comes first; then human experience is applied to that truth? (or measured by it).
11. Do you sometimes become discouraged with lack of progress in those with whom you're working?
12. Do you tend to give by logical need rather than emotional appeal?
13. Do you enjoy organizing?
14. Do people who are not sensitive to others tend to irritate you?
15. Do you have trouble with a sharp tongue?
16. Do you tend to be pushy?

17. Do you concentrate on details to the point that you miss the big picture?
18. Do you have to be careful of motivating others for personal gain?
19. Do you always tithe no matter how many bills you have to pay?
20. Once an objective has been established, are you one who is not easily side tracked?
21. Do you find that you are one that tends to find it easy to get close to other people?
22. Do you sense at times a pride in your speaking ability?
23. Do you tend to have genuine affection for others?
24. Do you enjoy accumulating knowledge and dig out facts?
25. Do you tend to spend too much time with people who aren't really interested in growing?
26. Do you tend to overlook long range goals in meeting immediate material needs?
27. Can you distinguish major objectives and not get bogged down in details?
28. Are you pleased and sometimes proud of your ability to empathize with others?
29. Are you motivated to reveal unrighteous motives or actions by presenting God's truth?
30. Do you tend to do things for others even if it means your own personal sacrifice and discomfort?
31. If Hebrew or Greek were offered as a course of study, would you like to take one or the other?
32. Do you enjoy setting courses of action for others to follow and grow in their faith?
33. Do you tend to measure spiritual success by material assets?
34. Do you use people in reaching your goals rather than meeting their needs?
35. More often than not, is it hard for you to be firm at times with others, even when necessary?
36. Do you tend to categorize individuals when you find out what church they attend?
37. Do you enjoy meeting needs that will free someone to do something else?
38. Following a sermon or lecture, do you tend to review your notes and look up all the Scripture references?
39. Do you enjoy encouraging others in their spiritual growth?
40. Do you have the motivation of entrusting personal assets to others for the furtherance of their ministry?
41. When given leadership responsibilities do you need to be careful of pride of power?

42. Can you mentally and emotionally relate to a person's need and give him aid?
43. Do you tend to see people as groups rather than individuals?
44. Do you tend to do things for others without regard to whether or not you receive any credit for doing it?
45. Would you tend to be more concerned with obtaining truth than with communicating truth?
46. Do you enjoy personal counseling with others?
47. Do you take a genuine interest in the needs of strangers?
48. Do you tend to overlook character faults in people that you need to help you reach a goal?
49. Do you find it easy to rejoice when others rejoice?
50. Do you find it easy to despise that which is evil?
51. Are you pleased with your ability to help others?
52. Do you enjoy research and detailed study?
53. Are you patient with one who shows slow progress?
54. When someone comes to you with a material need are you able to make a quick decision as to the validity of the need?
55. Do you enjoy leading or presiding over?
56. Do you enjoy providing comfort to those who are hurting?
57. If there were a particular sin, widely practiced within a particular congregation, would you feel it more effective to confront them as a congregation from the pulpit, or to confront them individually?
58. Do you have an ability to detect personal needs that others have?
59. Do you enjoy searching out and validating truth which has been presented?
60. Do you enjoy the one—on—one ministry approach?
61. Do you find it easy to make money?
62. Are you motivated to coordinate the activities of others for the achievement of common goals?
63. Do you find it easy to empathize with others?
64. Do you enjoy, or would you enjoy, speaking to groups?
65. Do you enjoy meeting the practical needs of others?

66. Do you prefer the study Bibles over paraphrased editions in your own personal study?

67. Are you motivated to stimulate the faith of others?

68. Do you feel you have a good business sense?

69. Do you find it easy to distinguish major objectives and help those around you to visualize them?

70. When a person is in distress, do you find it easy to identify with that person?

Name: _____ (phone) _____

If you know what your gift is, please write it here: _____

Operational Definitions of Character Qualities

(As found in the Character Bookshelf Series game, Character Chess)

