

## Your Spirit Test

This test evaluates who you are at the very core of your being, your spirit. This is who God designed you to be and the gifting He specifically gave to you to fulfill your purpose on earth. You may find that you have some characteristics in all of the gifts, but you will definitely be strongest in one. There are examples at the end of each section of people in the bible that have those particular characteristics. Read through all of them and then decide which redemptive gift is yours.

## The 7 Spiritual Redemptive Gifts Test

We are very complex beings to say the least. We have a mind, body, soul, will emotions etc. But at our very core we are spiritual beings first and foremost. This is who we truly are, not our ego. Our ego is the one who seems to speak the loudest to us throughout the day. It is often selfish, greedy, prideful, impatient and weak. Our spirit, however, is wise, deep, rich, quiet and strong. It will sit on the side lines without saying a word until we look within for guidance. Once we do there is a wealth of knowledge for us to follow for every situation in life.

We are spirit because God is spirit. We are one in the same. Who God is and what God does, God mostly does through us, through the spirit. There are literally millions of examples throughout history where God moved on His own or through ordinary people by spiritual means that accomplished some pretty amazing if not miraculous feats. In Genesis, the first chapter of the first book of the bible, alone are many awesome examples.

God is as complex as He is simple...and so are we for that matter. Because we are spirit. Even though we are spirit, we are all different and have a different purpose in life to fulfill. And with our spirit we are prone to be, act and live in a particular way. As our creator, God gave each and everyone of us particular giftings. Giftings that are specific to our spirit. These giftings are how we were meant to live...from. We are meant to live our life with these giftings as our foundation to help us, our families, and the world. From the spirit we help, thrive, know and recognize others. When we have this understanding and live it, life is good. When we don't, life is not near as fulfilling as it was intended to be lived.

Have you ever just met someone and instantly had a connection as if you have been friends forever? Are there some people you know and you are immediately aggravated or bothered by their presence. This happens in the spirit. When you are mature in the spiritual redemptive giftings, everyone you meet will be a friend despite the gut feeling you have when you are around them.

There are 7 different redemptive gifts as mentioned in the bible. They are Prophet, Servant, Teacher, Exhorter, Giver, Ruler and Mercy. Although these may sound a little archaic, each one of us at the spirit is definitely one of these seven and is relevant today for your journey in life. You may have several characteristics of the other six, but you are mainly gifted in only one of these. Much like a personality test, this will help you to understand yourself as well as others and you will begin to appreciate all people for who they are because they have been given their own specific spiritual redemptive gifts.

I will explain the characteristics and behaviors of each of these spiritual redemptive gifts as outlined in depth by Aurthur Burk. You will be amazed at the accuracy of each spiritual redemptive gift as well as how you will recognize them in others and be able to live in love as you apply the knowledge you will gain

## **#1 Behavioral Characteristics of the Prophet-**

- \*Sees things in black and white
- \*Simple world view
- \*Able to asses situations in an instant and determine if it is good or bad
- \*Enjoy taking initiative in new things and making things new
- \*Bad at maintaining programs that are running well- they will improve it, change it or quit, as soon as it is fixed they want out, don't like maintaining status quo.
- \*Verbal expressive or obsessive compulsive
- \*Always first one to speak
- \*By default, knows whats right and wrong and can be compulsive to pass judgement on anything and everything, always evaluating
- \*Knows no fear unless they have been wounded
- \*Has a "can do anything" attitude whether they know how to do it or not, they will figure it out and do a great job, not intimidated
- \*Inability to tolerate bondage, cannot stand to be locked up in a closed situation, loves freedom
- \*Very generous with money and can give impulsively and recklessly
- \*Shift gears very quickly from one idea to the next
- \* Very much a visionary and needs a destination or an end result to accomplish
- \*Fiercely competitive
- \*Operates with full disclosure- will tell the truth out of honesty and integrity's sake
- \*Very hard on themselves, legendary for being hard on others but even harder on themselves
- \* Must make sense out of everything and restore logic

- \*Holds truth more tightly over relationships, can move somewhere else and forget old relationships immediately especially with family
- \*Passion in excellence for himself and everyone else too
- \*Widest range of emotions, highest highs and lowest lows

Prophets in scriptures: Mariam, Naomi, Ezekiel, Peter, Johnathan and Kaleb

## ***#2 Behavioral Characteristics of the Servant-***

- \*sees needs, especially external needs and wants to meet them
- \*can have a victim mentality, can get exploited by others
- \*has a hard time saying "no"
- \*gets overloaded by helping others
- \*tends to apologize for everything thing they do as if it is never good enough
- \*has few enemies if any, because they are always helping others
- \*makes excuses for others because they see the best in everyone
- \*fierce anger that manifests every now and then, particularly if someone comes against someone else or a family member, very loyal to people
- \*has a tendency to save stuff and can't always find it when they need it
- \*unless they know how to help someone specifically, they become an enabler
- \*seem to attract dishonor, especially in the home, and the servant will allow it
- \*when playing games, they become fierce competitors
- \*denial regarding their children, will spoil the children and then allow their immaturity
- \*they are without guile, they have a purity of their motives

