

WORKSHEET TWO

EMPOWERED TO BE SENT OUT

OBJECTIVES

- to identify how each person has been uniquely gifted
- to appreciate all of our many gifts and be able to affirm that uniqueness

List words and phrases that best describe your response to each of the following questions.

1. List what you are currently involved in. Include ministry activities on the local, state, and national level; volunteer activities; hobbies and leisure pursuits; specific family and career activities you enjoy. Be as specific as possible.
2. Most people have favorite activities that really motivate us and bring a sense of satisfaction and enjoyment. What do you do that you like doing? What gives you energy? What motivates you? Be sure to list whatever YOU like to do, regardless of how others perceive it.
3. If someone took snapshots of you during a typical week, what would those pictures show you doing? Write down words or phrases that describe the actions in these scenes.
4. If that same photographer took pictures or videos of you in the future, what actions would be captured? What do you want to be doing five years from now? List three to five things you see yourself doing or that you believe you've been called to do.
5. What do you value? What do you cherish? Values act as a guidepost that help us measure the quality and substance of life. Values can be such things as: a spiritual life, family cohesiveness, autonomy, freedom, ability to lead others, service to others, justice, health, peace, economic security, etc.

READ AND STUDY MATTHEW 25:14-30 – THE PARABLE OF THE TALETs

1. How does it feel when you identify with Servant One and Two?
2. All of us identify with Servant Three at times. What are some of the obstacles we face in trying to utilize our blessings?
3. What would help you to utilize your gifts more fully? (Example: self-confidence, support from friends and family, priorities sorted out, energy, a clearer sense of purpose, etc.)

TALENT SEARCH

Set a timer for 3 minutes. During that time, make a complete list of ALL (don't be shy!) the blessings you've been given. Mark your responses below. It may help your thought process to keep repeating the phrase(s) "I've been blessed with..." or "God's given me ..."

I've been blessed with ...

God's given me ...

Set the timer for three more minutes. During that time, list your answers to the following question: What would a spouse or close friend add to your list?

REFLECTIONS

If you had to share your answers from this worksheet with another person, what key information would you share?