

Good day Group Leaders!

Below is your Week #6 YOUR STORY material, also available at www.mccag.org by clicking on RESOURCES > COMMUNITY GROUP LEADER RESOURCES

Quick Reminders:

- **Please begin to prayerfully consider whether or not your group will continue to meet after the “Your Story” series concludes.** Some groups decide to meet only occasionally during the holidays (Mid-November until early January) and then pick back up weekly or bi-weekly in 2018. You’re off to such a great start in these relationships. Let’s not lose that momentum!
- We have **wonderful group resources available for you to utilize after the fall series**, including:
 - Hundreds of studies at www.RightNowTraining.org
Some recent studies at MCC include: **Guardrails** or **Ask It** (Andy Stanley); **Grave Robber** (Mark Batterson); **Fear and Faith** (for women or any group); **Play the Man** (Mark Batterson);
 - A host of group resources available in house (see the list on your [resource page](#) at our website.)
 - Consider doing [Truth Search](#) next – a great way for everyone (anyone!) to get into the Word.

I look forward to speaking personally with you about this. (Please remember to run all outside resources by me for approval several weeks in advance of your desire to use them.)

- Can you send us a few **short videos** or **pics** from your group? Be sure we see faces and fun!
- Be certain to include your **group’s plans for reaching out missionally** in your weekly group report.

Sincerely His and yours,
Pastor Dwayne



WEEK#6 – BULLETIN INSERT

TEAM: Understanding Who You Are

1. We live “on mission” to help **reach lost** people. We join a team to **serve God’s** people.
2. The Motivational Gifts (Romans 12:6-8) help to clarify our WHO.

PERCEIVER – The **eyes** of the body

SERVER – The **hands** of the body

TEACHER – The **mind** of the body

EXHORTER – The **mouth** of the body

GIVER – The **arms** of the body

ADMINISTRATOR – The **shoulders** of the body

COMPASSION – The **heart** of the body

WELCOME/SNACKS 15 minutes

MISSION MOMENT 10 minutes

Finalize your group mission/outreach plans.

OPEN (Ice Breakers) 10 minutes

Choose one. Each of these questions highlights the fact that there is always something to discover, even among those whom we know well.

1. **Play “Two Truths and a Lie.”** Each person should briefly tell the group three interesting “facts” about him/herself, knowing that one of them is completely fabricated. The rest of the group must sniff out the “lie.” Discover who can fool the group and who has great discernment to identify the fib! (Spouses should not guess about one another unless they too are completely fooled.)
2. **When is the last time that you did something for the first time?**
3. *Each individual should finish this sentence truthfully: “Even those who know me might be surprised to learn that I _____.”*

ADULT INTERACTION OVER SUNDAY’S TOPIC/MESSAGE 45 minutes

The following questions/activities follow a progression of discovery regarding the Motivational Gifts. It is recommended that you use each question this week. (If time is short, you may skip Question #1.)

1. **On Sunday, Pastor Dwayne said: “We live ‘on mission’ to help reach lost people and that we join a ministry team to serve God’s people.” Which (if either) comes most naturally to you? Why might that be so?**

What happens through us when we engage in these activities?

(Examples: People who don’t yet follow Christ are exposed to the Truth of the Gospel, their misconceptions about what it means to follow Christ are corrected, etc. When we serve other believers through ministry, they are encouraged or built up in their faith, they may likewise be attracted to serving on a team, etc.)

What happens to us when we live ‘on mission’ and serve others through ministry?

(Examples: We are strengthened in our faith, we confront and overcome our fears of rejection or failure, we experience the joy of obedience to Christ, we get to rejoice with others as God enhances the story of their lives, we discover the rich pleasure of serving others without needing anything from them in return, our walk with Christ matures, etc.)

2. **Distribute the “Motivational Gifts Survey” and the “Your Personality Matters” page to each individual in the group. Invite them to spread out in the house (if allowed) to complete both assessments on their own. (Point out that there is a back page to each questionnaire.)**

(Please allow approximately 20 minutes for this exercise.)

3. **Invite the group back together to share the results.**

Make this fun! When it’s someone’s turn to divulge his/her results:

1. *Invite the **group to guess** which motivational gift is dominant (highest score).*
2. *Ask the **person to reveal** the real answer, along with the next one or two highest scoring gifts.*
3. *Encourage each person to note how intensely these dominant and secondary gifts registered on the Key - High, Moderate, or Low?*

4. Next, Invite the same individual to indicate how he/she is “energized” and “organized” as revealed by the “Your Personality Matters” assessment.

