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## Life Purpose & Self Discovery Report

*A supplemental report to The CALL Vocational & Life Purpose Guide*

**For:**

**Sample Client Name**

*June 11, 2009*

Please Note...

The CALL is NOT a test...it is an AFFIRMATION.

There is no right or wrong score.

You cannot flunk how God wired you.

Whatever your scores, those are the best for you.

When you know your purpose in life, decision making becomes easy.

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## Our 3 Part Calling & Life Purpose

- 1. GENERAL CALL:** To follow Jesus and make Him known
- 2. IMMEDIATE CALL:** The tasks, duties and interruptions in life which God calls each of us to serve others
- 3. SPECIFIC CALL:** The vocation or ministry that is unique to us that God predestinated us to do (*Ephesians 2:10*)

## God Expects YOU to be both FAITHFUL & FRUITFUL

*Fruitfulness is a major theme of the New Testament. Consider the following:*

**We are CALLED by Christ to bear fruit.** (*John 15:16*)

**Being fruitful is the way we glorify God.** (*John 15:18*)

**Being Fruitful pleases God.** (*Colossians 1:10*)

**Jesus reserved his severest judgment for the unfruitful tree.** (*Matthew 21:19*)

**The nation of Israel lost its privilege because of unfruitfulness.** (*Matthew 21:43*)

*Dr. Rick Warren, author, [The Purpose Driven Life & The Purpose Driven Church](#)*

## Importance of a Life Plan

The Lord had a plan for your life before your conception. He created you in a specific way with a set of gifts, desires, and a certain "bent" - so that you might fulfill His plan for your life. This plan is God's plan because God sees your life as a whole and undivided entity. A life plan is not something you construct but something you discover. God is the author; each of us is the recipient of a unique life plan.

*Tom Patterson, author, [Living the Life You Were Meant to Live](#)*

## More About Your Life Purpose

"Your purpose in life is chosen by God. It is not negotiable. Defining your purpose will help you to determine the activities that you should be involved in. Like Jesus, you should not involve yourself in activities that contradict His purpose for your existence. Each of us must ask why we are involved in an activity. Is it a God-activity, or just a good activity?"

*Os Hillman, Founder, Marketplace Leaders, TGIF Devotions*

## God's Promise To You

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, Thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (*Jeremiah 29:11*)

## How to Use Your Life Purpose & Self Discovery Report

- 1) Pray. Ask God for wisdom.
- 2) Identify your God given "gift mix" (Refer to Page 5)

Your Dominate (#1) Gift is: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Secondary (#2) Gift is: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Tertiary (#3) Gift is: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Ask yourself & others who know you well, "What activities am I good at?" Ask yourself, "Do those things bring me satisfaction?" This is a key component of identifying your calling.
- 4) Read through the rest of this report with # 3 in mind. Pay particular attention to the description sheets of your top three gifts; the pages at the back of this report, and your CALL guide.
- 5) Start writing and editing. Develop a concise paragraph or sentence that accurately summarizes your life purpose and calling. Laminate the life purpose statement and review it everyday. Examples appear at the end of this report.
- 6) Appreciate and thank God for making you who you are. Guard against "Gift Projection" and "Gift Envy" (Chapter 30 of The Purpose Driven Life)
- 7) Always remember and put into practice the two greatest commandments, found in Matthew 22:37,39

