



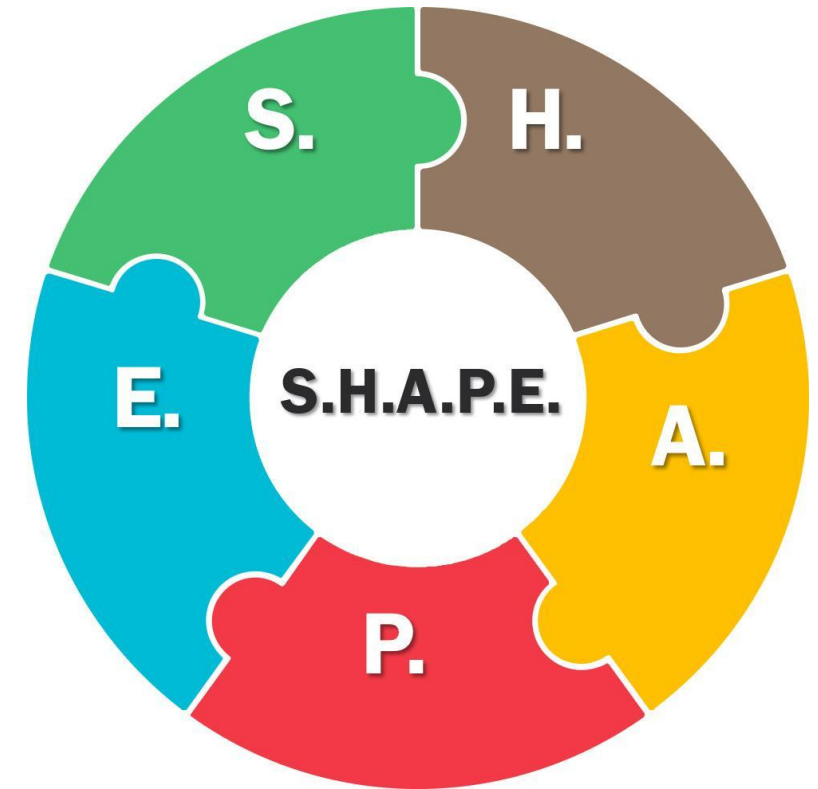
Spiritual Gifts	A set of special abilities that God has given you to share his love and serve others
Heart	The special passion God has given you so that you can glorify him on earth
Abilities	The set of talents that God gave you when you were born, which he also wants to use to make an impact for him
Personality	The special way God wired you to navigate life and fulfill your unique kingdom purpose
Experiences	Those parts of your past, both positive and painful, which God intends to use in great ways

Heart (Passion)

What am I passionate about doing?

• Heart

- What do I have a passion for and love to do?
- For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also (Matthew 6:21)
- Heart = the center of your motivation, desires and inclinations.
 - Our heart is a driving force in our life.
 - The core of a person's being, encompassing their intellect, emotions, will, and conscience.
- You tend to focus your energies on what you most deeply care about and love to do (a ministry heartbeat).

