



# VICTORIOUS PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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## FROM SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO DREAM TEAM

### Finding Your Place at Victorious Praise Fellowship Church

#### Primary Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

#### Key Principle

**God didn't give you your gift just so you could know what it is. He gave you your gift so you could USE IT!**

Your spiritual gift helps answer:

**“HOW has God gifted me?”**

The Dream Team helps answer:

**“WHERE can I use what God has given me?”**

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## GROUP 1 — LEAD & GUIDE

### Administration • Shepherding

**Gift Focus:** Organizing, leading, guiding, developing, overseeing, and caring for people.

People in this group often thrive when they are given **responsibility for people, processes, teams, or ministry direction.**

### BEST DREAM TEAM MATCHES

#### Growth / Small Group Leader

An excellent fit for Shepherding and Administration. These leaders guide people spiritually while creating structure, accountability, connection, and community.

#### Leadership Training

Administration helps develop systems and leaders, while Shepherding helps develop the people who will lead them.

#### Deacons & Diaconess

These roles require responsibility, spiritual maturity, service, care for people, and support of the ministry.

#### Children's Ministry

Especially appropriate for those who enjoy developing, guiding, protecting, and spiritually nurturing children.

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## **Mentors for Teens**

Shepherding is especially valuable because teenagers need consistent adults who will listen, guide, encourage, and model Christian maturity.

## **Young Adults Ministry**

Young adults need leaders who can combine spiritual guidance with relationship and accountability.

## **Men's Ministry / Women's Ministry**

Strong opportunities for those who enjoy leading, discipling, developing, and connecting people.

## **Marriage Ministry / Single's Ministry**

These ministries need people who can guide others through life stages while building healthy Christian relationships.

## **ALSO CONSIDER**

- Member Services
- Ministers In Training
- Evangelism Outreach
- Children's Ministry

## **DISCUSSION QUESTION**

**Where do you see an opportunity at VPF where your ability to lead, organize, guide, or develop people could make a difference?**

## **DREAM TEAM CHALLENGE**

Choose **one Dream Team opportunity** where you could begin using your gift of Administration or Shepherding.

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## **GROUP 2 — PROCLAIM & TEACH**

Prophecy • Teaching • Evangelism

**Gift Focus:** Communicating God's truth, explaining God's Word, and reaching people with the Gospel.

People in this group frequently thrive anywhere there is an opportunity to **communicate the message of Christ**.

## **BEST DREAM TEAM MATCHES**

### **Evangelism Outreach**

This is one of the strongest matches for Evangelism. It provides opportunities to take the Gospel beyond the walls of the church.

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## **Digital Outreach**

Evangelism no longer happens only face-to-face. Digital platforms allow gifted communicators to reach people who may never initially walk into a church.

## **Social Media**

Teaching, Evangelism, and Prophecy can all be used to communicate biblical truth through short videos, posts, clips, devotionals, testimonies, and other content.

## **Growth / Small Group Leader**

Teachers can explain Scripture while Prophecy challenges people to respond to biblical truth.

## **Ministers In Training**

A natural development opportunity for those who sense a calling to preaching, teaching, or proclamation ministry.

## **Children's Ministry**

Children need gifted people who can communicate biblical truth in ways they can understand and apply.

## **Mentors for Teens**

Teaching and Evangelism can help teenagers understand biblical truth, answer difficult questions, and develop their own relationship with Christ.

## **Young Adults Ministry**

An important environment for biblical teaching, discipleship, evangelism, and relevant discussions about faith and life.

## **ALSO CONSIDER**

- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Marriage Ministry
- Single's Ministry
- Audio / Video Production
- Choir

## **DISCUSSION QUESTION**

**Where could you use your voice, knowledge of Scripture, testimony, or ability to communicate to help someone Grow Deeper in Christ?**

## **DREAM TEAM CHALLENGE**

Identify **one place inside the church** and **one opportunity outside the church** where your communication gifts could be used.

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## GROUP 3 — ENCOURAGE & CARE

### Exhortation • Mercy-Showing

**Gift Focus:** Encouraging, comforting, motivating, restoring, supporting, and caring for people.

People in this group often see something others overlook:

### THE PERSON BEHIND THE PROBLEM.

#### BEST DREAM TEAM MATCHES

##### **Member Services**

One of the strongest matches for Mercy-Showing. These individuals often recognize when members need care, support, encouragement, prayer, or assistance.

##### **Hospitality / Greeter**

Hospitality is more than saying hello. People with Mercy and Exhortation can make newcomers feel seen, welcomed, valued, and connected.

##### **Mentors for Teens**

Young people need adults who will encourage them, listen to them, believe in them, and help them navigate difficult seasons.

##### **Marriage Ministry**

Couples need encouragement and support as they navigate marriage, family, communication, conflict, and spiritual growth.

##### **Single's Ministry**

Provides opportunities to encourage singles through the unique challenges and opportunities of their season of life.

##### **Men's Ministry / Women's Ministry**

These ministries create natural opportunities for encouragement, relationship building, mentoring, and personal support.