## Your Normative CALL Sten Scores

### *Summary of the 27 Constructs Measured By "The CALL"*

| Scores   | <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">Least Intense scores (1's, 2's, &amp; 3's) are in RED</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Scores in the middle 68% of the population are in YELLOW</div> <div style="background-color: green; padding: 2px;">Highest rankings &amp; scores (8's, 9's &amp; 10's) are in GREEN</div> | Rankings |
|--|--|----------|
| <b>Romans 12 Motivational Gifts</b> ( <i>Christ-like qualities</i> ) <b>FEET</b>             |  |          |
| 6  | <b>PROPHETS</b> <i>are driven to boldly proclaim truth</i>   | 1        |
| 4  | <b>SERVERS</b> <i>are driven to complete practical tasks for others</i>  | 4        |
| 4  | <b>TEACHERS</b> <i>are driven to research and explain the truth</i>  | 4        |
| 6  | <b>ENCOURAGERS</b> <i>are driven to motivate, coach and uplift</i>   | 1        |
| 2  | <b>CONTRIBUTORS</b> <i>are driven to invest time, treasure &amp; talent</i>  | 7        |
| 6  | <b>LEADERS</b> <i>are driven to take charge and orchestrate results</i>  | 1        |
| 3  | <b>MERCY</b> <i>is driven to be holy, kind &amp; compassionate</i>   | 6        |
| <b>Occupational Interests</b> ( <i>Your preference in choosing activities</i> ) <b>HEART</b> |  |          |
| 7  | <b>Enterprising</b> = <i>interest in promoting, selling, and presenting</i>  | 2        |
| 4  | <b>Financial/Administrative</b> = <i>measures interest in office data work</i>   | 4        |
| 4  | <b>People Service</b> = <i>interest in helping and socializing with people</i>   | 4        |
| 4  | <b>Technical</b> = <i>science, technical things and research</i>   | 4        |
| 5  | <b>Mechanical</b> = <i>working with things, tools, machines &amp; outdoors</i>   | 3        |
| 9  | <b>Creative</b> = <i>being original, artistic, expressive &amp; creative</i>   | 1        |
| <b>Thinking Style/Pace</b> ( <i>Need for mental challenge or repetition</i> ) <b>HEAD</b>    |  |          |
| 7  | <b>Learning Index</b> <i>is an average of the General Learning scores</i>  |          |
| 7  | <b>Verbal Skill</b> <i>measures vocabulary</i>   |          |
| 9  | <b>Verbal Reasoning</b> <i>measures ability to reason with words</i>   |          |
| 5  | <b>Numeric Ability</b> <i>measures ability to work with numbers</i>  |          |
| 8  | <b>Numeric Reasoning</b> <i>measures ability to reason with numbers</i>  |          |
| <b>Personality and Behavioral Traits</b> ( <i>How you carry things out</i> ) <b>HANDS</b>    |  |          |
| 9  | <b>Energy</b> <5 = <i>focus, patience</i> ; >6 = <i>restlessness, risk-taking</i>  |          |
| 5  | <b>Assertiveness</b> <5 = <i>customer service, non-confrontational</i> ; >6 = <i>sales &amp; leadership</i>  |          |
| 7  | <b>Sociability</b> < 3 = <i>introvert</i> ; 4 to 7 = <i>ambivert</i> ; >8 <i>extrovert</i>   |          |
| 4  | <b>Manageability</b> <5 <i>unstructured, "loosey goosey"</i> >6 <i>structured, conscientious</i>   |          |
| 2  | <b>Attitude</b> <5 <i>skeptical, needs proof</i> ; >6 <i>more trusting, accepting</i>  |          |
| 7  | <b>Decisiveness</b> <5 <i>study options</i> ; >6 <i>make decisions quickly</i>   |          |
| 6  | <b>Accommodating</b> <5 <i>hard sale</i> ; >6 <i>seeks harmony &amp; cooperation</i>   |          |
| 10   | <b>Independence</b> <5 <i>flexible, compliant</i> ; >6 <i>want it their way</i>  |          |
| 5  | <b>Objective Judgment</b> <5 <i>more intuitive, sensitive &amp; feeling</i> ; >6 <i>prefer facts &amp; logic</i>   |          |
| 9  | <b>Distortion</b> >7 <i>reflect valid answers</i> <6 <i>could mean false positives</i>   |          |

| Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE:<br>The Seven Pathways of Life  |  |              |
|---|--|--------------|
| Your Score  | <i>The Lord says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalm 32:8"</i>  | Your Ranking |
| <b>1. (Spiritual) Truth Speaker/Visionary (Prophet)</b>   |  |              |
| 8.02  | This (SPIRITUAL) pathway is all about what is right and what is wrong. People on this road are perceptive, decisive and boldly proclaim to others what they believe is right. Truth is often more important than relationships or results. This is the pathway that is a moral compass and leads others to justice and righteousness.                  | 1            |
| <b>2. (Physical) Cleansing &amp; Practical Service (Server)</b>   |  |              |
| 5.39  | This (PHYSICAL) pathway is all about expediting acts of practical service (works) for others. People on this road take initiative without to complete whatever tasks are necessary to free up other people to be on the road, generally without being asked. Often focused more on results than relationships or truth (Martha).                       | 5            |
| <b>3. (Mental) Deep-Rooted Understanding (Teacher)</b>  |  |              |
| 5.64  | This (MENTAL) pathway is all about accurately thinking through & interpreting the truth. People on this road are curious and want to know why. Will present evidence and let others draw their own conclusion. Driven more by knowledge than relationships or results.   | 4            |
| <b>4. (Relational) Timely Illuminations (Encourager)</b>  |  |              |
| 7.93  | This (RELATIONAL) pathway is all about personal connections that are uplifting, encouraging and inspiring to others. People on this road are often positive, affirming, popular, good story tellers, and get along well with everyone. They are driven more by good healthy relations than by works or academic knowledge.                             | 2            |
| <b>5. (Economic) Resource Supplier/Giver (Contributor)</b>  |  |              |
| 3.55  | This (ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL) pathway is all about wise investment that yields an abundant harvest through the 3T's: time, talent & treasure. People on this road are self-sufficient, hard-working and low key (quiet). Overly generous to the right cause, they are very balanced between their head (truth), heart (relationships) and hands (results). | 7            |
| <b>6. (Functional) Visionary/Administrator/Orchestrator (Leader)</b>  |  |              |
| 7.78  | This (FUNCTIONAL) pathway is all about a workable process to achieve and maintain worthwhile goals. People on this road have a take charge ability to stand before people to get results. Usually stronger at either setting a vision; implementing somebody else's vision; or maintaining the status quo with excellence (see p. 11). Results rule.   | 3            |
| <b>7. (Emotional) Worship and Compassion (Mercy)</b>  |  |              |
| 4.42  | This (EMOTIONAL) pathway is all about experiencing healthy emotional fulfillment. People on this road tend to have strong emotional energy. They desire closeness, loyalty and to be genuinely valued as individuals. Strongly driven by their hearts to have loving relationships.  | 6            |
| <b><i>All Seven Pathways are important for a balanced life. These rankings are intended to give you insight on what areas come more natural to you.</i></b> |  |              |

## Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE: Pathway # 1 of 7

### 1. Truth Speaker/Visionary (Prophet)

Your ranking is: 1 out of 7

#### Typical behaviors of a Prophet:

*Sees in black or white. Tends to be hot or cold. Not afraid to confront. Takes initiative. Likes newness. Lousy at maintaining things (prefers to improve things or quit). A compulsive verbal expressive who can be a good orator. Quick to judge. Often over-confident and fearless unless wounded. Will stand up for principle over people. Impulsive. Can be persistent. Tends to overstate. Fiercely competitive. "Wrong is wrong, right is right, sin is sin." Believes in full disclosure. Open about own shortcomings. Very hard on themselves. Focuses more on what they see now. Wide range of emotions. May have difficulty maintaining relationships. Could die for a good cause. Strong advocate. Fair referee.*

#### Adjectives:

*Perceiver, visionary, bottom liner, policeman, enforcer, judge, legalist, prosecutor, stimulator, fire and brimstone preacher, firefighter, crisis manager, revolutionary*

#### Strengths:

*Direction setter, sin stopper, voice of conscience and righteousness, advocate for justice, willing to die for a worthy cause, a truth speaker, can be a mouthpiece for God, ability to identify and follow principles, devotion to truth and honesty, willing to blow the whistle*

#### Weaknesses:

*May be too stubborn, polarizing, and focus more on problems than solutions & people*

#### Career fit(s)

*Crisis leader, advocate, prosecutor, entrepreneur, preacher, politician, editorialists, change agent, consultant, writer, speaker, referee, judge, lawyer, law-enforcement*

#### Ministry And Church Roles

*Prayer, intercessory prayer, discipline, security, outreach, adult Bible study, leadership*

#### Needs:

*To know the truth and proclaim it; to see consequences for sin; to walk in holiness*

