

Personal Passion Self Assessment

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What does your heart break for? Often the Lord has designed us with a heart for areas that are experiencing brokenness or that are in need of restoration (impoverished areas, people in broken relationships, the illiterate, orphans etc...). If you can answer this question for yourself, then you probably have a good idea as to how you've been designed to serve the Lord in a global sense. If not, then this assessment might help!

The following assessment prompts you to answer questions related to various areas of interest and personal conviction. As you answer these questions, the assessment helps you to look for reoccurring themes in your answers. While this assessment is not designed to give you exact answers, it will help you think through different areas that are important to you. As you identify these areas, consider how you can begin serving or supporting those that are affected or impacted by your area of conviction. Remember to submit this activity to the Lord in prayer, asking him to guide your thoughts and ideas as you complete it. In working through these questions, you might better discern how you can be more effective in reaching the globe for the expansion of God's kingdom.

If you have further questions about how to effectively serve after you've complete this, ask your *multiply* leader, or feel free to contact a representative from your campus.

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Three Favorite Classes or Activities in High School or College

Use the list below to prompt your memory of subjects that stirred and excited you in high school and college. In which classes were you particularly eager to pursue a special project or task? Circle the classes you enjoyed the most (or add your own in the space provided).

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| Art, design | General sciences | Military science |
| Astronomy | Geography | Music |
| Bible | Health sciences | Nutrition |
| Business | History | Philosophy |
| Communication | International relations | Photography |
| Computer science | Journalism | Physical education |
| Culinary arts | Lab sciences | Political science |
| Drama | Languages | Psychology |
| Economics | Law | Recreation |
| Education | Law enforcement | Shop |
| Engineering | Marine sciences | Social science |
| English, literature | Math | Speech, debate |
| Environmental science | Media, film | Textiles |
| Fashion | Medicine | Theology |
| Finance, accounting | Wildlife management | Transportation |
| _____ | _____ | Veterinary sciences |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Why did these classes or activities stir and excite you? _____

Three Books or Articles

Name three recent books or articles (maybe on the Web) that piqued your interest:

Book 1: _____

Why? _____

Book 2: _____

Why? _____

Book 3: _____

Why? _____

Three Sermons

Write down three sermons, chapel messages or retreat talks that recently inspired you:

Message theme: _____

Message theme: _____

Message theme: _____

Three Bible Verses

Choose three Bible verses that have recently inspired you:

Verse 1: _____

Why? _____

Verse 2: _____

Why? _____

Verse 3: _____

Why? _____

Three Bible or Historical Figures

Choose three people from the Bible or history who inspire you:

Person 1: _____

Why: _____

Person 2: _____

Why: _____

Person 3: _____

Why: _____

Ministry Topics

Circle the issue(s) or cause(s) that have roused your passion:

Aid for foreign national business startups

Art in ministry

Business ethics

Church in local culture

Drug/alcohol abuse

Education

Evangelism

Family debt

Government, judicial policy

Handicapped, disabled

Health care, nutrition

Homeless, hungry

Homeless youth

Legal help

Marriage, family

Media

Morality in sports, entertainment

Political elections

Poor

Pornography, gambling

Prayer outreach

Prison ministry

Public policy

Racial reconciliation

Refugees, immigrants

Sanctity of life

Senior citizen

Undernourished children

Youth slave trafficking

World Regions

Circle the region(s) of the world that excite or intrigue you:

Central America

Eastern Europe

Europe

India Subcontinent

Middle East, North Africa

North America

Pacific Rim

Russia, Central Asia

South America

Southeast Asia

Sub-Sahara Africa

Languages

Circle the language(s) you currently speak or are interested in learning:

English

Spanish

French

German

Russian

Portuguese

Japanese

Arabic

Mandarin

Korean

Another European language: _____

An Indian language: _____

An African language: _____

Another Asian language: _____

Other: _____

Religion Groups

Circle the religious group(s) you have a heart to minister to:

Animist

Buddhist

Confucianist

Hindu

Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

Nominal Christian

Mormons

New Age

Jehovah's Witness

Other: _____

People Groups

Circle the people group(s) you are motivated to reach out to:

Adults, addictive behavior

Adults, career 30-45

Adults, college

Adults, dementia

Adults, divorce care

Adults, executives

Adults, homeless

Adults, loss of child

Adults, loss of job

Adults, loss of spouse

Adults, men

Adults, women

Adults, mentally challenged

Adults, midlife 45-65

Adults, prisoners

Adults, physically challenged

Adults, seniors

Children, grades 6-12

Children, preschool

Children of prisoners

Children, mentally challenged

Children, physically challenged

College students

College, international students

Chronically ill

Fathers

Graduated care residents

Illiterate

Immigrants

Law enforcement

Married, abused

Married, couples

Married, dying spouse

Military

Mothers

Mothers, preschoolers

Mothers, single parents

Mothers, unwed

Musicians

Refugees

Rescue

Shut-ins

U.S. minority groups

Welfare recipients

Passion Statements

Using your self-insights from previous exercises, complete the following statements:

As I consider desperate needs in my church, needs in my community and needs in the world...

a. I have always had a special interest in _____

b. I feel God is leading me to _____

c. Someone should do something about _____

d. It really gets me upset when I hear about _____

Church-Related Ministries

Below are listed typical church ministry departments, as well as new church plants. Consider your responses to the previous exercises as you circle the church-related ministries that appear to share your passion for service:

Church support services

Church counseling, care giving

Church evangelism, outreach

Church leadership, management

Church music, art, drama

Church operations, facilities

Church recreation, events

Church teaching, discipleship

New church plants

Local and Global Ministry Organizations

Circle one or more ministry organization categories that appear to share your passion for service:

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| Advertising, arts & cultural | Advocacy, human rights & political |
| Agriculture & livestock support | Children services & outreach |
| Church, church consulting & support | Community development, construction & maintenance |
| Computer & related technology service | Consulting & legal services |
| Counseling, residential recovery | Crisis intervention & disaster relief |
| Disabled services, outreach | Discipleship & prayer |
| Distribution service | Education & literacy |
| Employment mobilization, referral | Evangelism |
| Family & marriage concerns | Financial aid & business development |
| Foundations, trusts & membership | Hospitality, boarding service |
| Immigrant & refugee service | Jail & prison outreach |
| Marketplace outreach | Mechanical & technical repair |
| Media, broadcasting & publicity | Medical, dental & health service |
| Men's concerns | Music & drama |
| Publishing & printing | Recovery, rehab & reconciliation |
| Research, archaeology & translation | Seniors, retirement |
| Sports & recreation | Stores: book, thrift, catalog, specialty |
| Transportation service | Women's concerns |