

MINISTRY PASSION ASSESSMENT

The purpose of this assessment is to assist you in the identification and articulation of your God-given Ministry Passion. The results will release greater motivation and enthusiasm in your life and ministry.

Directions

1. You may not be able to answer all of the questions. That is okay. The Assessment is designed to explore a variety of ways God speaks to us about our Ministry Passion. He has probably spoken to you in some of these ways, but not all of them.
2. Prayerfully consider your responses to each question.
3. Since this is an individual exercise, complete the Assessment on your own. (You can talk about it with other afterward.)
4. There are no right or wrong answers. You have permission to say what is on your heart.
5. At this point, do not consider *whether* you could do it or *how* you could do it. All you need to do right now is *name* it.
6. Assume there are no obstacles to hinder you from fulfilling your heart's desire (Ministry Passion). Assume everything is taken care of...family, money, career, time, etc.

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1. If you could snap your fingers and know that you wouldn't fail, what would you do for others?

2. What do you repeatedly see that annoys or angers you, which if changed would be more glorifying to God and edifying to others?

3. I care about some things more than other things. I care most about...

4. At the end of my life, I'd love to be able to look back and know I'd done something about...

5. Use the chart on the following page to help uncover a theme in your life that may give you an insight into your Ministry Passion.

List your top five to seven most meaningful and positive life experiences.

Briefly describe what you achieved and why it meant so much to *you*.

NOTE: *Your experiences may have taken place at home, work, school, or during your free time. It may have been a clock you fixed or a dress you made. It may have been a puzzle you put together or an award you received. It may have been helping some friends move, building a house, winning an election, or giving to someone in need. Remember, list the experiences that you enjoyed doing and left you feeling fulfilled.*

	Positive Experiences	Why is this experience meaningful to me?	Theme Identified
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			

Looking over your responses to questions 1 through 5, what theme(s) or patterns seem to be most evident and repeating?

Recurring Theme(s)...

6. Some Ministry Passions can be centered around a people group or a social issue. Consider these partial lists and indicate any that tug at your heart. It is *okay* if you do not have a desire to make a difference in any of these areas.

People Groups:

Infants	Children	Youth
Teen moms	Single Parents	College Students
Divorced	Widowed	Singles
Career women	Young Marrieds	Refugees
Parents	Empty Nesters	Homeless
Unemployed	Elderly	Disabled
Prisoners	Poor	Hospitalized

Social Issues:

Environment	Childcare	Homosexuality
Discipleship	AIDS	Politics
Violence	Injustice	Racism
Education	Addictions	Economic
Reaching the lost	Technology	Health care
Poverty	Family	Abortion
Hunger	Literacy	Nutrition

7. Based on your responses to this assessment, which ONE of these Ministry Passion Categories best reflects your area of passion?

Ministry Category	Passion Category	Description
Children's Ministries	Equipping for Spiritual Formation	<i>These ministries team with and equip parents to transform children's lives by helping them establish a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and integrate a basic Biblical worldview in an exciting way.</i>
Student Ministries	Connecting	<i>These ministries model healthy relationships while addressing the needs of students, creating an environment for life-change and leading them to become fully devoted followers of Christ.</i>
Connecting Ministries	Connecting	<i>These ministries assimilate visitors, attenders, and members into a relationship with Christ and the church across a variety of different people groups.</i>
Growth Ministries	Equipping for Spiritual Formation	<i>These ministries mature and disciple believers by serving a variety of life-stage and affinity-based groups for growth and accountability.</i>
Care Ministries	Caring	<i>These ministries meet the practical needs of people in a safe, encouraging, and confidential atmosphere where they can experience God's love and provision.</i>
Worship Arts Ministries	Celebration	<i>These ministries engage the church in worship through God's Word, music, the arts, and other methods to enhance personal encounters with God.</i>
Missional Ministries	Outreach	<i>These ministries help believers live out their calling to be salt and light in the world by giving, serving, and sharing God's love both locally and globally.</i>
Operations Ministries	Supporting	<i>These ministries free people, leaders, and ministries by meeting practical concerns through structuring systems and procedures that serve people and ministries.</i>
Serving Ministries	Equipping for Serving	<i>These ministries mature believers in understanding ministry, and building the body of Christ through ministry.</i>
Hospitality Ministries	Connecting	<i>These ministries provide hospitality and belonging to visitors, attenders, and members.</i>

8. At this time, I would say...

My Ministry Passion Category is: (transfer from question 7)

My Ministry Passion is to...or for...

(write one or two sentences that sum up what you've discovered from questions 1-7)