4. Was anyone surprised by his/her own results? How so?

Was anyone surprised by someone else’s results? Why so?

5. After everyone has shared his/her motivational gifts and personal style results, invite the group to gather in smaller groups according to their dominant motivational gift. (If someone has two gifts with the same score, invite them to choose which one they feel is most likely strongest and gather with that group.)

Give each group the copy of their specific gift page from the “Gifts Description Pages” (included in these resources for you). Encourage them to read and to briefly discuss as a group the page’s accuracy in their own experiences. Take only 3-5 minutes for this. (For lone individuals in a gifts group, have them read over it personally for accuracy and then join another group to listen-in.)

6. Invite a spokesperson from each group to share with everyone what characteristics resonated most with the sub-group (such as most common potential qualities, strengths, and other insights) as it was brought up in the sub-group. (Each spokesperson should take about 1 minute for this.)

Encourage everyone to consider who, in his or her own life, might have that particular gift.

indicate that the “Description” pages are available at MCC’s website under the “Resources>Community Group Leader” section.)

7. BONUS QUESTIONS:

Is anyone having an “Aha” moment? Which is to say: How is learning about the motivational gifts giving you insight into some aspect of your life, such as how you feel about yourself, the people you work with or for, or understanding how your children or spouse view the world?

8. Is there one change that you may attempt in one of your relationships because of what you’ve learned about motivational gifts?

GROUP RESPONSE AND PRAYER *10 minutes*

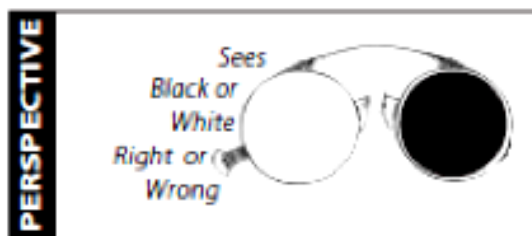
Remember that what’s shared in the room stays in the room unless otherwise indicated.

1. Invite the group to briefly share prayer needs with one another. Always begin with needs that are “in the room” before inviting prayer needs of extended family or friends.

SPIRITUAL GIFT: PERCEIVER

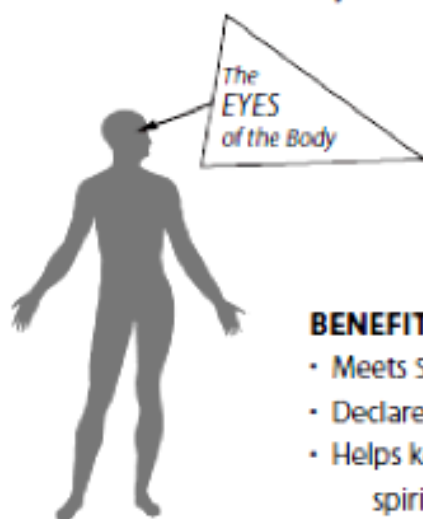
CHARACTERISTICS

Serious
Introspective
Transparent
Moody
Deep thinkers
Intense
Verbalizes easily
Strong conscience
Decisive
Thinks while talking
Feels deeply



MOST PREDOMINANT QUALITIES

- Sensitive
- Loyal
- Honest
- Responsible



AS A CHILD

- creative
- idealistic
- practical
- strong-willed
- need to be right
- tattletale
- relates poorly to peers

BENEFITS to BODY OF CHRIST

- Meets SPIRITUAL needs
- Declares the will of God
- Helps keep us centered on spiritual principles

The JOY of Perceiver

=

Nurture and Being Approved



John the Baptist
Luke 3: 2-3; 7-20

TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS

can be strong-willed	judgmental	blunt
opinionated	too idealistic	low self-image
critical	intolerant	loner
	unforgiving	controlling
	prideful	

SPIRITUAL GIFT: SERVER

CHARACTERISTICS

Background beavers
Energizer bunnies
Busy
Neat & tidy
Organized
Hate clutter
Completes projects
Good at details
Prefers to follow
Perfectionist
Extends hospitality
Loves with action deeds

AS A CHILD

- Verbalizes with difficulty
- Easily embarrassed
- Shy: quiet
(shy in class & toward peers)
- Excellent imagination
- Good at pretending
- Practical approach to life
- Loves pets

The JOY of Server

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Being Appreciated and Serving!

