

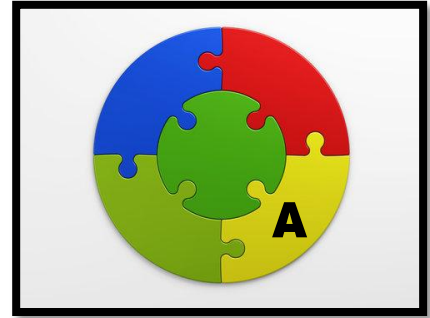
English Transcript

Discover How God Has SHAPED You for Ministry

Lesson 5: SHAPE Assessment - Abilities

Welcome back to Lesson 5 as we continue with your SHAPE Assessment focused on how God has gifted you with natural abilities. We will continue on page 21 in your handout.

In this discovery activity, I will ask you to evaluate the abilities God has given you in light of His eternal purposes and the life situation in which He has placed you. It could open the door to a ministry that may be more fulfilling than you ever imagined possible! Many of these abilities were placed within you at birth, by God's grace. Over time, you have come to realize that there are some things that you do well. These things come naturally for you without much effort.



Consider the list of specialized abilities below. The goal is for you to embrace the things you love to do, not just the things you can do. One day each of us will have to give an account to God for what we did with the talents He gave us, so make the most of them now!

As with the prior assessments, I will read through a list of abilities, write a check next to each ability that reflects who you are and how God created you. You are invited to write down other abilities that apply to you that may not be listed.

1. Adapting: The ability to adjust, change, alter, modify
2. Administering: The ability to govern, run, rule
3. Analyzing: The ability to examine, investigate, probe, evaluate
4. Building: The ability to construct, make, assemble
5. Classifying: The ability to systematize and file books, data, records, and materials
6. Coaching: The ability to prepare, instruct, train, equip, develop
7. Communicating: The ability to share, convey, impart
8. Competing: The ability to contend, win, battle
9. Consulting: The ability to advise, discuss, and confer
10. Cooking: The ability to prepare, serve, feed, or cater
11. Counseling: The ability to guide, advise, support, listen or care for
12. Creating: The ability to conceptualize, draw, paint, photograph, etc.
13. Decorating: The ability to beautify, enhance, adorn
14. Designing: The ability to draw, create, picture, outline
15. Developing: The ability to expand, grow, advance, increase
16. Directing: The ability to oversee, manage, supervise
17. Editing: The ability to correct, amend, alter, improve
18. Encouraging: The ability to cheer, inspire, support

19. Engineering: The ability to construct, design, plan
20. Entertaining: The ability to perform, act, dance, speak
21. Evaluating: The ability to analyze data and draw conclusions
22. Forecasting: The ability to predict, calculate, see trends, patterns and themes
23. Implementing: The ability to apply, execute, make happen
24. Improving: The ability to better, enhance, further enrich
25. Influencing: The ability to effect, sway, shape, change
26. Interviewing: The ability to talk with people and discover what people are like
27. Landscaping: The ability to garden, plant, design, improve
28. Leading: The ability to pave the way, direct, excel, win
29. Learning: The ability to study, gather, understand, improve, expand self
30. Managing: The ability to supervise people to accomplish a task or event
31. Mentoring: The ability to advise, guide, teach
32. Motivating: The ability to provoke, induce, prompt
33. Negotiating: The ability to discuss, consult, settle
34. Organizing: The ability to simplify, arrange, fix, classify, coordinate
35. Performing: The ability to sing, speak, play an instrument, act out
36. Pioneering: The ability to bring about something new, ground-breaking, original
37. Planning: The ability to strategize, design, and organize programs or events
38. Promoting: The ability to advertise or promote events and activities
39. Recruiting: The ability to enlist and motivate people to get involved
40. Repairing: The ability to fix, restore, maintain
41. Researching: The ability to read, gather information, collect data
42. Serving: The ability to help, assist, fulfill
43. Strategizing: The ability to think ahead, calculate, scheme
44. Teaching: The ability to explain, train, demonstrate, tutor
45. Visualizing: The ability to conceptualize, picture, dream
46. Welcoming: The ability to convey warmth, develop rapport, making others feel welcome
47. Writing: The ability to compose, create, record
48. Other abilities not list:

As I reviewed my responses to this “Abilities” assessment, I discovered that I have a natural tendency toward learning, teaching, coaching, writing, implementing, along with organizing/planning/administration. As I reflect on prior vocations as well as ministries within the church, I see how many of the tasks or responsibilities that I have supported, have involved some combination of these abilities. These are things that come naturally to me.

I invite you to pause the audio recording now, pray, and then review your “abilities” assessment and identify the top 3 abilities from your assessment and then write them on your SHAPE Profile on page 27. When you have completed this step, restart the audio for a few closing comments on this lesson.

Welcome back!

We have completed three of the five SHAPE discovery assessments. You have completed the “S”, “H”, and “A” assessments for SHAPE.

Your SHAPE Profile on page 27 now includes your top 3 SPIRITUAL GIFTS, your top 3 responses for Heart or Passion in the three areas of ROLE, PEOPLE, and CAUSE, and your top 3 natural ABILITIES.

In Lesson 6, we will explore a few simple revelations connected with your PERSONALITY and in Lesson 7 we will focus on Life EXPERIENCES.

I look forward to continuing with Lesson 6.