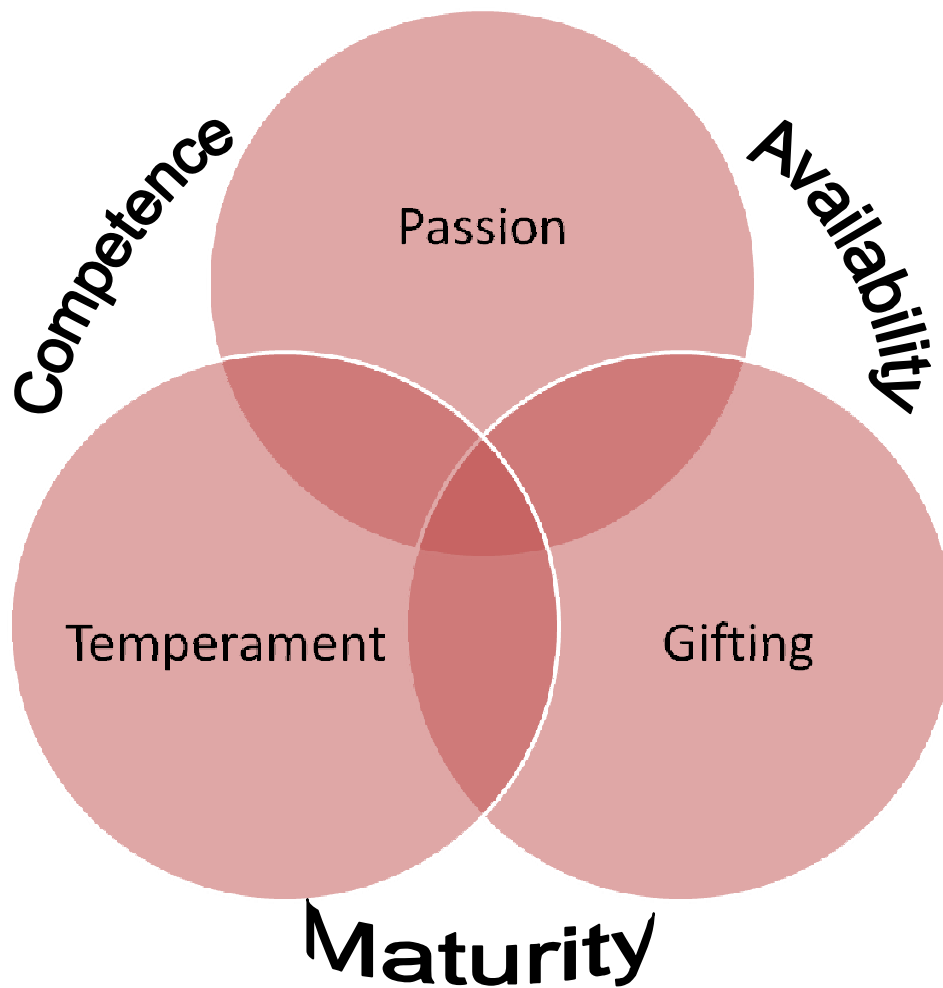




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**“HERE I AM” WORKSHOP**

## **Discovering Your Unique Place in the Body of Christ**



**Ephesians 4:11-16 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

<sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Romans 12: 1,2**

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## Temperament: A Personal Worldview

Use the following to spark your reflection on your personality, the way you approach various aspects of life (e.g. prayer, time, money, decisions, relationships, career, goals, etc.). The goal is description rather than definition. God has uniquely created each of us. But it is helpful to have some ways of thinking about others and ourselves.

Circle the words in each column that are strongly positive to you. Which column are you most drawn to? What does that say about your temperament?

