

## **Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire**

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GREETINGS!

You are about to become involved in an exciting spiritual exercise. God has given you one or more spiritual gifts if you are a Christian and discovering that gift or gifts will be a thrilling experience.

You will be asked to answer the 125 questions found in the Wagner "Modified Houts Questionnaire."

This spiritual gifts discovery instrument was originally suggested by Dr. Richard F. Houts, a professor in the North American Baptist Theological Seminary, in 1976. Subsequently it has been modified by C. Peter Wagner of the Charles E. Fuller Institute of Evangelism and Church Growth., and keyed in to his classic book, *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*, now the best-selling book in the field of spiritual gifts.

Thousands and thousands of believers have been blessed by taking the Modified Houts Questionnaire. Constant feedback from them has enabled us to refine it to the point where it will give you a fairly accurate picture of what kind of ministry God expects you to be carrying out in your group of believers.

However, do not regard the results of this test as final. The three or four gifts you score highest in may or may not be your spiritual gifts. But you can be sure in any case that they are a starting point for prayer and experimentation. You will need other members of the body of Christ to help you confirm what gifts you have.

### **Take the test:**

Go through the list of 125 statements in the questionnaire. For each one, mark to what extent the statement is true of your life: MUCH, SOME, LITTLE, or NOT AT ALL.

When you are finished, score the questionnaire on the next page. After filling in your scores, read about the different gifts and how they might be used in ministry.

Note your top 2-4 gifts on your SHAPE Chart and continue watching the videos and exploring your unique ministry SHAPE.

Contact Mindy Clemons at [MClemons@lhm.online](mailto:MClemons@lhm.online) with any questions.









Step II Wagner-Modified Houts Chart In The grid below, enter the numerical value for each of your responses next to the number of the corresponding statement from STEP I. Then add up the five numbers that you have recorded in each row and place the sum in the "Total" column.

Rows	Value of Answers					Total	Gift (see pgs. 12 - 14)
	1= 26=	2= 27	3= 28	4= 29	5= 30		
Row A	1=	26=	51=	76=	101=		Prophecy
Row B	2	27	52	77	102		Pastor
Row C	3	28	53	78	103		Teaching
Row D	4	29	54	79	104		Wisdom
Row E	5	30	55	80	105		Knowledge
Row F	6	31	56	81	106		Exhortation
Row G	7	32	57	82	107		Discerning of Spirits
Row H	8	33	58	83	108		Giving
Row I	9	34	59	84	109		Helps
Row J	10	35	60	85	110		Mercy
Row K	11	36	61	86	111		Missionary
Row L	12	37	62	87	112		Evangelist
Row M	13	38	63	88	113		Hospitality
Row N	14	39	64	89	114		Faith
Row O	15	40	65	90	115		Leadership
Row P	16	41	66	91	116		Administration
Row Q	17	42	67	92	117		Miracles
Row R	18	43	68	93	118		Healing
Row S	19	44	69	94	119		Tongues
Row T	20	45	70	95	120		Interpretation
Row U	21	46	71	96	121		Voluntary Poverty
Row V	22	47	72	97	122		Celibacy
Row W	23	48	73	98	123		Intercession
Row X	24	49	74	99	124		Deliverance Ministry
Row Y	25	50	75	100	125		Service

Step III Review Gift Definitions and Scripture References

The following three pages contain suggested definitions of the spiritual gifts. While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts as expressed in the Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire.