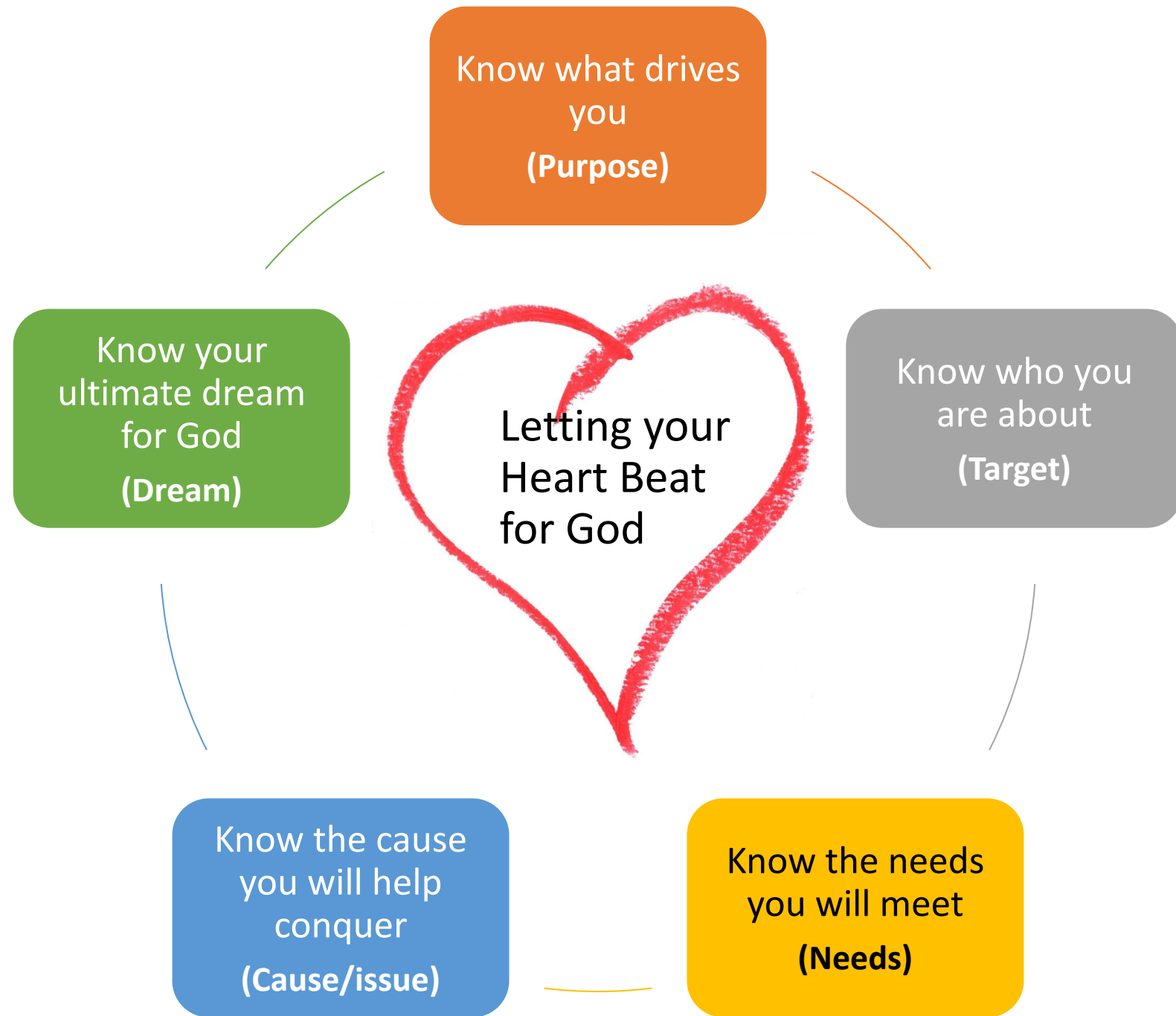


Monitoring My Heartbeat

- The Bible defines the “Heart” as:
 - The organ that pumps your blood
 - Your emotional constitution or disposition
 - The vital force or driving impulse
- My heart determines....
 - Why I SAY the things I do
 - Why I FEEL the way I do
 - Why I ACT the way I do
 - My heart is the REAL me!
- Three questions to know about Your Heart
 - Whom do you love to serve?
 - What needs has God met in your life?
 - What causes you love to conquer?

Heart

- The ultimate contribution God has for you to make will align with the passions he has given you for his kingdom. Our hearts reflect our dreams and desires
 - Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4).
 - The king's **heart** is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will (Proverbs 21:1, ESV).
 - For it is from within, out of a person's **heart**, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder (Mark 7:21).
 - For it is God who works **in you** to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose (Philippians 2:13).
 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving (Colossians 3:23–24).



Hearing My Heartbeat

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Heart: Putting It into Practice

- **Target:** Whom do I love to serve?
 - Whom am I most likely to profoundly influence for God?
 - What age range do I feel led to minister to?
 - What affinity group do I feel led to serve?
 - How could my particular gifts help them?
- **Needs:** What needs do I love to meet?
 - What needs has God met in my life?
 - What category or categories of need am I drawn to meet?
 - Spiritual/Physical/Relational/Emotional/Educational/Vocational needs?
- **Causes:** Determine the causes I love to conquer?
 - What cause or issue makes my heart race?
 - Where could I make the greatest impact for God?
 - If time or money weren't an issue, where would I donate my life?

Target

- Who do I love to serve?
 - I see countless thousands of souls that will one day spend eternity in hell if they do not find the Savior (Dwight Moody).
 - God wants you to serve the people he has placed in your life. Define your target!
 - Whom am I most likely to profoundly influence for God?
 - What age range do I feel led to minister to?
 - What affinity group do I feel led to serve?
 - How could my particular gifts help them?
- I love to be or work with....
 - Infants/Babies; Toddlers; Preschool children; Elementary children; Middle or high school students; College students; Young married; Women; Men; Single; Single parents; Families; Couples; Older adults;

Needs

- What needs do I love to meet?
 - He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT).
 - God can use our weaknesses and failures, as well as our strengths and passions, as part of the masterpiece of ministry that he is creating. Your experiences can give you empathy to connect with others who might be going through something similar.
- Different needs you may meet
 - Spiritual needs: Helping people discover Christ and reach their full potential in him
 - Physical needs: Provide practical expressions of love, such as food, clothing, shelter, and other simple necessities.
 - Relational needs: Helping people develop authentic, Christ-centered relationships with others
 - Emotional needs: Counseling, encouraging, and listening to others who are hurting
 - Educational needs: Helping people learn and showing them how to live life to its fullest
 - Vocational needs: Training, coaching, and consulting others to help them overcome barriers, reach their goals, and maximize their personal or professional potential.

Causes

- What causes would I love to conquer?
 - If you take time to listen long enough, God will stir in your heart and direct you to a cause he has personally chosen for you.
 - What cause or issue makes my heart race?
 - Where could I make the greatest impact for God?
 - If time or money weren't an issue, where would I donate my life?
- Causes
 - Advocating for the unborn Divorce Homelessness Abuse/violence Drug abuse/recovery Law and/or justice system Alcoholism Educational issues Marriage/family issues At-risk children Environment Policy and/or politics Christ-centered parenting Ethics Poverty/hunger Compulsive behavior issues Financial stewardship Sanctity of life Deafness Health and/or fitness Sexuality and/or gender issues Disabilities and/or support HIV/AIDS Spiritual apathy.

What Dream Will You Fulfill?

- Identify your dream from God. Make sure your dreams align with God's word and advance his purpose
 - God longs to use what he has given you for his glory
 - Our goal here is to recover that adventure God wrote on your heart when he made you.
 - Your deepest desires reveal your deepest calling
 - He comforts us in all our troubles so that **we can comfort others**. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God had given us (2 Corinthians 1:4, NLT)
- Ask yourself
 - What pursuit would release the passion in my life for God?
 - What God-centered dreams can I identify that have been buried by life?
 - What would I attempt to do for God with the rest of my life?

Discussion

- List your top 3 people you would like to serve most (which needs you want to meet?) (for example, single parents/social needs)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- List your top 3 issues/causes you feel most strongly about;
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.