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DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The following pages are a "Survey of Spiritual Gifts" which can help you to discover the gifts God has given to you. After each statement, place an "x" in one of the boxes marked: "Much" "Some" "Little" "None"

	Much	Some	Little	None
Example: I am able to make others feel welcome.	x			

Note that the statements are in the form of "I am able" - not "I have already been" or "I usually". Please answer honestly, not modestly.

This "Survey" was developed by the staff of First United Methodist Church in Anderson, Indiana and we are grateful for their permission to share it with you.

	Statement	Much	Some	Little	None
1	I am able to organize ideas, things, and people for effective				
2	I am able to draw, design, or paint.				
3	I am able to repair and maintain things with my hands.				
4	I am able to share with others how I came to know that God was actively working in my life.				
5	I am able to speak words of encouragement to those who are troubled, sad, or unsure of themselves.				
6	I am able to believe that the promises of God will come true despite worldly conditions, which say otherwise.				
7	I am able to manage my money so well that I can contribute generously to God's work.				
8	I am able to relieve key leaders of small tasks so they can concentrate on their main work.				
9	I am able to provide food or lodging to someone in need.				
10	I am able to pray intensely for others.				
11	I am able to discover new truths myself.				
12	I am able to persuade other people to achieve important goals.				
13	I am able to talk cheerfully to the elderly, shut-ins, or those in nursing homes.				
14	I am able to sing praises to God either alone or with others.				
15	I am able to play a musical instrument.				
16	I am able to do routine work that some people would find uninteresting.				
17	I am able to be responsible for the spiritual growth of a group of fellow Christians.				
18	I am able to help other people learn Biblical facts and details which aid in building up their lives.				
19	I am able to apply truth in my life on a day to day basis.				
20	I am able to express my thoughts or feelings on paper.				
21	I am able to use facts or figures in planning effective projects.				
22	I am able to create pictures, banners, or other decorative craft items.				

	Statement	Much	Some	Little	None
23	I am able to do electrical, mechanical, or plumbing work.				
24	I am able and willing to learn how to share my faith with others.				
25	I am able to help others see new directions for their lives by giving them words of comfort, cheer, or constructive criticism.				
26	I am able to be more excited about the future than the past.				
27	I am able to give my money first to God and then pay my bills.				
28	I am able to do small jobs that take place behind the scenes.				
29	I am able to make guests or visitors feel welcome.				
30	I am able to pray for others when I am doing other things.				
31	I am able to influence others by sharing with them what I know.				
32	I am able to get other people to do work that needs to be done.				
33	I am able to comfort people who are sick or lonely.				
34	I am able to lead others in singing songs of praise to God for pure enjoyment.				
35	I am able to contribute my instrumental musical abilities to a church, school, or community program.				
36	I am able to feel that doing small jobs is doing God's work.				
37	I am able to help straying Christians strengthen their faith.				
38	I am able to share my knowledge, the knowledge of others, or love of Christ with children or adults.				
39	I am able to help work out solutions to complicated problems in other people's lives.				
40	I am able to influence others with my written words.				
41	I am able to get a group of people to set goals and to make plans to accomplish these goals.				
42	I am able to garden or landscape.				
43	I am able to build things from my own or others' designs.				
44	I am able to have a special concern for those who find it difficult to have faith in God.				
45	I am able to encourage others who are inactive in the faith.				
46	I am able to believe that anything is possible through the Lord.				
47	I am able to give generously to the Lord's work because of what God has done for me.				
48	I am able to type, file, or do other record keeping tasks.				
49	I am able to make visitors feel at home in their new surroundings.				
50	I am able to feel that my prayers lead to amazing results in my life or in the lives of others.				
51	I am able to apply what I know to the everyday situations of life.				
52	I am able to get others to follow my direction.				
53	I am able to help others even when they don't seem to appreciate my assistance.				
54	I am able to sing familiar songs from the hymnal either alone or with others.				
55	I am able to use my instrumental music talents for the entertainment of friends or the glory of God.				

