

- I. Introduction.**
 - A. We're on a journey that will help us to discover and develop our God-given potential.**
 - B. A quick look at where we've been.**
 - 1. Life gifts are God-given abilities (see James 1:17); life gifts are closely related to life interests.**
 - 2. Spiritual gifts are manifestations of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Cor. 12:7) – signs and expression of the Holy Spirit working in us and through us.**
 - 3. God has given us different personalities; our preferences are related to our personality type.**
- II. What Do We Value?**
 - A. As followers of Jesus we should have certain values in common (see Mark 12:30,31).**
 - B. Not every follower of Jesus will have the same values.**
 - 1. Our season of life will determine some of our values.**
 - 2. As times and circumstances change so do our values.**
 - 3. Varying circumstances can also affect how we prioritize our values.**
 - C. Knowing our values will help us to understand why certain vocations and ministry/service opportunities are better choices for us.**
 - D. As we go through some exercises to discover our core values, consider two questions.**
 - 1. Does my life reflect my values?**
 - 2. Are my values the values God wants me to have?**
 - E. We should deal with our shortcomings, but we don't have to dwell on them (see Phil. 3:12-14).**
 - F. We need to enjoy who we are and where we are in Christ, but we must never get so comfortable that we become complacent and stagnate.**
- III. A Values Clarification Exercise.**
 - A. Follow the directions on the first page of the handout and fill in the appropriate information.**
 - B. Do the other pages of handout for homework.**
 - C. The work we're doing will help us to determine our place in life – the place God wants us to be.**
 - D. Until we find our place in life and put ourselves in that place, we will never experience a fulfilled life.**