##### **Young Adults Ministry**

Young adulthood includes major decisions concerning faith, education, career, relationships, marriage, and purpose. Exhorters and Mercy-Showers can provide encouragement and guidance.

##### **Deacons & Deaconess**

A strong opportunity for people who feel called to care for members during times of need.

#### ALSO CONSIDER

- Children's Ministry
- Growth / Small Group Leader
- Evangelism Outreach

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- Usher
- Hospitality / Greeter

## DISCUSSION QUESTION

**Who are the people at VPF that God may be uniquely equipping you to encourage, strengthen, comfort, or restore?**

## DREAM TEAM CHALLENGE

Identify **one group of people** at VPF that you feel especially drawn to encourage or care for.

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## GROUP 4 — SERVE & SUPPORT

### Serving • Giving

**Gift Focus:** Meeting practical needs, providing resources, supporting ministry, and helping others accomplish the work.

These are often the people who don't simply ask:

**“What needs to be said?”**

They ask:

**“WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?”**

## BEST DREAM TEAM MATCHES

### **Usher**

A strong Serving opportunity requiring faithfulness, attentiveness, helpfulness, and willingness to meet practical needs during worship.

### **Hospitality / Greeter**

Serving gifts can help create a welcoming and organized environment for members and guests.

### **Parking Lot Attendant**

A great practical Serving opportunity. These team members are often among the first representatives of VPF that people encounter.

### **Audio / Video Production**

An excellent behind-the-scenes ministry where Serving enables preaching, worship, teaching, livestreaming, and digital ministry to reach others.

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## Social Media

Serving can support ministry through content preparation, posting, photography, video, graphics, and online engagement.

## Digital Outreach

Those with Serving gifts can provide the practical and technical support that allows the Gospel to reach people online.

## Children's Ministry

Children's ministry requires dependable people willing to assist, prepare, organize, teach, protect, and support children and families.

## Member Services

Serving gifts are valuable when members have practical needs that require assistance.

## Evangelism Outreach

Outreach requires people who are willing not only to share the Gospel but also to perform the practical work necessary to reach communities.

## ALSO CONSIDER

- Choir
- Deacons & Deaconess
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Marriage Ministry
- Young Adults Ministry

## DISCUSSION QUESTION

**What do you regularly notice that needs to be done that other people seem to overlook?**

That may be one of the clues to your area of service.

## DREAM TEAM CHALLENGE

Identify one practical ministry need at VPF where you could say:

**"I CAN HELP WITH THAT!"**

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## QUICK DREAM TEAM MATCHING GUIDE

### Dream Team Opportunity

Usher

Hospitality / Greeter

### Strongest Gift Matches

Serving, Mercy

Serving, Mercy, Exhortation

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## Dream Team Opportunity

Parking Lot Attendant  
Growth / Small Group Leader  
Choir  
Audio / Video Production  
Social Media  
Children's Ministry  
Ministers In Training  
Deacons & Deaconess  
Leadership Training  
Mentors for Teens  
Young Adults Ministry  
Marriage Ministry  
Single's Ministry  
Men's Ministry  
Women's Ministry  
Member Services  
Evangelism Outreach  
Digital Outreach

## Strongest Gift Matches

Serving, Administration  
Shepherding, Teaching, Administration, Exhortation  
Exhortation, Evangelism, Serving  
Serving, Administration  
Evangelism, Teaching, Serving  
Shepherding, Teaching, Serving, Mercy  
Prophecy, Teaching, Evangelism, Shepherding  
Serving, Shepherding, Mercy, Administration  
Administration, Shepherding, Teaching  
Shepherding, Exhortation, Mercy, Teaching  
Shepherding, Exhortation, Teaching, Evangelism  
Shepherding, Exhortation, Mercy, Teaching  
Shepherding, Exhortation, Mercy, Teaching  
Shepherding, Exhortation, Teaching, Administration  
Shepherding, Exhortation, Mercy, Administration  
Mercy, Serving, Administration, Exhortation  
Evangelism, Mercy, Serving, Exhortation  
Evangelism, Teaching, Serving, Administration

## FINAL BREAKOUT EXERCISE

### From Gifted to Serving

Have every participant complete these four statements:

#### 1. MY PRIMARY SPIRITUAL GIFT IS:

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#### 2. MY SPIRITUAL GIFT GROUP IS:

- ☐ Lead & Guide
- ☐ Proclaim & Teach
- ☐ Encourage & Care
- ☐ Serve & Support

#### 3. THE THREE VPF DREAM TEAM OPPORTUNITIES THAT INTEREST ME MOST ARE:

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## 4. THE DREAM TEAM I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE FIRST IS:

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### CLOSING PRINCIPLE

#### **DON'T JUST DISCOVER YOUR GIFT — DEPLOY YOUR GIFT.**

You don't discover your spiritual gift simply to say:

**"Now I know how God gifted me."**

You discover your gift so you can say:

**"Now I know how God can USE me."**

YOUR GIFT + YOUR SERVICE = KINGDOM IMPACT

#### **1 Corinthians 12:18**

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

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