

# Gift Inventory: What is My Role?

From Rick Richardson's book, *Reimagining Evangelism*

Each of us has unique gifts and abilities that God gave to us. These gifts are to be used for God's Kingdom - including in discipleship, encouragement, and evangelism. As we all work together, utilizing our unique gifts, Christian community looks as it was intended.

Complete this inventory. Answer quickly, without a lot of analysis. Circle the number under each statement that best indicates your level of agreement or disagreement:

0 = strong disagreement/untrue

2 = moderate agreement

1 = moderate disagreement

3 = strong agreement

1. When a job needs to get done, people often ask me to lead and organize it.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
2. I enjoy being with people who don't yet follow Jesus.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
3. I enjoy having people in my home (or dorm room).  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
4. I have led small groups before, and they have gone well.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
5. When I see someone in need, my first urge is to tell them I will pray for them, and then I do it.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
6. When I see someone in need, my first urge is to do something practical to help them.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
7. I have some ability to make money.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
8. I like involving other people in tasks and projects.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
9. I have a lot of confidence in the power of the gospel.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
10. I enjoy creating spaces that are attractive and that help people feel comfortable.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
11. I enjoy asking people questions and finding out what they think.  
0                                      1                                      2                                      3
12. When I pray for people, I often feel like I connect with God and with them.

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|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 13. I have been part of our church's efforts to serve the poor.  |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 14. I enjoy giving to causes and efforts I believe in.   |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 15. I enjoy originating and communicating a vision for a new event or ministry.  |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 16. I have led at least one person to Christ.  |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 17. When a group I am involved in is planning an event, people turn to me for ideas to help guests feel welcomes and wanted. |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 18. When people are in need, I like to involve other in my community in meeting the need.                                    |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 19. I have experiences when I sense God is leading me to pray for a specific person.   |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 20. I am upset when the church doesn't seem to care about people in need.  |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 21. When I see someone in need, I want to help financially.  |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 22. When I lead an event, it often seems to go well.   |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 23. I enjoy teaching and motivating other people to reach out.   |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 24. In group gatherings, I notice the people who seem isolated or uncomfortable.   |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 25. I enjoy studying Scripture, and often see things that challenge or motivate me.  |   |   |   |   |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 26. I believe God heals people, and I pray for hurting people with the expectation that God will answer my prayer.           |   |   |   |   |

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| 27. I believe the best form of evangelism is to care about people in practical ways and let my actions do the talking.  |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 28. I don't need to get the credit; I only want to see the job get done.  |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 29. Whenever I attend an event, I find myself evaluating how well it is going and how it could have been done better.   |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 30. When we are planning an outreach event, other people turn to me for ideas about how to help people commit to Jesus. |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 31. When others at a gathering are having a good time, I am happy.  |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 32. I enjoy mentoring others.   |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 33. I have prayed for people who don't yet follow Jesus.  |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 34. I have helped my church organize efforts to serve the poor locally or through a mission trip.                       |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 35. I want to invest in projects and people that help to transform people's lives.                                      |   |   |   |
| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Here are some broad areas of gifting, taken from Scripture and experience. Transfer your scores from the test into their corresponding spaces in the chart, and then add up the sums of each category.

Organizing and Leading	Evangelism and Equipping	Hospitality and Encouragement	Pastoring and Teaching	Prayer, Words, and Works from the Holy Spirit	Service and Mercy	Giving
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
<b>Total:</b>						

After looking at your results, ask yourself these questions:

- How am I already using my gift(s) to contribute to the Kingdom of God?
  - through discipleship?
  - through encouraging other believers?
  - through evangelism?
- What steps can I take to further develop or grow in my gift(s)?
- What other opportunities should I use my gift(s) for God's Kingdom?
- What type of person should I partner with to help bring a diversity of gifts in my ministry efforts?