



**MAXIMIZING YOUR STRENGTHS**  
*Skills You Need To Succeed in Life and Work*

Skill #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Skill #2: \_\_\_\_\_

*“Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.” Jeremiah 1:5a (Message)*

*“You Lord made my whole being; you formed me in my mother’s body. I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way... You saw my bones being formed as I TOOK SHAPE in my mother’s body. When I was put together there, you saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in your Book before I was one day old!” Psalm 139:13-16 (NCV)*

**THE 5 ELEMENTS GOD USES TO “SHAPE” YOUR LIFE**

**S** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Each one has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.” 1 Corinthians 7:7b (NIV)*

**H** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)*

**A** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well...” Romans 12:6a (LB)*

**P** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“God works through different people in different ways...” 1 Corinthians 12:6 (Ph)*

**E** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“All that happens to us is working for our good if we love God...” Romans 8:28 (LB)*

**HOW DO I MAXIMIZE MY GOD-GIVEN SHAPE?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

- BY \_\_\_\_\_  
*“You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted?” Galatians 3:4 (ICB)*

# MOVING FORWARD

“Everyone should examine his own conduct; then he will be able to take the measure of his own worth; with no need to compare himself to others.” Galatians 6:4 (Knox)

“Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities...” Romans 12:3b (Ph)

- BY \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

“What right do you have as a human being to cross-examine God? The pot has no right to say to the potter: Why did you make me this shape? A potter can do whatever he likes with the clay!” Romans 9:20-21

“Each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.”  
1 Corinthians 7:17a (NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_

“To enjoy your work and to accept your lot in life — this is a gift from God. People who do this rarely look with sorrow on the past, for God has given them reasons for joy.” Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 (NLT)

“It is God who is at work within you — energizing and creating in you the power and desire to will and to work for his good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.” Philippians 2:13 (Amplified)

4. \_\_\_\_\_

“Keep using the gift God gave you . . . let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire.” 2 Timothy 1:6 (NCV)

“God has given each of you special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s . . . blessings.” 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

**WHAT HOLDS US BACK?** \_\_\_\_\_

“I was afraid, so I hid the talent you gave me in the ground.” Matthew 25:25

**WHY MUST I MAXIMIZE MY STRENGTHS?**

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“From where he sits God overlooks all of us on earth. He has shaped each person and now he watches everything we do.” Psalm 33:14-15 (Message)

“Offer every part of your body to God to be used in doing good.” Romans 6:13b (NCV)