TRUTHFULNESS vs. Deception Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts Ephesians 4:25 P1	ALERTNESS vs. Unawareness Being aware of that which is taking place around me so that I can have the right responses to them Mark 14:38 S1	SELF-CONTROL vs. Self-indulgence Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit Galatians 5:24-25 T1	WISDOM vs. Natural inclinations Seeing and responding to life situations from God's frame of reference Proverbs 9:10 E1	RESOURCEFULNESS vs. Wastefulness Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard Luke 16:10 G1	ORDERLINESS vs. Disorganization Preparing myself and my surroundings so that I will achieve the greatest efficiency 1 Corinthians 14:40 R1	ATTENTIVENESS vs. Unconcern Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions Hebrews 2:1 M1
OBEEDIENCE vs. Willfulness Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely-appointed authority 11 Corinthians 10:5 P2	HOSPITALITY vs. Loneliness Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those God brings into my life Hebrews 13:2 S2	REVERENCE vs. Disrespect Awareness of how God is working through the people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me Proverbs 23:17-18 T2	DISCERNMENT vs. Judgment The God-given ability to understand why things happen 1 Samuel 16:7 E2	TEMPERANCE vs. Extravagance Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary Luke 16:11 G2	INITIATIVE vs. Unresponsiveness Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it Romans 12:21 R2	SENSITIVITY vs. Callousness Exercising my senses so that I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me Romans 12:15 M2
SINCERITY vs. Hypocrisy Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives 1 Peter 1:22 P3	GENEROSITY vs. Stinginess Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes 11 Corinthians 9:6 S3	DILIGENCE vs. Slothfulness Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it Colossians 3:23 T3	FAITH vs. Presumption Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it Hebrews 11:1 E3	CONTENTMENT vs. Covetousness Realizing God has provided everything that I need for my present happiness 1 Timothy 6:8 G3	RESPONSIBILITY vs. Unreliability Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me Romans 14:12 R3	JUSTICE vs. Fairness Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws Micah 6:8 M3
VIRTUE vs. Impurity The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's Word 11 Peter 1:5 P4	JOYFULNESS vs. Self-pity The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord Psalm 16:11 S4	THOROUGHNESS vs. Incompleteness Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected Proverbs 18:15 T4	DISCRETION vs. Simple-mindedness The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences Proverbs 22:3 E4	PUNCTUALITY vs. Tardiness Showing high esteem for other people and their time Ecclesiastes 3:1 G4	HUMILITY vs. Pride Recognizing that God and others are actually responsible for the achievements in my life James 4:6 R4	COMPASSION vs. Indifference Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others 1 John 3:17 M4
BOLDNESS vs. Fearfulness Confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God Acts 4:29 P5	FLEXIBILITY vs. Resistance Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others Colossians 3:2 S5	DEPENDABILITY vs. Inconsistency Fulfilling what I committed to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice Psalm 15:4 T5	LOVE vs. Selfishness Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward 1 Corinthians 13:3 E5	TOLERANCE vs. Prejudice Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity Philippians 2:2 G5	DECISIVENESS vs. Double-mindedness The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God James 1:5 R5	GENTLENESS vs. Harshness Showing personal care and concern in meeting the needs of others 1 Thessalonians 2:7 M5
FORGIVENESS vs. Rejection Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me Ephesians 4:32 P6	AVAILABILITY vs. Self-centeredness Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving Philippians 2:20-21 S6	SECURITY vs. Anxiety Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away John 6:27 T6	CREATIVITY vs. Underachievement Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective Romans 12:2 E6	CAUTIONSNESS vs. Rashness Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions Proverbs 19:2 G6	DETERMINATION vs. Faint-heartedness Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time regardless of the opposition 11 Timothy 4:7-8 R6	DEFERENCE vs. Rudeness Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those God has called me to serve Romans 14:21 M6
PERSUASIVENESS vs. Contentiousness Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks 11 Timothy 2:24 P7	ENDURANCE vs. Giving up The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best Galatians 6:9 S7	PATIENCE vs. Restlessness Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it Romans 5:3-4 T7	ENTHUSIASM vs. Apathy Expressing with my spirit the joy of my soul 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 19 E7	GRATEFULNESS vs. Unthankfulness Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life 1 Corinthians 4:7 G7	LOYALTY vs. Unfaithfulness Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve John 15:13 R7	MEEKNESS vs. Anger Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God Psalm 62:5 M7

Prophecy Serving Teaching Exhorting Giving Organizing Mercy