

LAYMAN'S SCHOOL OF TRAINING
HOLE 2 - ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY SEMINAR
ADDENDUM "A" TO LECTURE 12 - DISCOVERING YOUR PART IN GOD'S WORK - PART 4

How to "Interpret" of the results of your Motivational Gift test.

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1. Introduction.

In this lesson we want to give you some **guidelines** that will help you discover your part in God's work according to your motivational gifts.

2. General notes.

i) There are **no hard and fast rules** to say that unless you have certain motivational gifts you cannot be a Home Fellowship leader for example.

Here we are presenting to you some **guidelines** but don't rule yourself out of a ministry that you believe God has called you to and are successful in, because you don't have the suggested motivational gifts.

ii) You will be **attracted to and feel an affinity** (liking, leaning to) **for the ministry God has called you to.**

Example: If you feel a great affinity to the ministry of **Reinhard Bonnke**, God has probably called you to a ministry of evangelism.

Note: If you can't lead a soul to Christ in your own home, you have no hope of being successful at mass evangelism.

Note: Once a person is **trained in evangelism** he will easily be able to **buy up opportunities** and lead people to Christ.

iii) The **more involved** you are in the work of the ministry, the **more accurate** your motivational gift test will be, and the easier it will be for you to know what ministry God has called you to - and which He has not.

iv) **Get completely involved** in the ministry that you believe God has called you to. If you have peace, fulfillment and success in that ministry, you will know that you are in the perfect place that God has called you to.

However if the ministry that you are involved in is **one long uphill battle and struggle** you are more than likely not in the right place that God has called you to.

Note: Because you may be going through **persecution in your ministry**, does not mean that you are in the wrong one. **Paul's** life was one of constant persecution and yet he knew he was in the perfect will of God. Satan simply tried to stop Paul from fulfilling his ministry and he will try to do the same in your life.

Note: You may also be in your perfect ministry and **experiencing frustration because of pressure, overwork, stress, tiredness** and the desperate need for a good restful holiday. After a good overhaul, you will be good for another 10 000 km's.

v) In whatever ministry you are involved in, **be yourself**. Never try and imitate someone else - especially the particular ministry you are attracted to. There will always only be one Reinhard Bonnke. Remember that God has a **unique ministry for your life** that only you can fulfill.

You have a special and individual function in the body of Christ and must contribute to the smooth and successful operation of the whole plan of God for the advancement of His kingdom.

vi) No-one is a **complete counselor**. Only **Jesus** can be called the **wonderful counselor** because He had all 7 of the motivational gifts perfectly operating in His life.

He was a ruler in the feeding of the 5 000 and a servant in the washing of the disciple's feet. He could be all things to all men to meet the need of the moment - no matter what it was.

Example: A person might not be living right and comes to you for counseling. As a person with a prophetic motivation you may speak the fear of God into his life which results in him coming to repentance. Now

when the same person is feeling down and discouraged through work pressure he comes to you again because you helped him last time. As a prophetically motivated person you try to find what sin caused the problem when in fact he now needs an exhorter to encourage him.

vii) We need to be aware of the different gifts God has given to those around us and use one another to meet the different needs in the body of Christ. As leaders we need to have a sane and sober estimation of our capabilities, know our limitation and use the gifts God has given to others to complement our short comings.

Don't be proud to admit that someone else is better equipped by God to handle a particular situation than you might be.

Note: In a given set of circumstances, when there is no-one else to minister to a person's need, God can **supernaturally equip** and use you - even outside of your motivational gifts.

3. Which motivational gifts are best suited for a particular ministry?

1 Cor 15:58 (NASB) *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."*

Areas where I can get involved in at Christian Family Church

NOTE:- As I join any of the ministries below I will grow in time into a leadership position.

A. AREAS OF MINISTRY

1. I should work towards completing the Layman's School of Training 18 Hole Program.
2. Elder - Exhorter, Teacher, Prophet.
3. Captain (Prayer Friend Program) - Exhorter, Teacher, Prophet.
4. Fishers of Men - Exhorter, Mercy, Prophet, Giver.
5. Home Fellowship Leader - Teacher, Exhorter, Prophet, Ruler.
6. Prayer groups - Exhorter, Mercy, Ruler.
7. Prayer Friend - Exhorter, Mercy, Giver, Servant.
8. Counselor - Teacher, Exhorter, Mercy.
9. Deacon - Servant (Remember Jesus was a servant in washing the Disciple's feet).
10. Youth - Exhorter, Servant, Giver, Ruler.
11. Children's Church - Exhorter, Servant, Giver, Ruler.
12. Singles - Exhorter, Mercy, Servant, Giver.
13. Worship Leading - Exhorter, Ruler.
14. Music - Exhorter (Very much depends on talent).
15. Dial a Prayer - Exhorter, Mercy, Servant, Giver.
16. Drama - Exhorter, Prophet, Teacher.
17. Financing the Gospel - Giver.
18. Hospital visitation - Mercy, Exhorter, Teacher.
19. Old age ministry - Mercy, Exhorter, Teacher.

