

# SERVE GOD

"I"

## CLASS "I" - IDENTITY

FINDING YOUR FIT IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

"Be yourself;  
everyone else is  
already taken."

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OSCAR WILDE

### A CASE OF MISSING IDENTITY



**Identity:** the fact of being who or what a person or thing \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_ character of an individual

*And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:6,7)*

"The value of identity is that with it comes \_\_\_\_\_."

*10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)*

**YOU WERE \_\_\_\_\_ BY GOD TO \_\_\_\_\_ A PURPOSE**

### SERVING IN YOUR STRENGTHS

**GOD MADE YOU GREAT AT \_\_\_\_\_ BUT NOT \_\_\_\_\_.**

- He has empowered you with a unique combination of strengths, abilities, personality, and heart.
- He gives you opportunities to use your strengths to serve others in life and ministry.
- He then leads you to specific activities that you are uniquely gifted to do.

God designed us to reflect Him in \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." (Genesis 1:26 NKJV)*

God \_\_\_\_\_ our lives in the context of encouraging and accountable relationships.

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV)*

We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves.

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Rick Warren

God's purpose for the Church is to experience life together within a loving \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." (Acts 2:44-47 ESV)*

Biblical community is a life of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality." (Romans 12:10-13 NKJV)*

*"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."*

**(Romans 13:8 ESV) (Also Romans 12:16, 14:13, 19, 15:5, 7, 14; 1 Corinthians 12:25; Galatians 5:13, 6:2; Ephesians 4:1-2, 32, 5:18-21; Colossians 3:9, 12-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:18; Hebrews 3:13, 10:23-25; James 4:11, 5:9, 16; 1 Peter 1:22, 4:9, 5:5; 1 John 3:11, 23, 4:7-12; 2 John 1:5)**

The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual gifts for the benefit of others.

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

## SYNERGY



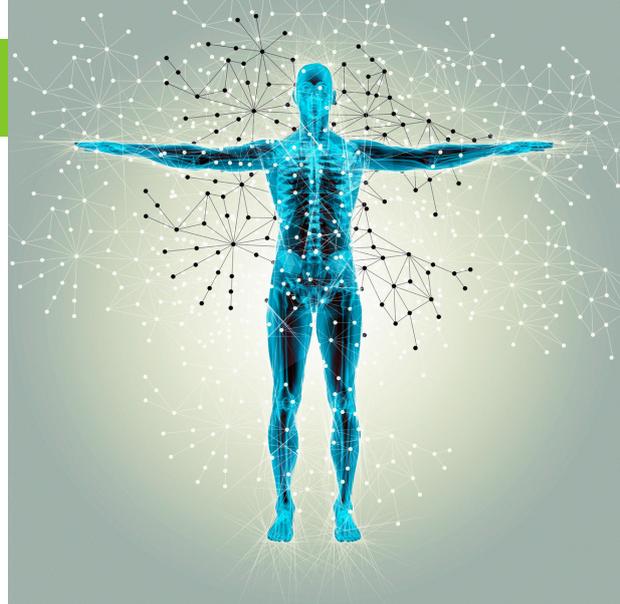
## SYMBIOSIS



# THE BODY OF CHRIST

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:12***

*But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. **1 Corinthians 12:18***



## UNITY IN DIVERSITY

*"The human body is the most complex system ever created. The more we learn about it, the more appreciation we have about what a rich system it is."*

**Bill Gates**

## BUILDING UP THE BODY

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (**Ephesians 4:15,16**)

CHRIST IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ HE HOLDS EVERYTHING \_\_\_\_\_

AS EACH PART DOES ITS \_\_\_\_\_



# HEART AND ABILITIES WORKSHEET

**Directions:** Read through the lists and circle the areas that you feel applies to you the most.

## H.EART

The **people** most on my heart are: (check three)

- Children
  - College Students
  - Disabled
  - Divorced
  - Elderly
  - Empty-Nesters
  - Homeless
  - Hospitalized
  - Infants
  - Men
  - Military/Veterans
  - Parents
  - Prisoners
  - Single Parents
  - Singles
  - Teen Moms
  - Unemployed
  - Widowed
  - Women
  - Young-Married
  - Youth/Students
  - Poor
  - Other
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The **issues** or **causes** I feel most strongly about are: (check three)

- Abuse/Violence
  - Alcoholism
  - At-Risk Children
  - Body Image
  - Compulsive Behavior
  - Deafness
  - Discipleship
  - Disabilities
  - Divorce
  - Drug Abuse
  - Education
  - Environment
  - Ethics
  - Finances
  - Health/Fitness
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Homelessness
  - Injustice Issues
  - Law/Justice System
  - Marriage/Family
  - Parenting
  - Policy/Politics
  - Poverty/Hunger
  - Sanctity of Life
  - Sexuality
  - Spiritual Apathy
  - Other:
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## A.BILITIES

The **abilities** I excel at and love doing are: (check three)