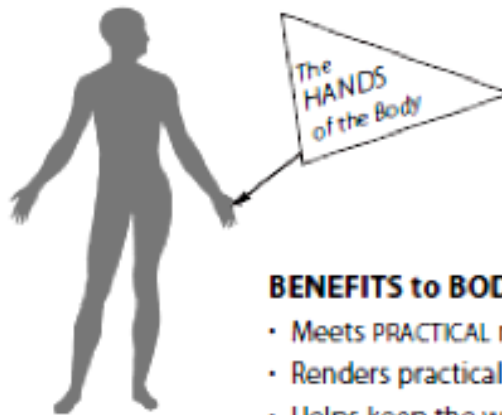
PERSPECTIVE

*Big Eyes to
See Needs
& Meets
Practical
Needs*



MOST PREDOMINANT QUALITIES

- Helpful
- Sensitive
- Reliable
- Obedient



BENEFITS to BODY OF CHRIST

- Meets PRACTICAL needs
- Renders practical service
- Helps keep the work of the ministry moving



Martha
Luke 10:38-42

TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS

critical interfering overly shy perfectionists
can be easily embarrassed overly dependent on appreciation

SPIRITUAL GIFT: TEACHER

CHARACTERISTICS

Stable
Cool, calm, collected
Reserved
Articulate
Neat
Punctual
Self-disciplined
Objective
Likes to read & study
Communicates well
Self-motivated
Unemotional

AS A CHILD

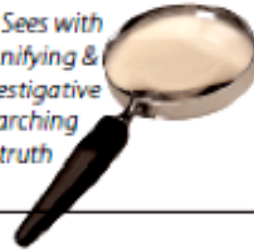
- very realistic
- poor imagination
- independent
- few friends, can be a loner
- teacher's pet
- verbalizes easily

The JOY of Teacher

=
Learning and Being Accepted!

PERSPECTIVE

Sees with
Magnifying &
Investigative
Glasses Searching
for truth



MOST PREDOMINANT QUALITIES

- Intelligent
- Diligent
- Honest
- Dependable

The
MIND
of the Body



BENEFITS to BODY OF CHRIST

- Meets MENTAL needs
- Researches & teaches the Bible
- Helps keep us studying & learning



Luke
Gospel of Luke & Acts

TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS

can be prideful
dogmatic
aloof

intolerant
opinionated
prone to have a "know it all" attitude

legalistic
unfriendly

SPIRITUAL GIFT: EXHORTER

CHARACTERISTICS

Optimistic
Positive attitude
Cheerful
Compulsively encouraging
Loves to counsel
Expresses self well
Good communicator
Relates well with everyone
Outgoing
Adaptable
Decisive
Leader
Challenges growth

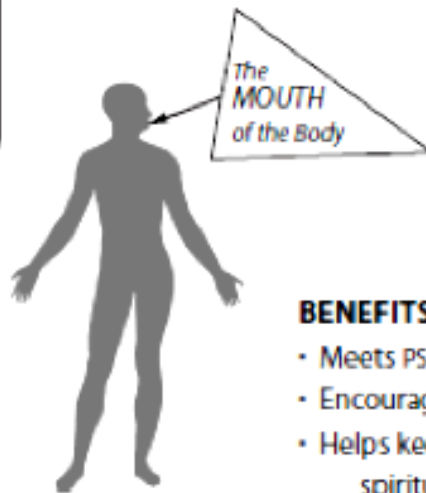
PERSPECTIVE

Puts people under a microscope and sees their potential or problems & solutions



MOST PREDOMINANT QUALITIES

- Friendly
- Loving
- Obedient
- Happy



AS A CHILD

- talkative
- imaginative
- practical
- well liked by peers
- many friends
- accepting
- gregarious

BENEFITS to BODY OF CHRIST

- Meets PSYCHOLOGICAL needs
- Encourages personal progress
- Helps keep us applying spiritual truths

The JOY of Exhorter

=
Making others happy & Being with People!



