



# Born to make a difference



*2 Peter 1:8,  
Luke 2:52, Eph.2:10*

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# WE WERE BORN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

 **2 Peter 1:8**

- **Born to be effective.**
  - Making a certain thing happen.
  - Bringing about the result wanted.

- **Born to be productive.**
  - **To bring forth, to bring about.**
  - **To make or manufacture.**
  - **To make more.**
  - **To be marked by satisfying results.**

## **Ephesians 2:10**

- 1. We are God's workmanship.**
- 2. We are created in Christ to do good works.**
- 3. We have work which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

# Enablers to being Effective and Productive:

## 1. Holy Spirit.

 Acts 1:8.

## 2. Commitment to vision.

A. Commitment starts in the **heart**.

B. Commitment is tested by **action**.

- C. Commitment opens doors of accomplishment.**
- D. Commitment can be measured.**
- E. Commitment enables believers to make decisions.**
- F. Commitment flourishes with public accountability.**

# VISION



**Vision for ministry is a reflection of what God wants to accomplish through you and your church to build His Kingdom.**

**3. Understanding purpose.**

 **Acts 13:36.**

**4. Discover your gift/talent and work it out.**

**Our satisfaction in life is directly linked to the degree at which we fulfill our God – given calling.**

# **A. Recognize your motivational pattern.**

- I. At birth, God places in all people intrinsic motivation to do a certain kind of work.**
- II. Discovering your motivational pattern should not be a mystery. People leave a trail of evidence through their lives.**

**III. Process: Identify and describe times of personal satisfaction and achievements. Then look for the common threads and your motivational pattern will clearly emerge.**

- IV.** All people, whether they are believers or not, have a motivational pattern. At regeneration, God also gives you:
- V.** A new nature (desire to please God).

**VI. Spiritual gifts (special abilities to serve God).**

**VII. A unique calling (specific contribution for God's Kingdom).**

## **B. Confirm your spiritual gift mix.**

 **Ask yourself these questions to discern your spiritual gifts.**

**I. Joy:** what ministry activities bring you personal satisfaction and fulfillment?

**II. Insight:** do you spot special needs and / or problems in some situations that go beyond the perceptions of ordinary Christians? In what ways?

**III. Where have you been particularly effective?**

**What ministry activities are easy for you to do?**

**What behaviors do you seem to do repeatedly?**

**iv. Confirmation:** how have others in the body of Christ affirmed and / or encouraged you in ministry?