#### Calling:

*To move beyond comfort and proclaim God's truth, vision and principles to draw others to spiritual maturity. (Note: Prophets are often uprooted and pruned by God to be better equipped to do His work. Therefore, Prophets need to live with pain & loneliness; forgive themselves, and draw close to God.)*

#### COMPARISON:

| <u>FACTOR</u> | <u>WORLDLY IMMATURITY</u>   | <u>GODLY MATURITY</u>  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>NAMES:</b> | False Prophet, Rebel-rouser, Legalist, Activist, Scoundrel, Critical, Political, Provoker | Principled, Godly, Bold, Articulate, Compelling, Preacher, Authoritative, Truthful, Bible scholar, statesman |
| <b>SELLS:</b> | What people want to hear; expects personal gain   | What people need to hear; expects nothing in return  |
| <b>FOCUS:</b> | On Critical Self-centeredness   | On God   |

## Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE: Pathway # 2 of 7

### 2. Cleansing & Practical Service (Server)

Your ranking is: 5 out of 7

#### Typical behaviors of a server of a Server:

*Is more alert to the physical needs of others (comfort, food, health) than anybody. Completes practical tasks without being asked. Hard to say no (volunteering champ). Can be a people pleaser. Tendency to over-commit. Quickest to apologize (needs approval). Not ego driven--- willing to share honor. Hard worker. May enable people by doing all their work as opposed to empowering them. Strong purity of motive, without guile. Self-sufficient--- does not call in IOUs. Prefers to be behind-the-scenes as a second banana or support person, not the leader.*

#### Adjectives:

*Expediter. Helper. Good neighbor. Yes person. People pleaser. Minister. Social worker. Handy man. Worker. Laborer. Server. Butler. Attendant. Volunteer. Jack of all trades. Reliable. Dependable. Trustworthy. Good Samaritan. Confidant. Help mate. Trusted assistant.*

#### Strengths:

*Does more physical labor than anyone. Flexible-- will drop what they're doing to help. Outstanding memory for likes and dislikes of people. Hospitality. Strong loyalty. Prays and works hard to make leadership look good. Works behind the scenes to keep everything going. Keeps things clean and orderly. Strong ability to persevere in the worst conditions. Anticipates needs of others.*

#### Weaknesses:

*Often ridiculed, pigeonholed, and made fun of due to superior work ethic and accomodating ways. Often manipulated because of natural desire to please others.*

#### Career and Ministry/Church fit(s)

*Hospitality: food, lodging, maintenance. Volunteering. Blue-collar work. Physical labor. Customer service. Working with children. Working as an assistant anything.*

#### Calling:

*To help others realize their calling. To persevere by taking care of time-consuming physical tasks of others so they may be freed up to embrace their calling. May also be called to serve those who cannot perform physical tasks themselves.*

| <u>FACTOR</u> | <u>COMPARISON:</u>                                    |   |
|---------------|---|---|
|               | <u>WORLDLY IMMATURITY</u>                             | <u>GODLY MATURITY</u>   |
| <b>NAMES:</b> | Slave, Pushover,<br>Co -- Dependent,<br>Dysfunctional | Appreciated, Loved, Respected,<br>Surpasses all service expectations,<br>Loyal, Dependable, Trustworthy |
| <b>WANTS:</b> | Appreciation, respect, more money                     | To win people over to Christ by their example,<br>no matter how long it takes                           |
| <b>FOCUS:</b> | Selfish, conditional expectations                     | Selfless  |



## Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE: Pathway # 3 of 7

### 3. Deep-Rooted Understanding (Teacher)

Your ranking is: 4 out of 7

#### Typical behaviors of a Teacher:

*Seeks to verify truth. Accuracy is critical. Usually has an unhurried pace. Dislikes being told what to think. Prefers to figure things out themselves-- a thinker. Reluctant to tell others what to think but will report evrything they have learned. Tends to be nonjudgmental. Lousy at returning phone calls, e-mails, books etc. because of the intensity of their deep thinking intensity. May have difficulty with punctuality, managing money and other "to do" tasks--"absent-minded professor". Excellent at outlining the big picture and synthesizing all the research, data, statistics and resources available.*

#### Adjectives:

*Researcher. Academic. Thinker. Knowledgeable. Trivia expert. Learned. Answer man. Investigator. Detective. Auditor. Professor. Well informed. Reflective. Reader. Lifelong learner. Scholar.*

#### Strengths:

Insightful. Historian. Ability to recall detail. Ability to connect the dots. Creativity. Curiosity. Need to go deep to get understanding. Excellent resource to report research findings. Low key, non-judge mental approach. Humorous. Attentive.

