

One of the best ways to figure out what God wants you to do with your life is to take a look at your abilities and assets. Finish this sentence by finding three or four things from this list:

"I am good at ..."

working with children
listening and caring
helping behind the scenes
solving problems
identifying problems
coaching
counseling
organizing
singing
initiating spiritual discussions
 with unbelievers
talking with sick
sports
sticking it out
being sensitive to others
thinking of sermons for someone
 else to give
recognizing a physical need of
 my neighbors
reading
painting
repairing cars
providing transportation
remembering details
raking leaves
typing
making clothes
being a godly parent
spreading the word to everyone

motivating
getting others involved
peacemaking, reconciling
cooking
homemaking
teaching adults
teaching teenagers
teaching elderly
teaching preschoolers
teaching junior high
teaching elementary school ages /
running a business
making people laugh
hanging out with kids
raising money
being an encouragement partner to
 a Christian studying with an unbeliever
writing encouraging notes to a
 struggling brother or sister in Christ
public prayer
fixing mechanical things
creating classroom decorations
giving wise advise
smiling
being a teacher's aide
drawing
organizing my time
talking up coming events
giving a pat on the back

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Let one of your friends help you identify two more areas from this list or from their own knowledge of you which he (or she) considers you "good at".

Now imagine how these abilities, your "good at" activities, can be used to share God's love and do His work in your circumstances. Then try what you imagined. Talents not used wisely (stewarded) will be lost, Mt. 25:28.

What is your excuse for not using your talents?

- a. "I don't have any." I Corinthians 12:12-31
- b. "I'm tired." Matthew 26:36-46
- c. "I'm afraid I might fail" I John 2:1,2
- d. "I'm not as talented as ..." I Corinthians 3:1-9
- e. "I need a guarantee from God that I will be successful." Matthew 25:31-40
- f. "I don't have time." John 9:4, Matthew 25:41-46
- g. "I need lots of support from my friends." Hebrews 10:24,25