



**SOUL SHIFT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**  
**God's Design for Greatness – Lesson 3**  
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## **DEVELOPING YOUR SHAPE FOR GREATNESS**

*“Use whatever gift you’ve received for the good of one another so that you can show yourselves to be good stewards of God’s grace in all its varieties.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10 (Voice)*

“God expects us to make the most of what he gives us. We are to cultivate our gifts and abilities, keep our hearts aflame, grow our character and personality, and broaden our experiences so we will be increasingly more effective in our service.” – *The Purpose Driven Life*, Pastor Rick Warren p.254

Our S.H.A.P.E.

God has equipped us in these five ways to serve others:

Our Spiritual Gifts

Our Heart or Passions

Our Abilities

Our Personality

Our Experience

When we are serving others, we naturally express our S.H.A.P.E.

*“Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.” ~ Romans 12:4-6a*

When you take a risk, and serve, you discover a new part of your S.H.A.P.E.

You should trust God to take risks in faith.

Developing your S.H.A.P.E. requires persistence.

Ask others for input in your S.H.A.P.E. development.

*“Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed.” ~ Proverbs 15:22 (MSG)*

God’s work in us is a continual process. What is God working on in your life today and how can you cooperate with that work?

*“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” ~ Philippians 1:6 (NLT)*

Who are the people in your life that give you wise advice. Have you connected with them recently?

*“Plans succeed through good counsel; don’t go to war without wise advice.” ~ Proverbs 20:18 (NLT)*

God has given you unique skills, abilities, and knowledge to fulfill his mission for your life. Ask God to show you what they are.

*“Then the Lord said to Moses, <sup>3</sup> I have filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God and have given him the skill, ability, and knowledge to do all kinds of work. <sup>4</sup> He is able to design pieces to be made from gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>5</sup> to cut jewels and put them in metal, to carve wood, and to do all kinds of work.” ~ Exodus 31:1, 3-5 (NCV)*

Is God asking you to take a step of faith? What can you do today to take that step of faith?

*“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” ~ Hebrews 11:6*

God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others, whether it’s comfort, money or anything else. How has God blessed you recently? When can you use that blessing to serve another?

*“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. <sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. ~ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)*

Spiritual gifts are for blessing others in your church and small groups. How can you use your spiritual gifts to bless your group today?

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)*