#### Weaknesses:

Difficulty coming to conclusions. Wants to do more research. Reluctant to tell people what to think. May overwhelm people with too much information. Needs deadlines. May temporarily forget about practical appointments and tasks.

#### Career and Ministry/Church fit(s)

*Research. Curriculum. Investigator. Auditor. Advanced Bible studies. Writing. Editing. Professor. Historian. Resource finder.*

#### Calling:

*To get closure on the truth. To verify and explain what is right. To support others with accurate information, knowledge and wisdom to be more fruitful in their calling; to speak truth that heals, feeds, equips, and restores..*

#### COMPARISON:

| <u>FACTOR</u> | <u>WORLDLY IMMATURITY</u>  | <u>GODLY MATURITY</u>  |
|---------------|--|--|
| <b>NAMES:</b> | False teacher<br>Laziness, Day-dreamer<br>Lack of character              | Excitement in researching theology.<br>Insightful presentations.<br>Applying book smarts to Street Smarts. |
| <b>NEEDS:</b> | Balance. Immature teachers are brilliant at work and a disaster at home. | To explain God's truth in a compelling way that glorifies God  |
| <b>FOCUS:</b> | Self-centeredness  | Connecting all the dots to God   |



## Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE: Pathway # 4 of 7

### 4. Timely Illuminations & Affirmations (Encourager)

Your ranking is: 2 out of 7

#### Typical behaviors of an Encourager:

*A party looking for a place to happen. Natural ability to connect with strangers and become friends. Above-average need to have a "people fix "and avoid going into a "cocoon." Master communicator: personable and great storyteller. Can often re-tell a story better than the originator. Natural reporter. Hates rejection from insiders. Wants to be included. Knowledge of God is crucial for them to fulfill their purpose of exhorting God to others. Struggles with time management. Often juggles more than they can handle and does not get enough sleep. Very positive and optimistic. A natural networker and schmoozer. Dislikes criticism and negativity. Affirming and complimentary.*

#### Adjectives:

*Counselor. Coach. Exhorter. Mentor. Optimist. Positivity. Group minded. Inspirational. Motivator. Personal advisor. Image-conscious. Responsive. Involved. Connected. Affirming. Flexible. Enthusiastic. Cheerleader. Persuasive.*

#### Strengths:

Natural ability to relate well with people. Affinity. Storytelling. Salesmanship. Offering hope, optimism and positive thinking. Popular. Enthusiasm and excitement. Motivational.

#### Weaknesses:

Can be swayed by groupthink. May have difficulty keeping confidences. May have a tendency to give up on non-responsive people.

#### Career and Ministry/Church fit(s)

High school ministry. Drama. Counseling. Mentoring. Marketing. Sales. Public relations. Diplomacy. Speaking. Announcing. Storytelling. Greeting. Coaching. Evangelism. Missions. Youth ministry. Singles ministry. Shepherding. Board member. Legislator.

#### Calling:

*To have a realistic understanding of their strengths and weaknesses so that they can be a positive influence through words and actions to encourage people to grow more mature and Christ like.*

#### COMPARISON:

| <u>FACTOR</u> | <u>WORLDLY IMMATURITY</u>   | <u>GODLY MATURITY</u>  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>NAMES:</b> | Gossip, Manipulator, Attention getter, Follower of the world, Popular and elite; Critical | Friend, Counselor, Mentor, Uplifting, Positive, Wise, Influential, Evangelical, Disciple Maker |
| <b>SELLS:</b> | World approval  | Whatever Jesus would have them do  |
| <b>FOCUS:</b> | Drawing attention to self   | Drawing attention to Jesus   |

## Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE: Pathway # 5 of 7

### 5. Resource Supplier/Giver (Contributor)

Your ranking is: 7 out of 7

#### Typical behaviors of a Contributor:

*Thinks generationally (how can they bless their grandchildren?). Does not have a welfare spirit--- very reluctant to accept handouts, special treatment or freebies. Would rather give than receive. Self-sufficient. Intuitive sense of what is right and what is wrong. Intuitive sense of hidden motives (more so with women contributors). Prefers to be low key and private. Does not like to draw attention to themselves. Values privacy. Refuses to be hustled. Detests high pressure tactics. Not confrontational. Astute at finding unseen options. Opportunistic without being competitive. Trustworthy with money. More charitable with tried and proven efforts, not startups or panhandlers. May tend to hoard assets and be stingy before age 50. May be overly generous later in adult life. Seems to have the magical ability to manage money; invest wisely; and avoid scams. Often owns their own business. Their challenge in life involves faith, not money.*

#### Adjectives:

*Trustee. Stewart. Giver. Value builder. Investor. Employer. Trustworthy.*

#### Strengths:

*Industrious. Hard-working. Blessed. Ability to multiply and increase value.*

#### Weaknesses:

*May have a tendency to trust their ability and not God's. In building their nest eggs, they may be too stingy with their family.*

#### Career and Ministry/Church fit(s)

Executive positions. Financial and accounting positions. Creative problem-solving. Benevolence. Missions. Prayer. Long range planning. Programs that have a generational impact.

#### Calling:

*To be a generational blessing with their time, talent and treasure. This will happen through faith and trusting in doing things God's way and not through their own natural ability. Examples include: Abraham, Jacob, Job, and Matthew.*

#### COMPARISON:

| <u>FACTOR</u>    | <u>WORLDLY IMMATURITY</u>  | <u>GODLY MATURITY</u>   |
|------------------|--|---|
| <b>NAMES:</b>    | Stingy. Selfish.<br>Supporter of worldly causes.<br>Trusting money for their security. | Generous. Quiet overachiever.<br>Resourceful. Economical.<br>Well-balanced. |
| <b>DISLIKES:</b> | Losing money. Giving to the Kingdom.   | Seeing money wasted. People who are not trustworthy.                        |
| <b>FOCUS:</b>    | Personal wealth. Greed.  | Giving to the Kingdom.  |

**Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE:  
Pathway # 6 of 7**

**6. Administrator/Orchestrator (Leader)**

Your ranking is: **3** out of 7

**Insight on three different aspects of Leadership:**

**7.38**

**Visionary Leadership: *Knowing & Convincing Others Where To Go***

**7.91**

**Organizational Leadership: *Implementing Change***

**5.76**

**Administrative Leadership: *Maintaining the Status Quo***

**Typical behaviors of a Leader:**

*Tends to thrive on pressure by creating an image of intense busyness. May create stress to perform better due to adrenaline. May find it difficult to retire as most leaders have an excellent work ethic. May tend to drive others too hard. True leaders take responsibility and do not finger point. Leaders rarely volunteer but are very effective if they are recruited. Leaders have a "can-do" attitude. Leaders have little desire to be stroked, affirmed, or patted on the back. Results matter. Biblical heroes include: Noah, Solomon, Boaz, and Joseph.*

**Adjectives:**

*Orchestrator. Organizer. Results getter. One who stands up. Ruler. Commander.*

**Strengths:**

*Decisive. Assertive. Strategic. Focused. Determined. Purposeful. Resourceful.*

**Weaknesses:**

*May be bossy. May value results over people and truth. May rely on their agenda, not God's.*

**Career and Ministry/Church fit(s)**

*Change implementer. Manager. Supervisor. Authority. Board member. Executive. Coordinator. Organizer. Librarian. Logistics. Planning. Problem solving. Project management. Special event's. Crowd control.*

**Calling:**

*The calling of a leader is all about succession. Good leaders work themselves out of job by setting up a effective and efficient system that is workable, practical and desirable and can be turned over to others. This in turn perpetuates good results over the long run.*

**COMPARISON:**

| <u>FACTOR</u> | <u>WORLDLY IMMATURITY</u>                              | <u>GODLY MATURITY</u>   |
|---------------|--|---|
| <b>NAMES:</b> | Dictator. Tyrant.<br>Empire builder.<br>Control freak. | Godly goals.<br>Respected authority.<br>Effective use of resources. |
| <b>NEEDS:</b> | Control.   | Missions from God   |
| <b>FOCUS:</b> | What ever will advance them personally                 | What ever will advance God's Kingdom                                |

## Better Understanding Your Unique CALLING & LIFE PURPOSE: Pathway # 7 of 7

### 7. Worship and Compassion (Mercy)

Your ranking is: 6 out of 7

#### Typical behaviors of a Mercy:

*As seen in Ruth, David and John, Mercy's have few enemies. Mercy's are a safe haven for those who are hurting or wounded. Strangers will share their deepest secrets because of a deep caring spirit. Mercies can sense those who are hurting right away. Usually, a Mercy will have one or two close intimate friends. Mercies are more sensual and engage in touching, hugging, and physical contact more than others. Mercies have the greatest challenge maintaining moral purity before marriage. Mercies carry intense feelings and emotions and may take longer to adjust to change. They hate to confront. They seek the heart of God. They are more subjective and intuitive. They are more inclined toward the arts and music. Because they are overly kind, they attract abuse and become victims. They can become an enabler. They may take up offenses of third parties. They are often drawn to prophets. They have a predisposition to worship. They are the most sensitive, nurturing and loving of all the gifts. They can also be easily led astray by the wrong crowd. Often artistic*

#### Adjectives:

*Kind, emotional, compassionate, loving, nurturing, artistic, sensitive, empathetic, caring.*

#### Strengths:

*Relationships. Supportive, quick to forgive, empathy, comfortable, loving, self-sacrifice, affectionate, loyal, easy to get along with.*

#### Weaknesses:

May get duped easily from the wrong crowd and pursue illegal and/or immoral activities that result in an emotional and temporary thrill. They have a greater difficulty sorting out conflicting emotions.

#### Career and Ministry/Church fit(s)

*Nursery. Elderly care. Special needs. Nursing. Chaplaincy. Cosmetology. Arts. Music. Drama. Social work. Missions. Counseling. Prayer. Preschool.*

#### Calling:

The calling of a Mercy is to make holy what is unholy. Mercies, more than any other gift, have a heartfelt capacity to connect emotionally with God through worship. Mercies also, more than any other gift, have a capacity to comfort those with pain, suffering, and hurt.

#### COMPARISON:

| <u>FACTOR</u> | <u>WORLDLY IMMATURITY</u>  | <u>GODLY MATURITY</u>  |
|---------------|--|--|
| <b>NAMES:</b> | Free Spirit. Promiscuous.<br>Overly sensual.<br>Easily led astray. | Creative. Compassionate.<br>Genuinely caring and concerned.<br>Emotionally supportive. |
| <b>WANTS:</b> | To get approval and acceptance from others.                        | To worship God.  |
| <b>FOCUS:</b> | On getting emotionally high  | On intimacy (Holiness) with God  |

## Interesting Select Biblical Lists of Seven: Comparing the Order with the SEVEN Life Purposes in Romans 12

### The Seven Days of Creation (Genesis 1)

- 1 **LIGHT** *Prophet's must walk in the light*
- 2 **SEPARATION** (Sky & Waters) *Server's work behind the scenes (atmosphere) & cleanse*
- 3 **VEGETATION & TREES** *Teacher's must be deep rooted to grow. They must plant seeds.*
- 4 **SUN, MOON & STARS** *Encourager's illuminate life and struggle with time management*
- 5 **BIRDS & SEA CREATURES** *Contributor's give life (Blood on Day 5); diversity; multiplication*
- 6 **ANIMALS & HUMANS** *Leader's rule and manage resources*
- 7 **REST** *Mercy's draw on all seven gifts; seek holiness & emotional contentment*

### The Seven Trees in the Desert/Wilderness (Isaiah 41:19)

- 1 **Red Cedar & Prophets:** *Durable, slow growing, long lived, wide spread, offensive to insects*
- 2 **Acacia & Servers:** *Acacia wood used to make furniture - both support & comfort people*
- 3 **Myrtle & Teachers:** *Both offer fragrance and flowers*
- 4 **Wild Olive & Encouragers:** *Both grow best in warm and sunny places; oil is healthy*
- 5 **Cypress & Contributors:** *Cypress used to build the Ark; both act generationally*
- 6 **Fir (Plane, Oak) & Leaders:** *Both command great statue & nobility*
- 7 **Cypress (Pine) & Mercies:** *Both are easy to cut and tool*

