

The Best News Ever
Don't Waste Your Life
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The Work of the Ministry

✓ Encouragement

*. I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.
Romans 15:14*

✓ Calling

*But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:15-15*

✓ Sensing the Giftings of the Spirit in You.

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And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy

Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NLT)

WHAT IS MY “SHAPE”?

Spiritual Gifts

*"Each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that."
1 Cor 7:7*

Heart

*"For it is God who works in you, inspiring both the will and the deed,
for his own chosen purpose!" Phil. 2:13*

Abilities

"There are different abilities to perform service." 1 Cor. 12:6

Personality

"Your life is shaped by your thoughts." Pro. 4:23

Experiences

*"And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good
if we love God and are fitting into his plans." Rom. 8:28*

Practical Steps

1. Ask the question. What has God called me to?
2. Practice the spiritual gifts you have.
3. Heed the ministry dreams God has put in your heart.
4. Go on mission trips: It's a way of seeing what God is doing.

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

BEGIN a Relationship with Jesus today.

JOIN a Life Group Today It's Not Too Late!

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