BEAVER	OTTER	DEER	OWL
DUTY	ACTION	MEANING	UNDERSTANDING
Belonging	Moment	Self-actualization	System
Giving	Comradeship	Becoming	Strategy
Obligation	Tool	Empathy	Rational
Usefulness	Machine	Discernment	New
Stability	“Hang loose”	Compassion	Ideas
Work	Flourish	Creativity	Competence
Title	Play	RELATIONSHIP	PERFECTION
“S.O.P.”	FREEDOM	Interaction	Skill
Responsibility	Impulse	Dialogue	Improve
ORDER	SPONTANEITY	Process	Ingenuity
Hierarchy	Crisis	People	Capable
Membership	Excitement	Vision	Terse
TRADITION	Danger	Truth	Logical
Heritage	Adventure	Mission	Intellectual
History	NOW	SEARCH	Improvement
Security	Risk	Pursuit	Growth
Schedule	Spirit	Prophetic	FUTURE
Remember	Charismatic	Encouragement	Exhortation
Institution	Banquet	Connection	Teaching
Realities	Possibilities	Ideal	Control
Save	Spend	Assist	Invest

Circle the choice that best describes you:

- I prefer time alone/with people.
- I usually think logically/imaginatively.
- I tend to respond/initiate.
- I am energized/drained by being with people I don’t know well.
- I like life best when it is organized/spontaneous.
- I prefer tasks/relationships.
- I am most motivated by vision/tradition.
- I tend to be oriented to the past/present/future.
- I am most easily drawn to ideas/people.
- I am usually guided by goals/process.
- I am most emotionally satisfied by accomplishment/acceptance.

## Gifting: Wired for Ministry

From the experience assessment in Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way, list the four gifts with which you have the most experience and that you find the most satisfaction is using.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Using the observation assessment in Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way ask three people who know you well what they see as your strongest gifts. List them here.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

What would you say now are your four strongest gifts?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

As you reflect on your gift-mix, what implications do you see for the kinds of ministry for which you are best suited?

## Passion/Calling: Our Heart’s Desire

“Sometimes we think of our passion in terms of a *burden* we carry, a call we’ve received, a *dream* we have, or a *vision* we’ve glimpsed. *Whatever you call it, passion is the God-given desire of the heart to make a difference somewhere*” (Bruce Bugbee, What You Do Best in the Body of Christ, p.30, italics in original)

*Like with temperament, the goal of reflection on our passion is description rather than definition. Use the following to spark that reflection*

### Passion for People

Who are the people in whose lives you want to make a difference?

Are there people (individuals or groups) that stir up in you strong emotions? For example, do you find yourself teary or angry when you talk about certain people (and their plight)?

Do you find yourself noticing certain people in crowds? Does the Lord regularly seem to be bringing certain people across your path?

### Passion for Roles or Functions

What things do you do that cause you to feel “God’s pleasure?”

In what ministry contexts do you feel most engaged?

What would you do (or do you do) without compensation for your time?

What activities and accomplishments have been most fulfilling in your life?

### Passion for a Cause

What cause do you find yourself often telling others about? Do you find yourself trying to recruit others into that cause?

What aspect of your life can you talk about incessantly without growing weary (though sometimes your listeners may!)

If you could accomplish one thing in life, what would that be?

What are some of the key elements of your passion?

## **Maturity and Availability**

Measuring maturity is always a challenge. We are unable to see what is obvious to others while the secrets of our hearts remain hidden to them. Therefore we must find trusted friends to whom we open our hearts and who are willing to tell us things we might want to avoid if we are ever to have a sober estimate of ourselves. Find 2 or 3 trusted friends and assess your maturity in the following areas.

Spiritual maturity

Emotional maturity

Relational maturity

Availability is constantly changing. There are lots of things that affect our availability: life stage, family responsibilities, work demands, health, etc. A mother with a nursing infant may find little time for ministry while a newly retired executive may discover a great deal of time.

How much time, at this point in your life, could you dedicate to fulfilling the ministry you believe God is calling you to? What are your limitations? Are they short-lived or permanent? Are they things that could change (or be changed)?

## **Competence: Knowledge, Skill and Experience**

### Knowledge

Every ministry requires for proficiency a certain level of acquired knowledge. What do you need to understand to do your ministry effectively? Find someone doing that ministry and talk about what you need to learn.

### Skill

Along with knowledge, every ministry requires a set of skills. What do you need to be able to do to do your ministry effectively? Find someone doing that ministry and talk about the skills that are required.

### Experience

True competence in ministry develops over time as we gain experience. As you reflect on where God is calling you into ministry, think about the ministry experience that you already have. Are there common elements to the ministry experiences that you most enjoyed?

## **Putting It All Together**

What have you learned about your temperament?

What have you learned about your passion?

What are your 3 or 4 strongest/most satisfying gifts?

What kinds of ministries do your passion, temperament and gifting point to?

How do maturity, availability and competence affect your ability to engage this ministry?