

Heritage United Brethren Church

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May 19th, 2013

Order of Service:

Worship

Announcements

Offering

Children's Sermon: Mother's Day

Perspective

Sermon: The Three Colors of Ministry:

Starting Point

Announcements:

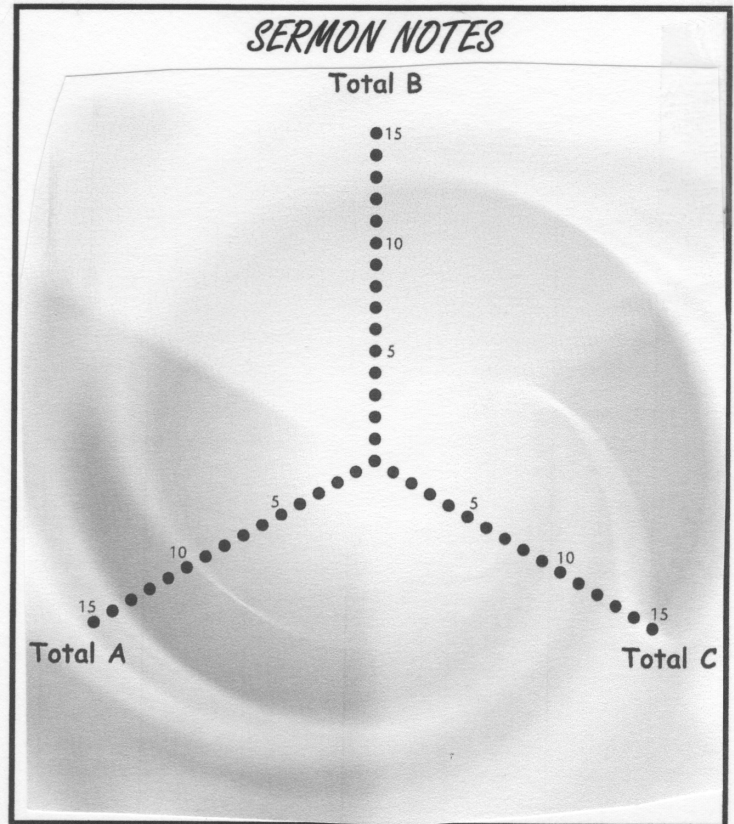
There will be Middle School and High School Youth Group tonight.

Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. we will have a meeting at the HUB to discuss church ministry structure and ways to make The HUB more efficient and effective, using all of our collective resources.

This week will begin a three week series on "The Three Colors of Ministry" as we discover how each of us have been gifted by God. If you would like to purchase a 3-Colors of ministry book for \$10, please see Pastor Cal.

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Looking for a place to serve?

Help in preparing communion

Greeters

Directory - update and correct people's information

Monthly prayer list - publishing once a month.

Head up the Youth Center cleaning crew

Facilities team – help with the cleaning, upkeep and improvements with the building and property.

Contact with visitors - welcoming visitors, getting names and addresses and sending Heritage cards.

Farmers' Market helpers - to help with ideas for advertising, relieving Julie, making more of a Heritage presence at the market

Helping with **kids games at the Farmers' Market**

Help with outreach flyers, property signs: buck pole, Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas program, VBS, DCYC events.

Running sound for the worship team (1x/month)

FANAFI – Find A Need And Fill It

If interested, please contact Pastor Cal or Linda S.

KNOW Christ → GROW in Christ → SERVE Christ → SHARE Christ

Please mark in each of the ten rows:

2

= adjective that describes me best

1

= adjective that describes me second best

0

= adjective that describes me least

	Column A	Column B	Column C
1	energetic	well-informed	active
2	passionate	rational	analytical
3	reluctant	reserved	demanding
4	spontaneous	reflective	stable
5	emotional	rigid	scrupulous
6	exuberant	broad-minded	devoted
7	self-denying	enlightened	dutiful
8	Spirit-led	objective	reliable
9	impulsive	sophisticated	unstable
10	enthusiastic	excited	disciplined
	Total A	Total B	Total C

Step 2:

	Column A	Column B	Column C
energetic	2	well-informed	1
passionate	1	rational	0
reluctant	0	reserved	1
		reflective	1
		rigid	0
		broad-minded	1
		enlightened	1
		objective	1
		sophisticated	1
		excited	1
		active	0
		analytical	1
		demanding	0
		stable	0
		scrupulous	0
		devoted	0
		dutiful	0
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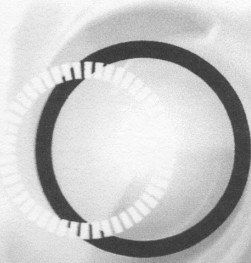
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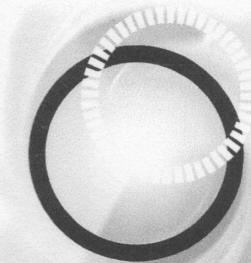
Cross out the values of the following boxes: **A 3, A 7, B 5, B 10, C 2** and **C 9**.

Now add up the figures in each of the three columns and fill in the results beside *Total A*, *Total B*, and *Total C*. Then turn to the next page.

