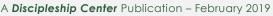
# **DISCIPLESHIP TODAY**





## THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Christian Service

#### They Said It:

"Life is an exciting business, and it is most exciting when it is lived for others." – Helen Keller

"If you want to be of use, get rightly related to Jesus Christ, and He will make you of use unconsciously every moment you live." – Oswald Chambers



"A Christian worker is good; a worker for Christ is better; but Christ, in a worker, working out His will through Him, is best of all." – Anonymous

"The best cure for worry, depression, melancholy, brooding, is to go deliberately forth and try to lift, with one's sympathy, the gloom of someone else." – Arnold Bennett

#### Try One of These Memory Verses:

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." (Romans 12:11)

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (I Peter 4:10)

## The S.H.A.P.E. God Has Given You For Service

**S.H.A.P.E.** is an acrostic, created by Christian author and pastor Rick Warren, that describes how God has equipped each of us for serving Him and serving people:

Spiritual Gifts – What am I gifted by God to do?

• A good list of Spiritual Gifts is available with this newsletter's Word Search

Heart – What is it that God has put in my heart that I love to do?

- Do I want to serve kids, youth or adults? Is there type of ministry I love best? (community work; discipling; administration; etc.)
- Abilities What natural talents and skills do I have that I can use for service?
  - The average person has hundreds of abilities, says Rick Warren

Personality – Where does my personality best suit me to serve?

- Introvert or extrovert? People driven or task oriented? Routine or variety?
- Experiences What personal experiences can God use to help me serve others?
  - Types of experiences: Spiritual, educational, ministerial, painful

A person finds the most fulfillment, and is most fruitful in ministry, when serving in accord with their God-given S.H.A.P.E.!

For workshop information, or to become a sponsor of TDC, please see our website at <u>www.discipleshipcenter.org</u> or you may contact us at: **Ed Darling**, Founding Director, 3356 E. Genesee Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021; <u>edarlin1@gmail.com</u> // <u>dcentercny60@gmail.com</u> // (315) 256-6548.



## A Word of Thanks!

- To Dr. Don Lain for his teaching and preaching ministry about personal finance at Auburn COTN this past November.
- To the Pittsburgh District SDMI and Chairman David Smith for the opportunity to be a guest speaker at their Engage event this past October.
- To all of you for your muchneeded prayers, encouragement, and financial support for TDC!

#### News & Notes . . . .

- Plan now to join us for **Discipleship** Day 2019 on Saturday, April 6, at Auburn COTN. We'll be featuring several Discipleship workshops, free resources, and lunch!
- Would you like to have a TDC workshop at your church, your small group, or in your home? Check the TDC website for workshop ideas and a brief description of each workshop:
  1. Go to www.discipleshipcenter.org.
  - 2. Click on "Avenues" (near top of home page); at the drop-down, select "Topics & Workshops."
  - 3. Scroll down to "Workshops Available," click on "Here."

#### Suggested Resources-S.H.A.P.E.

- <u>The Purpose Driven Life</u> by Rick Warren, Chapters 30-32.
- Free resources from TDC to help you identify your **S.H.A.P.E.**
- Spiritual Gifts Test we recommend Network (<u>Participant's Guide</u> by Bugbee & Cousins or <u>Discover Your Gifts The</u> <u>Network Way</u> by Bruce Bugbee)
- <u>CLASS 301: Discovering My SHAPE</u> Kit, available at Pastors.com.



## SPIRITUAL GIFTS (from <u>Network</u>)

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