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3. What do you **secretly believe** you can do, but have never tried?



One of the best ways to find your gifts is to get involved in various activities and find out what works for you. When you're ready, find "Your Spiritual Gifts" at chazown.com and record some of your possible spiritual gifts, as well as one commitment to a specific service opportunity.

For additional help discovering your spiritual gifts, use the free spiritual gift survey that is in the interactive "Your Chazown" section of the website.





Your Relationships with People

- I am in one or more painful or destructive relationships.
- I often feel lonely.
- In few (or none) of my relationships am I helping others draw closer to Christ, nor are they doing that for me.
- I do not have a mentor.
- I fear intimacy.

Your Financial Life

- I carry credit card balances from month to month.
- I feel financially hindered from doing some things God wants me to do.
- I'm often worried about finances.
- If I didn't have an income for one month, I couldn't pay my bills.
- I'm not tithing 10 percent of my income to God.

Your Physical Health

- I'm often tired and worn down.
- I struggle with sexual promiscuity, smoking, or drug or alcohol abuse.
- I haven't had a physical in years.
- I don't exercise regularly.
- I think the four basic food groups are Taco Bell, McDonald's, Wendy's, and KFC.

Your Life's Work (including volunteer service and raising family)

- I feel little or no passion about my work.
- I dream about doing something different.
- I don't think my work has much, if anything, to do with God.
- My gifts and passions are underutilized.
- I don't have a clue what I need to do with this part of my life.

The categories in which you marked the most statements are the ones you might consider giving priority attention. But pray about your decision, and go the direction God wants you to go.

Option #1: If you want to start an action plan just for...

...your **relationship with God**, go to page 118.

...your **relationships with people**, go to page 132.

...your **financial life**, go to page 151.

...your **physical health**, go to page 170.

...your **life's work**, go to page 186.

Option #2: If you want to work on plans in **all five fundamentals**, then simply work through the rest of this book in sequence.

Our website also has a more extensive survey you can complete. Go to www.chazown.com. Go to the interactive "Your Chazown" section of the website. You'll find a "Personal Assessment," which takes about twenty minutes to complete.

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You're the Author: Your Work

So you're asking, How do I know God's chazown for my work life?

Good question. Glad you asked. Take a deep breath, and prepare to take a long, hard look at all your thoughts and conclusions so far. As I've already mentioned, understanding God's chazown for your work life is often at the very heart of His plan for the rest of your life, too.

Your Own Chazown. Begin by looking over the notes you've written in your Chazown journal. What are the common themes? What causes you to salivate? What lures and entices your whole inner being toward making an impact for God, toward living well for eternity?

Look again at the Three Circles that are so helpful in revealing our personal Chazown:

1. What are your *core values*? What's burning deep within you, threatening to burst out into reality?

2. What are your *spiritual gifts*? What are you sickeningly good at?

3. What are your formative *past experiences*? Those events, both pleasant and painful, that God has used to prepare you for your Chazown?

Your Mission Statement. You've already written a tentative *mission statement* based on these questions. Review that statement, and ask God for further insight to understand how all of the pieces of your life fit together. As He provides His vision, write down your thoughts:

Two Revealing Questions. Consider again the two questions we discussed earlier:

Question #1: If money were no object and you could do anything you wanted for the rest of your life, what would you do?

Question #2: Besides ministering to those who are most important to you, what is the number one thing that you believe God wants to accomplish through you?

I'm talking about something really important. Something that will last forever. Dream big. As you look inward for the answers, also look upward. Persistently ask God for guidance, and He will provide it. Write any new thoughts that come to mind about God's Chazown for you.