Servants in scriptures- Queen Esther, Joseph, Barnabus, Simeon, Timothy and Ananias (ministered to Saul in Damascus)

### ***#3 Behavioral Characteristics of the Teacher-***

- \*needs to validate facts and truth, they go beyond the obvious
- \*won't reject or receive facts or truths right away until they have confirmed it
- \*teachers like research and accuracy is vital
- \*they make decisions and process information very slowly
- \*God made teachers to slow down those who make fast or rash decisions
- \*they are also safe people emotionally
- \*not critical or judgmental
- \*very loyal to family
- \*poor at returning what they borrow
- \*find it difficult to return phone calls
- \*very slow moving and tend to run late
- \*difficulty in handling money, will gladly let others do it for them
- \*prefer researched truths over people's experiences
- \*unwilling to begin a process until they see the end of the process
- \*they need to see the big picture first before they will move forward
- \*can be self centered so they don't have to be responsible
- \*tend to maintain a wonderful sense of humor
- \*usually the last one to speak and will say few words that summarize the conversation

Teachers in scripture: Luke, Isaiah, Samuel, Mary (mother of Jesus)

## **#4 Behavioral Characteristics of the Exhorter-**

- \*world changer
- \*party looking for a place to happen
- \*very relational, don't know a stranger
- \*talks to strangers easily
- \*great evangelizer
- \*capable of having arguments without alienation and keeps relationships
- \*create and sustain relationships very well
- \*don't like being alone, need people around them
- \*master at communicating
- \*very flexible and see opportunities even if they abandon another one
- \*visionary and see the broad idea
- \*tend to govern by relationship/ persuasion and not by principle
- \*tends to follow popular beliefs, possibly over direction by God

Exhorters in Scripture: Moses, Jeremiah, Apostle Paul

## **#5 Behavioral Characteristics of the Giver-**

- \*very broad range of characteristics
- \*has generational/ world view
- \*tries to prepare way for the lives of family after them
- \*think long term about helping their family
- \*nurtures the family environment
- \*evangelizes, and loves to share but does not like to deal with closure of their efforts
- \*very independent and can be a loner
- \*not needy or need help from others
- \*cannot be hustled by anyone, they are wise when it comes to schemes and money
- \*can relate to a wide range of people
- \*can spot fakes or hidden motives
- \*don't like to be surprised by hidden agendas
- \*very private in their own life
- \*not confrontational by nature, don't look at obstacles and remove them
- \*very astute at finding options and assemble unseen components, but will delegate
- \*money flows to them
- \*supernatural timing with money, it just happens
- \*they give well and wisely
- \*don't like to provide funds for startup and will wait to see the returns
- \*don't invest in the poor and give to those who are wise with their money
- \*frugal with the family, lives economically at home
- \*tends to see money and extended family as a point of security
- \*does not learn from the past very well, each instance is unique
- \*does not like or see patterns
- \*don't like absolutes, like to keep all options open because of immense creativity
- \*can manipulate and persuade to motivate and get people to do what they want
- \*has ability to sustain tension without closure and function as a team player

Givers in scripture: Abraham, Jacob, Job, Matthew

## **#6 Behavioral Characteristics of the Ruler-**

- \*implementor of an effective plan or vision
- \*under a great deal of pressure and loves it
- \*they crave and thrive under pressure
- \*always looking for things to DO
- \*need to have people around them under pressure as well
- \*skill to motivate people to get a task done and push beyond their normal limits
- \*skilled at time management and is inly as busy as he wants to be
- \*the may justify the means
- \*must have loyalty of others
- \*must trust those close to him, this is more important than competency
- \*doesn't like to be micromanaged and doesn't need it, they will get it done
- \*they are not into blaming, don't receive or give it
- \*empire builder, designed to see something and make it bigger and better
- \*they usually don't need anyones help
- \*they can take imperfect people and work with them to make them better
- \*can be task focused and let compassion go by the wayside
- \*will usually only work where asked to, usually won't volunteer because of loyalty issues

Ruler in Scripture: Noah, Solomon, Jeroboam, Nehemiah, Boaz and Joseph

## **#7 Behavioral Characteristics of the Mercy-**

- \*rarely have enemies
- \*well respected by others
- \*safe people for the wounded
- \*strangers will come up to them and bare their souls and problems to them
- \*will recognize who is hurt and rejected right away
- \*have many general friends and few close ones
- \*crave intimacy and desires physical touch
- \*can't explain "the why" of things
- \*understand the heart of God- intuitive
- \*hates to confront people and will avoid it at all costs
- \*want to protect people
- \*don't like to discipline
- \*very indecisive
- \*people pleaser and enabler, can have a victim spirit
- \*allow people to hurt them because they can't confront them
- \*avoid arguments and having to make decisions
- \*drawn to the prophet
- \*needs to sing, worship and loves music and instruments

Mercys in Scripture: Ruth, King David, Apostle John, Adam first man