Barnabas
Acts 4:36; 11:22-26

TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS

opinionated
overly talkative

interruptive
pushy
prone to give unsolicited advice

compromising
stretchers of the truth

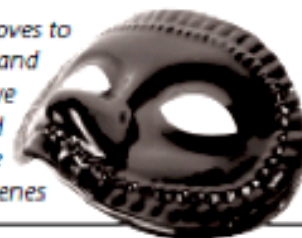
SPIRITUAL GIFT: GIVER

CHARACTERISTICS

Well balanced
All-round personality
Support person
Quickly volunteers to help
Frugal
Enjoys making money
Saves money
Trustworthy
Wise-not gullible
Friendly
Loves to extend hospitality
Evangelistic

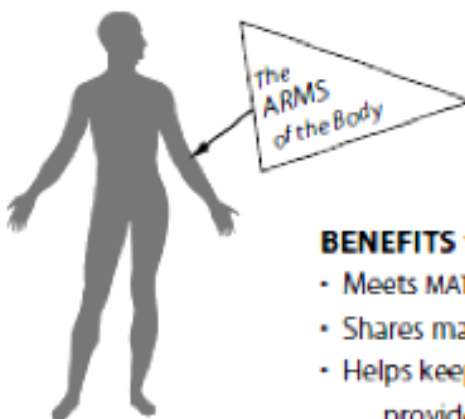
PERSPECTIVE

Loves to give and serve behind the scenes



MOST PREDOMINANT QUALITIES

- Industrious
- Generous
- Honest
- Thrifty



AS A CHILD

- happy
- expressive of feelings
- sometimes shy
- wholehearted about life
- very imaginative
- neat
- relates well to everyone

BENEFITS to BODY OF CHRIST

- Meets MATERIAL needs
- Shares material assistance
- Helps keep specific needs provided for

The JOY of Giver

=
Helping and Traveling



Abraham
Genesis 13-14

TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS

can be stingy
tempted to steal
overly generous

overly focused on money
manipulative
prone to give without their mates' approval

overly frugal
overworks

SPIRITUAL GIFT: ADMINISTRATOR

CHARACTERISTICS

Leader
Organizer
Communicates clearly
Project & task oriented
Delegates
Zealous
Enthusiastic
Finisher
Loves challenges
Stable
Confident
Competitive
Persuasive

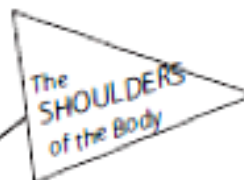
PERSPECTIVE

Sees far ahead
and makes
plans:
A Visionary



MOST PREDOMINANT QUALITIES

- Capable
- Responsible
- Honest
- Gregarious



AS A CHILD

- very verbal
- friendly
- systematic
- procrastinates
- wide areas of interest
- makes lists
- creative
- social
- obedient
- plans ahead

BENEFITS to BODY OF CHRIST

- Meets *FUNCTIONAL* needs
- Gives leadership & direction
- Helps keep us organized & increases our vision

The JOY of Administrator

=

Accomplishments & People!



Nehemiah
Nehemiah 1 - 7

TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS

often bossy
callous
neglects routine work

domineering
procrastinating
over-zealous

insensitive
forgetful
messy

SPIRITUAL GIFT: COMPASSION

CHARACTERISTICS

Merciful
Sensitive
Peacemaker
Subjective
Indecisive
Good Listener
Understanding
Easy Going
Empathizes
Attracted to hurting
or distressed people
Non-confrontational
One speed: Slow Forward

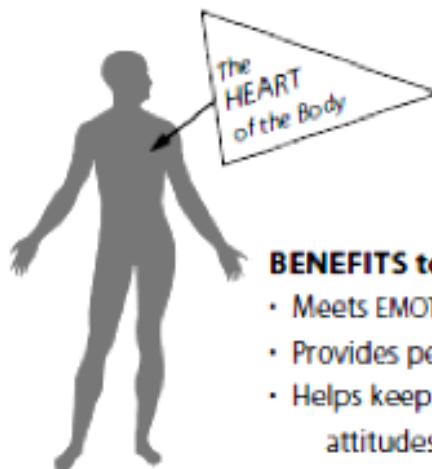
PERSPECTIVE

Sees
through
soft,
gentle and
patient
eyes



MOST PREDOMINANT QUALITIES

- Loving
- Obedient
- Helpful
- Caring



AS A CHILD

- sensitive
- very imaginative
- insecure
- disorganized
- easily moved to tears
- shy
- creative
- idealistic
- not punctual
- follower / will lead occasionally

BENEFITS to BODY OF CHRIST

- Meets EMOTIONAL needs
- Provides personal & emotional support
- Helps keep us in right attitudes & relationships

The JOY of *Compassion*

=
Friendships and Being Appreciated!



The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:30-35

TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS

late
indecise
unrealistic

over-emotional
undependable
illogical

compromising
often easily wounded
overly empathetic