



## **Exploring your S.H.A.P.E.**

### **S** is for your ***Spiritual Gifts***

- given to you by GOD; they are not earned or chosen.  
**"Christ has generously divided out his gifts to us"** ( Ephesians 4:7)
- given to those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.  
**"Whoever does not have the spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from God's spirit"** (1 Corinthian 2:14)
- given to you to benefit others not yourself.  
**"A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire Church"** (1 Corinthians 12:7)

### **H** is for listening to your ***Heart***

- your heart reveals the real you.
- what you truly are – not what others think you are.
- your unique emotional heartbeat – what is your passion to serve?  
**"Serve the Lord with all your heart"** (Ephesians 6:7)

### **A** is for your ***Abilities***

- the natural talents you were born with.  
**"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things"**  
(Romans 12:6)
- what you have always been good at.  
**"Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth"** ( Deuteronomy 8:18)

### **P** is for your ***Personality***

- when you serve in a way that is consistent with the personality God gave you you experience fulfillment, satisfaction and fruitfulness.  
**"God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all"**  
(1Corinthians 12:6)

### **E** is for your life ***Experiences***

- family, educational, vocational, spiritual, ministry experiences
- painful experiences that God uses to prepare you to serve.  
**"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we may comfort others. When others are troubled we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."** (2 Corinthian 1:4)
- experience is not what happens to you. It is what you do with what happens to you.

## **S.H.A.P.E.**

- You will be most effective when you use your **spiritual** gifts and **abilities** in the area of your **heart's** desire, and in a way that best expresses your **personality** and **experiences**. The better the fit, the more successful you will be.
- Ask God to help you discover your **S.H.A.P.E** and achieve your God given purpose...remember God is not hiding things from you but hiding things FOR you