B. AREAS OF SERVICE

20. Sunday toddler care - Exhorter, Servant.
21. Transport (Lifts to church) - Servant, Mercy, Exhorter.
22. Layman's School of Training counter helper - Exhorter, Servant.
23. Bookshop / Tape ministry assistant - Servant.

- 24. Video ministry - Servant.
- 25. Pantry and clothing ministry - Servant.
- 26. Building maintenance - Servant.
- 27. Landscaping and gardening - Servant.
- 28. Flower arranging - Servant.
- 29. Catering - Servant.
- 30. Secretarial and administration assistance - Servant.

4. What about the:-

- i) **Giver** - They give themselves and their finances for the advancement of the kingdom in any way they can. They will give of themselves in prayer, in service, in time, etc.
Many givers will have a strong ministry in the business world to make money and then give it freely into the kingdom of God. They have the ability to believe God for finances.
- ii) **Ruler** - He would make a good Senior Pastor provided that this is combined with some other strong motivational gifts. If a senior Pastor is not gifted this way, he would need the assistance of a good ADMINISTRATOR (ruler) to help him run the ministry.
The ruler would fit in well into any form of leadership such as a Senior Deacon, Captain, Elder, etc.
In the business world, he would be a good manager or director of a company.

5. Who and why would and wouldn't you use to:-

	Who would you use to:	Who wouldn't you use to:
i) Visiting a sick person in hospital
ii) Lead a soul to Christ
iii) Follow up an absentee
iv) Cut the grass at our church
v) Counsel a marriage problem
vi) Comfort someone who has lost a loved one
vii) Lead a prayer meeting
viii) Organize a church braai (barbeque)
ix) Follow up a new convert
x) Counsel a brother who is living in sin
xi) To minister to a man who has lost his job

- xii) To be a manageress over a typing pool
- xiii) To minister to a wife whose husband left her
- xiv) To lead a bible study

6. What is the highest calling in the life of every Christian?

To be a soulwinner. This is the first calling of **every** Christian - then comes his ministry of Pastoring, counseling etc.

Matt 28:19 (NASB) "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations."

You are the only body that Jesus has to reach this lost and dying world.

Luke 19:10 (NASB) "For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Jesus was the greatest soulwinner this world has ever known.

1 Pet 2:21 (NASB) "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, **leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.**"

Matt 4:19 (NASB) "And He said to them, 'Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.' "

The **disciples** had **no fear of winning souls** for they had been **well trained**. Once you have been well trained you too will have no fear to win the lost. The devil or you might have convinced you that it is not your ministry - but Jesus said it is.

Eph 6:15 (NASB) "...and having shod your feet with the **preparation** of the Gospel of peace."

All Christians believe and know the importance of wearing God's amour, but few have put on their Gospel shoes. An army without shoes is immobile and going nowhere.

Acts 1:8a (NASB) "But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and **you shall be My witnesses...**"

We have the power and ability of the Holy Spirit to make us effective soulwinners.

Luke 14:23 (NASB) "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and **COMPEL them to come in, that my house may be filled.**' "

Today **Jehovah Witnesses** are putting most Christians to shame. Our minds need to be renewed with the Word of God. We need to adopt a new motto, "**Every Christian a witness - out where the sinners are.**"

We must get out of our **comfort zone** - get out there and do the work of the ministry.

Hole 3 - The **Fishers of Men** course will thoroughly equip you to become a bold and effective witness for Jesus Christ.

HOMEWORK FOR LECTURE 12A

1. Register for the next Hole 3 - Fishers of Men course.
2. In **Matt 25:14-30** we are all given different talents or gifts by the Lord.

Now that you have discovered and know more about your motivational gifts, "employ it in serving one another." (**1 Pet 4:10**)

If you are not in active ministry, make it your goal to **report to the correct department leader** for service, for the particular ministry that you believe God has called you to. Do it this week. **You need to be a bit forward.** They are not going to come looking for you.