### The Seven Woes of Matthew 23

- 1 **Blocking Kingdom Access** (14) -- Prophet
- 2 **Converting Others Away** (15)-- Server
- 3 **Ignoring God's Word** (16 -- 22) -- Teacher
- 4 **Ignoring Justice, Mercy and Faith** (23+) -- Encourager
- 5 **Hypocrisy** (25, 26) -- Contributor
- 6 **Dishonesty** (27, 28) -- Leader
- 7 **Failure to Grow Up** (29 -- 36) -- Mercy

### The Seven Letters to the Churches in Revelation 2 and 3

- 1 **The Loveless Church** (Ephesus): forgot their first love (Prophets)
- 2 **The Persecuted Church** (Smyrna): endured suffering & lack of respect (Servers)
- 3 **The Lenient Church** (Pergamum): caved in to be "open-minded" and tolerated sin (Teacher)
- 4 **The Compromising Church** (Thyatira): failed to repent after following pagan ways (E)
- 5 **The Lifeless Church** (Sardis): acted holy on the outside; spiritually dead on the inside (C)
- 6 **The Obedient Church** (Philadelphia): holding on the truth and letting God be God (Leader)
- 7 **The Lukewarm Church** (Laodicea): became half-hearted, indifferent & lazy (Mercy)

## Questions to Ask Yourself & Others to Better Discover Your CALLING & Life Purpose

Looking back and reflecting on your life's experiences may give you very valuable clues & insights to your life purpose. Wise people learn and grow from experiences. Foolish people repeat situations from which they have failed to learn.

- 1. What is your birth order? How did that impact your childhood?**
- 2. How do you describe your childhood (functional or dysfunctional)?**
- 3. Who do you say Jesus Christ is?**
- 4. Have you asked God to give you wisdom on your life purpose?**
- 5. What is your heart's desire, i.e., what do you think drives you?**
- 6. What do you think are your strengths? What are you naturally good at?**
- 7. What are your weaknesses? How balanced are your seven gifts?**
- 8. What legacy do you want to leave?**
- 9. Where do you want to be in 15 years?**
- 10. What has been one of your greatest satisfactions in life so far?**
- 11. What is your strangest (most unusual, unique) obsession?**
- 12. What is your longest lasting relationship? What can you learn from that?**
- 13. What do you do on most weekends or when you have free time?**
- 14. How have critical people affected you?**

## Questions to Ask Yourself & Others to Better Discover Your CALLING & Life Purpose (Continued)

15. What affirmations do you hear from people who know you best?
16. What weird things have been going on in your life lately?
17. How did you get into what you're doing? What is your work history?
18. Would you do it all over again, if you had the chance?
19. Is your spiritual walk cumulative?
20. Who do most admire and why?
21. When are you most creative?
22. Are you more pro-active or reactive?
23. How long can you go before a friend returns an e-mail or phone call?
24. What was the best and worst job you've ever had?
25. Describe the best and worst boss you've ever had?
26. Describe the best and least preferred co-worker you've ever had?
27. What happened when a friend became alienated? Any reconciliation?
28. What do care most about: 1) relationships; 2) results; or 3) truth?
29. Describe a time you had to stand alone?
30. If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?

***What are you doing on a regular basis to renew your mind (Romans 12:1-2)?  
That is the secret to knowing God's perfect will for you.***

Please contact us for additional resources or questions.



# Sample Life Plan

## General Life Purpose Statement

## Specific Life Purpose Statement

### Additional Considerations:

***Occupational Interests will determine your activity preferences.***

***Thinking Style will provide insights in the following ways:***

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| Your preference score for the sciences:              | 13  |
| Your preference score for the humanities:            | 16  |
| Your preference score to learning by the book:       | 12  |
| Your preference score to learning through reasoning: | 17  |
| Your preference for repetition:                      | 3.8 |
| Your preference for challenge:                       | 7.2 |

***Personality & Behavior Scores will determine your preferences  
for how you do things***