

Employ YOUR HEART

Thank you for visiting our website in your quest to discover your unique fit and ministry at Christ the King Church. My hope is that when you are finished with the three exercises that you download (*the other two are available on the website as well*) you'll have a better understanding of God's Call on your life. Fr. Jerry reminded us of five truths we can take to heart: 1) Every member of our church is a minister [Ephesians 4.11-13]; 2) Every member is gifted by God for ministry [First Peter 4.10]; 3) The congregation needs your ministry [First Corinthians 12.27]; 4) You are accountable for the use of your gift; and in harmony with that truth, 5) you will be rewarded for your ministry [Matthew 25.23-26].

This first exercise is designed to help you discover your heart. *Heart* can be defined as the 'organ that pumps your blood'. The word is also often used to describe '*your emotional constitution or disposition*', in other words, those things about which you are passionate.

The Bible uses the term 'heart' to represent the center of your motivation, desires, and inclinations. What motivates you to action?

Here are two truths to help understand your heart:

1. Your Heart is God-Given; and
2. Your Heart is unique. While we all may have a heart for God and pursuing a deeper knowledge and love of Him, we are all inclined to different avenues of service.

The three pages that follow will help you take a spiritual EKG. Discovering your heart will assist you to understand the area of ministry you want to employ your spiritual gifts.

TAKING A SPIRITUAL EKG

An important step in discovering your special ministry that will be fruitful and fulfilling is understanding your heart or passion. When you have a heart for an area of ministry, you are more enthusiastic and motivated to serve.

One key to understanding your heartbeat is to look at your past accomplishments. List and describe at least three accomplishments since childhood (at least one should be more recent). Remember, you're recalling things you *enjoyed doing* and *did well*, not simply pleasant experiences.

What to include: Accomplishments at home, school, work etc...
 Things you enjoyed doing.
 Things you believe you did well.
 Give specific details about what you did.
 Forget what other people think about it.

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Examine your achievements for a common motivational thread. You might find a key phrase repeated. See if you can match one of the 'heartbeats' listed below, or come up with one on your own.

I Love To ...

DESIGN AND DEVELOP -- I love to make something out of nothing. I enjoy getting something started from scratch.

PIONEER -- I love to test out and try new concepts. I am not afraid to risk failure.

ORGANIZE -- I love to bring order out of chaos. I enjoy organizing something that is already started.

OPERATE / MAINTAIN -- I love to efficiently maintain some things that is already organized.

SERVE OR HELP -- I love to assist others in their responsibility. I enjoy helping others succeed.

ACQUIRE AND POSSESS -- I love to shop, collect, or obtain things. I enjoy getting the highest quality for the best price.

EXCEL -- I love to be the best and make my team the best. I enjoy setting and attaining the highest standard.

INFLUENCE -- I love to convert people to my way of thinking. I enjoy shaping the attitudes and behaviors of others.

PERFORM -- I love to be on stage and receive the attention of others. I enjoy being in the limelight.

IMPROVE -- I love to make things better. I enjoy taking something that someone else has designed or started and improve it.

REPAIR -- I love to fix what is broken or change what is out of date.

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LEAD AND BE IN CHARGE -- I love to lead the way, oversee and supervise. I enjoy determining how things will be done.

PERSEVERE -- I love to see things to completion. I enjoy persisting at something until it is finished.

FOLLOW THE RULES -- I love to operate by policies and procedures. I enjoy meeting the expectations of an organization or boss.

PREVAIL -- I love to fight for what is right and oppose what is wrong. I enjoy overcoming injustice.

Q. I think the area where I could make the most significant contribution is:

Q. Based on the Spiritual EKG, I sense I have a passion for: