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Your Profile for Christian Service

The purpose of this profile is to help you engage as a full partner in Christian service. Christian service is for every member of the Body of Christ. By way of the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus Christ equips his people for active service in his mission to reconcile to God a world alienated by sin.

Every Christian is equipped with three basic provisions: faith, guidance, and helpfulness. You received those basic provisions the moment you surrendered to God. Day by day, as you follow the Holy Spirit, you receive added measures of faith, guidance, and helpfulness.

The gift of faith is the freedom of Christ to trust in the goodness of God. The gift of guidance is the mind of Christ to seek first the Kingdom of God. The gift of helpfulness is the heart of Christ to care for the children of God.

From time to time, the Spirit gives certain members of the Body gifts of healing and gifts of miracle. A gift of healing allows a person to exercise Christ's power to restore and nurture life and love. A gift of miracle allows a person to exercise Christ's power to make possible the impossible. From time to time, Christ directs his people to set apart those he has equipped for key positions of servant-leadership: teachers, pastors, evangelists, prophets, apostles.

INSTRUCTIONS

This profile is a tool to help you recognize your special contribution to the mission of Christ. It is not a substitute for prayer and partnership and reflection. It is a way to gather together all you have received by way of prayer and partnership and reflection.

Eight general fields of Christian service are presented. For each general field, there are six examples of specific kinds of service. Space is provided for you to write in a seventh example if you want to consider a personal call to a ministry not listed. There are boxes for you to indicate your interest, experience, training, success, and joy. Interest (I) means you are especially interested in participating in a certain kind of ministry. Experience (E) means you have gained practical experience in that kind of work. Training (T) means you have received training useful in a particular field of service. Success (S) means you usually experience success when you engage in that kind of work. Joy (J) means you usually find joy in that kind of work.

Mark those boxes which give the truest profile of your varied interests, experience and training, success and joy. Do not look for ways to serve the church organization. Look for ways to serve in the mission of Christ. Do not limit yourself to the ministries listed. The final section of this profile encourages you to dream dreams.

EVANGELISM

Getting out the word about Jesus

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Sharing the good news with a friend					
Inviting a friend to gathered worship					
Greeting a new neighbor					
Making new friends					
Distributing Christian literature					
Speaking to groups					
Other:					

LEADERSHIP

Coordinating the work of a ministry team

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Coordinating evangelism teams					
Directing an educational program					
Chairing a committee					
Organizing an event					
Managing an office					
Supervising a work crew					
Other:					

TEACHING

Helping someone learn a special skill

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Teaching basic reading skills					
Teaching high school proficiency skills					
Teaching job skills					
Teaching English as a second language					
Teaching Bible proficiency skills					
Teaching the art of Christian living					
Other:					

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COUNSELING

Nurturing faith in times of crises or uncertainty

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Offering premarital counseling					
Offering marriage counseling					
Offering financial counseling					
Offering career counseling					
Offering legal counseling					
Offering spiritual counseling					
Other:					

COMPASSION

Bringing God's loving-kindness in times of anguish

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Visiting someone house-bound					
Visiting someone in the hospital					
Visiting someone in a nursing home					
Visiting someone in a mental hospital					
Visiting someone in a homeless shelter					
Visiting someone in prison					
Other:					

HELP

Offering assistance with everyday chores

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Cooking					
Doing housework					
Providing child care					
Making household repairs					
Making car repairs					
Providing transportation					
Other:					

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STEWARDSHIP

Tending to the financial details of a household or ministry

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Planning a budget					
Purchasing supplies					
Keeping records					
Writing a business plan					
Filing tax returns					
Managing debt					
Other:					

CELEBRATION

Helping the Body of Christ express itself in gathered worship

How can you help?	I	E	T	S	J
Coordinating the gathered worship					
Reading Scripture					
Offering a devotional message					
Leading the singing					
Playing a musical instrument					
Assisting with distributions and collections					
Other:					

DREAMING DREAMS

Seeing exciting new possibilities for Christian service

What do you see?	I	E	T	S	J

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