

DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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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."
(1 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.!



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 much-needed 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.

- The Purpose Driven Life 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 (Participant's Guide by Bugbee & Cousins or Discover Your Gifts The Network Way by Bruce Bugbee)
- CLASS 301: Discovering My SHAPE Kit, available at Pastors.com.

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



SPIRITUAL GIFTS (from Network)

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