<p>A. Prophecy. The gift of prophecy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely-anointed utterance.</p>	<p>I Cor. 12:10, 28 Eph. 4:11 – 14 Romans 12:6 Luke 7:26 Acts 15:32 Acts 21:9 – 11</p>
<p>B. Pastor. The gift of pastor is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers.</p>	<p>Eph. 4:11 – 14 I Timothy 3:1 – 7 John 10:1 – 18 I Peter 5:1 – 3</p>
<p>C. Teaching. The gift of teaching is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.</p>	<p>I Cor. 12:28 Eph. 4:11 – 14 Romans 12:7 Acts 18:24 – 28 Acts 12: 20 – 21</p>
<p>D. Wisdom. The gift of wisdom is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the body of Christ.</p>	<p>I Cor. 2:1 – 13 I Cor. 12:8 Acts 6:3, 10 James 1:5 – 6 II Peter 3:15,16</p>
<p>E. Knowledge. The gift of knowledge is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information and ideas which are pertinent to the well being of the body.</p>	<p>I Cor. 2:14 I Cor. 12:8 Acts 5:1 – 11 Coloss. 2:2 – 3 II Cor. 11:6</p>
<p>F. Exhortation. The gift of exhortation is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the body in such a way that they feel helped and healed.</p>	<p>Romans 12:8 I Timothy 4:13 Hebrews 10:25 Acts 14:22</p>
<p>G. Discerning of Spirits. The gift of discerning of spirits is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human, or satanic.</p>	<p>I Cor. 12:10 Acts 5:1 – 11 Acts 16:16 – 18 I John 4:1 – 6 Matt. 16:21 – 23</p>
<p>H. Giving. The gift of giving is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness.</p>	<p>Romans 12:8 II Cor. 8:1 – 7 II Cor. 9:2 – 8 Mark 12:41 – 44</p>
<p>I. Helps. The gift of helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the body, with thus enabling those others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.</p>	<p>I Cor. 12:28 Romans 16:1 – 2 Acts 9:36 Luke 8:2 – 3 Mark 15: 40 – 41</p>
<p>J. Mercy. The gift of mercy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals (both Christian &amp; non – Christian) who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds which reflect Christ’s love and alleviate the suffering.</p>	<p>Romans 12:8 Mark 9:41 Acts 16:33 – 34 Luke 10:33 – 35 Matt. 20:29 – 34 Matt. 25:34 – 40 Acts 11:28 – 30</p>
<p>K. Missionary. The gift of missionary is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a second culture.</p>	<p>I Cor.9:19 – 23 Acts 8:4 Acts 13:2 – 3 Acts 22:21 Romans 10:15</p>
<p>L. Evangelist. The gift of evangelist is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women become Jesus’ disciples and responsible members of the body of Christ.</p>	<p>Eph. 4:11 – 14 II Timothy 4:5 Acts 8:5 – 6 Acts 8:26 – 40 Acts 14:21 Acts 21:8</p>
<p>M. Hospitality. The gift of hospitality is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to provide an open house and a warm welcome to those in need of food and lodging.</p>	<p>I Peter 4:9 Romans 12:9 – 13 Romans 16:23 Acts 16:14 – 15 Hebrews 13:1 – 2</p>
<p>N. Faith. The gift of faith is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for His work.</p>	<p>I Cor. 12:9 Acts 11:22 – 24 Acts 27:21 – 25</p>

	Hebrews 11 Romans 4:18 – 21
O. Leadership. The gift of leadership is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish these goals for the glory of God.	I Timothy 5:17 Acts 7:10 Acts 15:7 – 11 Romans 12:8 Hebrews 13:17 Luke 9:51
P. Administration. The gift of administration is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to understand clearly the immediate and long range goals of a particular unit of the body of Christ and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals.	I Cor. 12:28 Acts 6:1 – 7 Acts 27:11 Luke 14:28 – 30 Titus 1:5
Q. Miracles. The gift of miracles is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform such powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.	I Cor. 12:10, 28 Acts 9:36 – 42 Acts 19:11 – 20 Acts 20:7 – 12 Romans 15:18 – 19 II Cor. 12:12
R. Healing. The gift of healing is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means.	I Cor. 12:9, 28 Acts 3:1 – 10 Acts 5:12 – 16 Acts 9:32 – 35 Acts 28:7 - 10
S. Tongues. The gift of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ (a) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (b) to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely – anointed utterance in a language they have never learned.	I Cor. 12:10, 28 I Cor. 14:13 – 19 Acts 2:1 – 13 Acts 10:44 – 46 Acts 19:1 – 7 Mark 16:17
T. Interpretation. The gift of interpretation is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to make known in a vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues.	I Cor. 12:10, 30 I Cor. 14:13 I Cor. 14:26 - 28
U. Voluntary Poverty. The gift of voluntary poverty is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to renounce material comfort and luxury and adopt a personal lifestyle equivalent to those living at the poverty level in a given society in order to serve God more effectively.	I Cor. 13:1 – 3 Acts 2:44 – 45 Acts 4:34 – 37 II Cor. 6:10 II Cor. 8:9
V. Celibacy. The gift of celibacy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to remain single and enjoy it; to be unmarried and not suffer undue sexual temptations.	I Cor. 7:7 – 8 Matt. 19:10 – 12
W. Intercession. The gift of intercession is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian.	James 5:14 – 16 I Timothy 2:1 – 2 Coloss. 1:9 – 12 Coloss. 4:12 – 13 Acts 12:12 Luke 22:41 – 44
X. Exorcism. The gift of exorcism is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to cast out demons and evil spirits.	Matt. 12:22 – 32 Luke 10:12 – 20 Acts 8:5 – 8 Acts 16:16 – 18
Y. Service. The gift of service is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and to help accomplish the desired results.	II Tim. 1:16 – 18 Romans 12:7 Acts 6:1 – 7 Titus 3:14 Gal. 6:2, 10