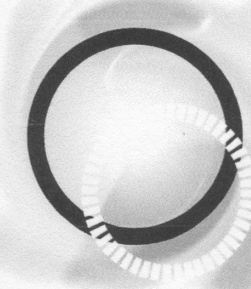
What does your own change compass look like?



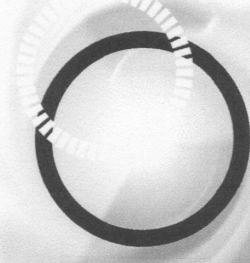
Starting point 1:
Thomas
(see pp. 22-23)



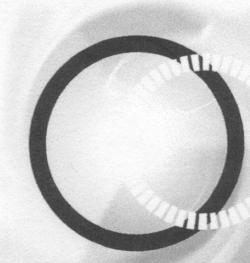
Starting point 2:
Martha
(see pp. 24-25)



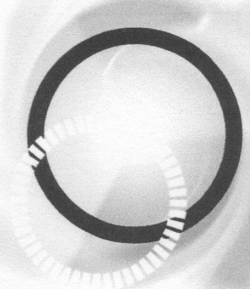
Starting point 3:
Mary
(see pp. 26-27)



Starting point 4:
Moses
(see pp. 28-29)



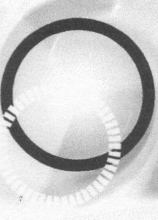
Starting point 5:
Peter
(see pp. 30-31)



Starting point 6:
Jonah
(see pp. 32-33)

Step 5:

Compare your own change compass with the representations of the six starting points above. Which does it most resemble?



Starting point 6:
Jonah
(see pp. 32-33)

Mark that diagram with an X. If your own diagram is a mixture of two starting points, mark both options.

Review the descriptions of your own starting point(s) on the pages indicated.

Then turn to page 38.

Next steps for "Thomas"

If you belong to this category, the process of mentally relating the gifts that you will identify (blue segment) to concrete tasks (red segment) will probably not be too difficult for you (for representatives of other starting points this can be an extremely difficult task, and you could help them in this endeavor). However, you must relate your gifts to real tasks and not just hold the right theories on the subject. You have much more spiritual potential than you are using right now. Your church could profit so much from your wisdom.

Next steps for "Martha"

You are already very committed in your ministry, but you often lack power. Simply discovering your spiritual gifts (blue segment) and reorganizing your existing ministry involvements in the light of your new discoveries (green segment) could result in a spiritual breakthrough for you. Maybe you need to discontinue your involvement in some ministries and substitute them with others. Your level of commitment will be of tremendous help in this process. You may also find that you are filled with new enthusiasm for your remaining ministries.

Next steps for "Mary"

There is much more power in you than is already being released for the benefit of others. When you enter the gift discovery process, you will probably identify many gifts of which you are already aware. Your problem may not be so much that you don't use them, but that you are far too reluctant to relate your wonderful gifts to concrete tasks (red segment) within your church in a strategic way (green segment). This would empower you even more. Put it to the test!

Next steps for "Moses"

You place a high value on commitment, and your sense of duty seems to be highly developed. Moreover, you are capable of reflecting on your own and on others' ministry involvements. People in leadership positions often share your starting point. What you may tend to neglect are your emotions. Focusing your attention on that area could make you stronger. It is highly probable that the simple act of gift discovery will have a more dramatic result in your life than it will have for representatives of any of the other five starting points.

Next steps for "Peter"

You are quite active in ministry, but not everything that you do is very well thought through. Probably even the approach of this book will be "too theoretical" for you. Trust me; that is not true! The "theory" of this book could be especially beneficial for you. When studying this book, pay special attention to those areas that you don't like that much. Most likely you will find the key to further spiritual growth right there. Don't regard certain concepts as "unspiritual" just because they might be unfamiliar to you.

Next steps for "Jonah"

It is probably not a strange exercise for you to identify your spiritual gifts (blue segment) with the help of a scientific questionnaire (green segment). In contrast to other Christians, you probably enjoy this kind of exercise. Your area of focus should be commitment. This doesn't necessarily mean that you aren't active; maybe you are. But if you are, your activities are almost exclusively determined by yourself, not so much by the expectations and needs of others. Commitment to other people will be the key to your success.

God loves to use imperfect people

This chapter has dealt primarily with "color deficiencies"—in other words, with weaknesses. I believe that this study has been necessary in order to give you an indication of your starting point. On the other hand, this procedure also carries a potential danger. It could be frustrating to focus exclusively on your weak points.

You should never forget that God has constantly used people with clearly visible "color deficiencies" to achieve his goals. He used a Peter without wisdom to give leadership to the church. He used a Moses without power to set his people free. He used a Jonah without commitment to save the people of Nineveh.

In my opinion, the real lesson that we can learn from studying the six starting points is that God uses imperfect people to achieve his perfect goals. He clearly wants each of us to grow in faith and in maturity, no doubt about it! But he doesn't wait until we are perfect before using us.

If you keep this message in mind, your work on your specific "color deficiency" can be a joyful and fulfilling undertaking.