



IDENTIFY YOUR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

When St. Paul writes his first letter to the Church in Corinth, he's writing to a group of relatively new Christians who are growing deeper in faith while also seeing their community grow in both numbers and impact. It's a letter full of practical instruction about growing our relationship with Christ, and one section begins this way: "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed" (1 Corinthians 12:1).

He goes on to tell them that each Christian understanding his or her own giftedness is critical to our discipleship both individually and communally. That's because the Church is the locus of God's action in the world in our own day, and the Church does her work through faithful Christians. So it's incredibly important that each of us know and understand how God has equipped us to serve.

So thank you for taking the time to complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. All of us who led this effort are excited that you participated, and we are praying that learning more about how God equipped you to serve will lead to a deeper relationship with him.

Again, the Church has an urgent mission in this world, and the only way we fulfill that mission to the level we need to is through each of us using our God given gifts to the fullest. In other words, we can't do it without you. That's what Paul was telling that fledging church in Corinth, and that's what he — and God — are calling you and me to realize in our own lives.

To help support you in taking the next step, ministry leaders from the various ministries identified by your gifts will be in touch as we ramp up for a great fall at Incarnation. But don't hesitate to reach out to any ministry should you want to find out more! And, of course, if you have questions about your results, don't hesitate to contact myself or any member of the clergy.

In Christ,

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