



## **HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE**

### **1. Introduction**

- We all have a purpose on this earth and are part of the Body of Christ - 1 Cor 12:12

### **2. How to discover my purpose**

- Rick Warren recommends the following method:
- S – Spiritual gifts: those unique gifts given by God to believers to help build up the church, the Body of Christ. Often imparted with the laying on of hands. Prophetic guidance and impartation. Ask: What do I do that produces spiritual fruit?
- H – Heart: a person's passions. Ask: "What do I really love to do?" - e.g., sports, working with children, video games, shopping, etc.
- A – Abilities: natural talents or developed skills. Ask: "What am I good at?" - e.g., singing, building, creating, etc.
- P – Personality: this includes inherent qualities. Ask: "What kind of person am I?" - e.g., a people person, task oriented, introvert, extrovert, etc.
- E – Experiences: everything that has happened has helped to create a unique individual. Ask: "What unique experiences in my life make me who I am - both good and difficult experiences, in childhood, recently, etc.?"

### 3. **10 very important things to remember**

1. Recognize that you personally have an important place of function and responsibility before the Lord - 1 Cor 12: 7, 11, 18.
2. Recognize that God has made you perfectly suited to the ministry to which He has called you - Eph 2: 10.
3. Recognize that it is God who equips you with the gifts necessary to fulfill your ministry - Rom 12: 3 – 6; 1 Pet 4: 10.
4. Recognize the headship of Jesus Christ and be subject to Him in all things - Eph 1: 21 – 23; 4: 15; 5: 23.
5. Recognize that all ministry equals and begins with service - Lk 22: 26 – 27.
6. Recognize the area of service to which God is calling you - Rom 12: 3 – 5.
7. Recognize that no one ministry is more important than another - 1 Cor 12: 21, 25.
8. Recognize that all ministries develop over a period of time - Ps 75: 5 – 6.
9. Recognize that we will only be as successful as we are willing to sacrificially apply ourselves - Rom 12: 1 – 2, 10.
10. Recognize that God is going to give you special grace or divine enablement to do His will - Philip 2: 13.

### 4. **Summary**

**We must discover and grow in our function**