	Statement	Much	Some	Little	None
56	I am able to take directions from others better than I can give directions to others.				
57	I am able to guide a small group of Christians in their spiritual growth.				
58	I am able to get children or adults to learn about the love of Christ.				
59	I am able to go scripture and choose a reference, which will be beneficial to the working out of a problem or decision I face.				
60	I am able to prepare or arrange newspaper or newsletter articles.				
61	I am able to develop a picture of the future and to lead people to it.				
62	I am able to sew, knit, or do needlepoint.				
63	I am able to do painting, plastering, or carpentry work.				
64	I am able to talk to other people about life or spiritual matters.				
65	I am able to help people who feel confused.				
66	I am able to discover what God wants of me or my church.				
67	I am able to feel deeply moved when I learn of the financial needs of God's work.				
68	I am able to help prepare or serve meals or snacks.				
69	I am able to enjoy entertaining people in my home.				
70	I am able to believe that concrete results will come from my prayers.				
71	I am able to acquire facts and understanding through disciplined study.				
72	I am able to guide small or large groups of people in decision-making activities.				
73	I am able to help others even when their troubles are their own fault.				
74	I am able to experience singing as one of my favorite spiritual exercises.				
75	I am able to my instrumental talents to inspire others.				
76	I am able to do work behind the scenes that nobody knows about.				
77	I am able to help individuals or small groups discover scripture verses that strengthen their lives.				
78	I am able to get children or adults to see God at work in the stories of the Bible.				
79	I am able to determine where a person could best use his or her abilities.				
80	I am able to write stories or essays, which inspire the reader.				
81	I am able to get a group of people to use effective procedures for doing their work.				
82	I am able to do interior decorating.				
83	I am able to clean things so that they are pleasing to look at.				

	Statement	Much	Some	Little	None
84	I am able to get people to respond positively when I share my faith with them.				
85	I am able to comfort someone who is suffering from physical or emotional problems.				
86	I am able to trust that God is always reliable, even when everything else around me looks very dim.				
87	I am able to deliberately choose to acquire fewer things so I can give more to God's work.				
88	I am able to help prepare materials to be mailed or handed out.				
89	I am able to go up to a visitor and start a conversation.				
90	I am able to say that praying is a favorite spiritual exercise of mine.				
91	I am able to discover which truths and facts will be of benefit to me and others.				
92	I am able to motivate other people so that they respond in a positive manner.				
93	I am able to work with people who have psychological problems.				
94	I am able to find joy in the simple routine hymn singing.				
95	I am able to enjoy playing a musical instrument either alone or with other groups of people.				
96	I am able to see a job that needs to be done and do it without being told.				
97	I am able to bring friends or relatives back to the faith after they have strayed away.				
98	I am able to children or adults to want to learn about God.				
99	I am able to feel the presence of God during the making of important decisions.				
100	I am able to strengthen the lives of other people with my written words.				

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS (continued)

In the grid below, the numerical value of your answers to the 100 statements is entered with "much" = 3, "some" =2, "little" = 1, and "none" = 0. Then your numerical values are totaled across the page for each gift listed. At the bottom, your top 6 gifts are listed in terms of these numerical totals.

STATEMENT # AND VALUE										TOTAL	GIFT			
1	0		21	0		41	0		61	0	81	0	0	Administration
2	0		22	0		42	0		62	0	82	0	0	Arts and Crafts
3	0		23	0		43	0		63	0	83	0	0	Building/Maintenance
4	0		24	0		44	0		64	0	84	0	0	Proclaiming the Faith
5	0		25	0		45	0		65	0	85	0	0	Exhortation
6	0		26	0		46	0		66	0	86	0	0	Faith
7	0		27	0		47	0		67	0	87	0	0	Giving
8	0		28	0		48	0		68	0	88	0	0	Helps
9	0		29	0		49	0		69	0	89	0	0	Hospitality
10	0		30	0		50	0		70	0	90	0	0	Intercession
11	0		31	0		51	0		71	0	91	0	0	Knowledge
12	0		32	0		52	0		72	0	92	0	0	Leadership
13	0		33	0		53	0		73	0	93	0	0	Mercy
14	0		34	0		54	0		74	0	94	0	0	Music - Vocal
15	0		35	0		55	0		75	0	95	0	0	Music - Instrumental
16	0		36	0		56	0		76	0	96	0	0	Serving
17	0		37	0		57	0		77	0	97	0	0	Shepherding
18	0		38	0		58	0		78	0	98	0	0	Teaching
19	0		39	0		59	0		79	0	99	0	0	Wisdom
20	0		40	0		60	0		80	0	100	0	0	Writing

