

Abilities

Your Shape Reveals Your Purpose

For we are God's own workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10

S.H.A.P.E.

- S** Spiritual Gifts
- H** Heart Passion
- A** Abilities
- P** Personality
- E** Experiences

What are Abilities?

Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon?
Mark 6:3

Understanding Your Abilities

1. They are God's gift to you, and they all have spiritual value.

I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you.
Exodus 31:6

Whatever you do, work at it wholeheartedly as though you were doing it for the Lord and not merely for people.
Colossians 3:23 (ISV)

2. Everyone's Abilities are needed and valued equally.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ...in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be...the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable...But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1 Corinthians 12:12,18, 21-22, 24-25

3. They are God's investment in you.

The kingdom of heaven...is like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Matthew 25:14-18

Using Your Abilities

1. They are meant for giving God glory and doing His will.

May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

2. We develop our Abilities for greater effectiveness.

If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

3. Your Abilities are motivated by your Heart Passion.

Then Moses summoned Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the skilled people to whom the LORD had given ability, including everyone whose hearts stirred them to come forward to do the work.

Exodus 36:2 (ISV)

4. We use them to make a living.

Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:18

5. They help us share with those in need.

Use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

Ephesians 4:28 (NLT)