- Administration
  - Art
  - Building/Construction
  - Coaching/Athletics
  - Communication
  - Cooking/Baking
  - Counseling
  - Decoration
  - Filming
  - Encouraging
  - Editing Video
  - Graphics
  - Handyman
  - Landscaping
  - Leading
  - Managing
  - Mentoring
  - Motivating
  - Music
  - Organizing
  - Photography
  - Planning
  - Promoting
  - Recruiting
  - Research
  - Serving
  - Singing
  - Strategizing
  - Teaching
  - Welcoming
  - Writing
  - Other
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**TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO YOU  
SHAPE WORKSHEET ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THIS PAGE**

*Turn This In When Complete*

**S**.piritual gifts  
**H**.eart  
**A**.bilities  
**P**.ersonality  
**E**.xperiences

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

**Psalm 139:13,14**

**ABILITIES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**HEART: ISSUES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
LETTERS  
\_\_\_\_\_  
QUADRANT

NAME  
\_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDATE  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HEART: PEOPLE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCES**

SUMMARIZE  
BELOW FROM  
EXPERIENCE  
WORKSHEET  
"Class F"

**MY EXPERIENCES**

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# EXPERIENCES WORKSHEET

Transfer your answers to your SHAPE Worksheet. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

## LIFE EXPERIENCES

From what problems, hurts, pains or trials have you learned that you can in turn help others?

- Abortion
- Abuse
- Adoption
- Alcoholism
- Alzheimer's/  
Dementia
- Bankruptcy
- Cancer
- Chronic Pain
- Crisis Pregnancy
- Death/Grief
- Depression
- Dysfunctional Family
- Divorce
- Drug Abuse/Addiction
- Eating Disorder
- Extended Job Loss
- Extended Physical  
Illness/Injury
- Foster Care
- Handicapped/Disabled
- Homeless
- Military Wartime Service
- Miscarriage
- Orphaned
- Prison
- Recovery Program
- Remarried
- Restored Marriage
- Suicide
- Widowed
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

What jobs have you been most effective in and enjoyed the most? List them below.

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### DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS?

- Certified Teacher
- Commercial Driver's License
- Construction Professional
- Law Enforcement Professional
- Legal Professional
- Medical Professional
- Ministry Professional
- Food Handler's License
- Other (please specify)
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## MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

Where have you enjoyed serving in the past?

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# Navigators Discipleship Tool

Sharing about your own faith journey with Jesus is one of the most powerful ways you can help friends grasp how much God loves us.

If someone asked you to share today, you might find it challenging to explain how you came to believe in God, or what he means to you? If so, that's okay!

Try setting aside just 15 minutes to capture some key milestones in your journey with Christ below, and use this as a guide for sharing your story with others, whether in snippets over time or all at once over coffee. Remember, it's your story, so the more authentic and personal it is, the better.



## STORIES OF REDEMPTION

### Preparing Your Personal Testimony

#### BEFORE

① Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

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② What methods for improving your life did you try that didn't work?

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#### HOW

① What were the circumstances that caused you to consider following Jesus?

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② What has become your favorite Bible verse and why?

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③ Share about how you trusted Christ and give a brief explanation of the gospel. John 3:16 is a great verse to use.

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#### AFTER

① Give an example of how God has met your needs—either physical or emotional—since you accepted Jesus.

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② Share about what part of your relationship with God you're most grateful for today.

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# NOTICE YOUR NATURAL ABILITY/AFFINITY

NATURAL ABILITY/AFFINITY refer to what God has given you \_\_\_\_\_ and/or  
\_\_\_\_\_ to do in life.

**Directions:** Read through the lists and check the box that you feel applies to you the most.

The **people** I would like to serve most are: (check three)

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|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children         | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless          | <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoners      | <input type="checkbox"/> Women         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalized      | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Young-Married |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled         | <input type="checkbox"/> Infants           | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles        | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced         | <input type="checkbox"/> Men               | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Moms      | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military/Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Empty-Nesters    | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents           | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed        | _____                                  |

The **issues** or **causes** I feel most strongly about are: (check three)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abuse/Violence      | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Fitness     | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Politics  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholism          | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce      | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS           | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty/Hunger   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At-Risk Children    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse   | <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctity Of Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Image          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Injustice Issues   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexuality        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compulsive Behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Law/Justice System | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Apathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deafness            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics       | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage/Family    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship        | <input type="checkbox"/> Finances     | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting          | _____                                     |

The **abilities** I excel at and love exercising: (check three)

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|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration        | <input type="checkbox"/> Filming       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring   | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging   | <input type="checkbox"/> Motivating  | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching              | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing Video | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication         | <input type="checkbox"/> Handyman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping   | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling            | <input type="checkbox"/> Leading       | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning    | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decoration            | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:       |
|  |  |                                      | _____                                 |

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ANSWERS TO YOUR  
S.H.A.P.E. WORKSHEET**