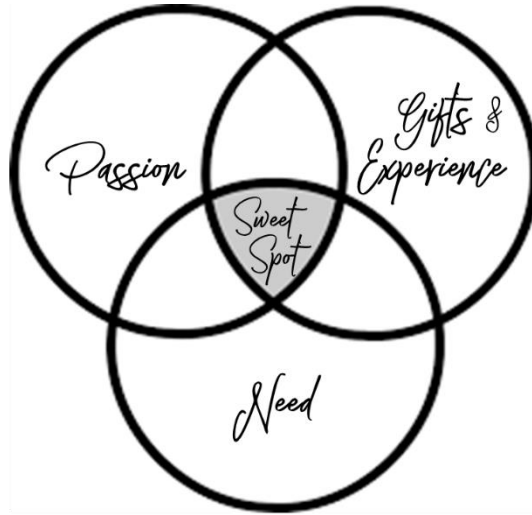


calling

You were created ON purpose FOR purpose. God has set apart good works for you to do in your life. And they may shift from season to season, but they are all a part of how He created you.

Your calling is found in the sweet spot at the intersection of your passions, your gifts & experiences, and where there is a need.



Leadership consultant Michael Hyatt says that your calling has four characteristics:

- External – your calling originates outside of you; it comes from God; He pulls you toward it with your passion, gifts, experiences.
- Personal – your calling comes specifically to you; it is something you were made to do that only you can do in exactly the way you might do it. Your experiences, set of gifts, circumstances, talents & abilities – all unique.
- Appealing – it is something that profoundly resonates inside of you. People wrongly think if something is your calling it can't be attractive – not true. If it really is part of your calling, it will be deeply appealing; something in your heart of hearts you want to do. You will find fulfillment in doing it.
- Optional – you have a choice to respond to calling or not. There will be a tugging at you; you may know you need to do, but for whatever reason, maybe fear, you can choose not to.

The following pages contain several worksheets with prompts and brainstorm space to think through your passion, gifting, what your heart breaks for, etc. It can be a space to refer to and update periodically. It might help guide you in determining your career path, or possibly electives to take, volunteer and leadership opportunities to explore.

Take a stab at responding to each section, but come back to it at different times. Often you really need to spend time thinking about each of these areas.

your passion

What do you love?	
What makes you happy?	
What gets your heart beating with excitement?	
What types of things do you tend to gravitate toward?	

<p>If you could have or do anything, what would it be?</p>	
<p>What things do you look at someone else and say, I wish I could do that? (not to compare/copy, but to see where your passions are stirred toward something...you will find your unique spin on it)</p>	
<p>What do you dream about doing?</p>	
<p>What did you dream about doing when you were a kid?</p>	

<p>What would you do if time and money were no obstacle?</p>	
<p>What do you spend your spare time on or can't wait to do?</p>	
<p>What inspires you? What about it inspires you?</p>	
<p>Who inspires you? What about them inspires you?</p>	

<p>What gives you energy or fires you up when you are doing it?</p>	
<p>What type of content do you reach for when you want to learn about something?</p>	
<p>If someone told you to search the web for one hour, what would you start searching for?</p>	
<p>What do you want to be remembered for when people look back on your life?</p>	

<p>If you could write a book or screenplay or be in a DIY show that was sure to succeed, what would it be called? What would it be about?</p>	
<p>What is OFF the table (what you hate doing, dread doing, put off)?</p>	
<p>OTHER</p>	

gifts + experiences

<p>What are you naturally good at?</p>	
<p>What do you get complimented on?</p>	
<p>What kinds of experience do you have?</p>	
<p>What tough things have you gone through in your life?</p>	

<p>What do others say you're are good at?</p>	
<p>Where do you do something and feel a great accomplishment?</p>	
<p>What are unique experiences you have gone through?</p>	
<p>What things do your friends/family/community turn to you to help with?</p>	

What are your personality type and spiritual gifts? (see below notes about free online assessments)	
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personality

A variety of assessments are also available to look at your **personality type**. The assessments include the types of activities and careers that generally match well with the various personality types.

- If you Google “**Myers Briggs Test**” you will see a wide range of free Myers Briggs personality assessments you can do online.
- If you Google “**Enneagram Test**” you will see a wide range of free Enneagram personality assessments you can do online.

spiritual gifts

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.” (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10)

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” (Romans 12:6-8)

If you Google “**Spiritual Gift Inventory,**” you will see tons of free assessments you can do online.

needs

<p>Where do you see a need that isn't being met? (family, friends, community, the world)</p>	
<p>What kinds of needs do you want to meet?</p>	
<p>What kinds of things do you hear about and feel outraged or your heart breaks?</p>	
<p>Where do you want to see a change in your community? In the world?</p>	
<p>What fears do you have for those coming up behind you?</p>	

girlfriend chat

Often other people can see things in you that you can't see in yourself. Grab a trusted friend or two and ask them what they see as your passion and gifting.

Here are a few questions you can ask them:

What do you think I am good at?	
When have you seen me light up the most?	
What unique skills have you seen me display?	

<p>What kinds of things do they see me easily gravitate toward?</p>	
<p>Where do you see people coming to me for advice?</p>	
<p>What can you see me doing? Why?</p>	
<p>Other?</p>	

community

Look for others who share your passion and calling space. Spend time together to toss out ideas and dream together. Perhaps you can even team up to get experience together and share resources and tips.

Where are some places you can find community that might support and complement your calling area?

Who are some people doing what you want to do? Write down their names. Follow them on social media, read their books, listen to their interviews. What can you learn from them? Can you ask one of them to mentor you?