0 here are your top spiritual gifts from the survey:

Top Six Gift Totals

- 1 Administration
- 2 Arts and Crafts
- 3 Building/Maintenance
- 4 Proclaiming the Faith
- 5 Exhortation
- 6 Faith

I would be interested in attending a future session for a more in depth discussion of the theology and meaning of specific spiritual gifts.

YES
 NO

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Administration: You have been blessed with the gift of understanding clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a committee, working group, or the church as a whole. You are also able to create and carry out effective plans to accomplish these goals.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:28, Acts 6:1-7, Romans 12:8

Arts and Crafts: You have been blessed with the gift of using your hands, imagination, and mind to advance the Kingdom of God through artistic, creative means.

Scripture: Romans 12:7, Exodus 31:3-11

Building and Maintenance: You have been blessed with the gift of using your hands, imagination, and mind in the areas of construction, maintenance, and upkeep for the benefit and beautification of the Kingdom of God.

Scripture: Romans 12:7, II Chronicles 34:9-13

Proclaiming the Faith: You have been blessed with the gift of sharing the Good News with others in such a way that these people want to become disciplined Christians.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11, Acts 13:31-33

Exhortation: You have been blessed with the gift of providing words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to others.

Scripture: Romans 12:8, I Timothy 4:11-13, Acts 14:21-22

Faith: You have been blessed with the gift of seeing with certain and special confidence what work God wants a person, a committee, a working group, or the church as a whole to undertake. You are also able to move forward with the belief that anything is possible through God.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:9, Acts 27:21-25, Hebrews 11:33-38

Giving: You have been blessed with the gift of contributing your material resources to the work of the Lord with great joy, eagerness, and generosity.

Scripture: Romans 12:8, Mark 12:41-44

Helps: You have been blessed with the gift of doing those small, but important behind-the-scenes activities which are essential to the success of the work of the church.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:28, Mark 2:3-4

Hospitality: You have been blessed with the gift of providing a warm welcome to others with food, lodging, or personal attention.

Scripture: Romans 12:9-13, Hebrew 13:1-2

Intercession: You have been blessed with the gift of having a disciplined prayer life which sees frequent and specific answers to your prayers.

Scripture: Romans 12:14-16, James 4:14-16, Acts 12:1-17

Knowledge: You have been blessed with the gift of discovering, accumulating, analyzing, and clarifying information and ideas.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:8, Romans 15:14

Leadership: You have been blessed with the gift of getting people to work together to accomplish worthwhile goals.

Scripture: Romans 12:8, Acts 15:7-12

Mercy: You have been blessed with the gift of showing compassion for those who suffer distressing physical, psychological, or financial problems.

Scripture: Romans 12:8, Luke 10:33-35

Music-Vocal: You have been blessed with the gift of using your voice in the singing of praises and joy to the Lord.

Scripture: Romans 12:7, Colossians 3:16

Music-Instrumental: You have been blessed with the gift of playing a music instrument in praise of God.

Scripture: Romans 12:7, Psalm 150:4-5

Serving: You have been blessed with the gift of identifying the unmet needs of people and doing something to meet those needs.

Scripture: Romans 12:7, II Timothy 1:16-18

Shepherding: You have been blessed with the gift of being responsible for the spiritual well-being of an individual or a small group of people.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1, I Timothy 3:1-7

Teaching: You have been blessed with the gift of helping children or adults grow spiritually.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:28, Acts 18:24-28

Wisdom: You have been blessed with the gift of having insight into and understanding of life situations. You also know what to do about them and how to do it.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:8, I Corinthians 2:1-13

Writing: You have been blessed with the gift of putting your thoughts or feelings into words in such a way that people receive courage, guidance, knowledge, or inspiration.

Scripture: Romans 12:7, Acts 15:19-20, Psalms 45:1