

CHAZOWN

A DIFFERENT WAY TO SEE YOUR LIFE

Mission Discovery: Discover God's Calling for Your Life

God has created you for a special purpose. He has gifted you with special talents and He has called you to make difference in this world by pursuing His vision for your life. Sometimes it may seem to be difficult to discern God's plan for your life and that's why we have created this booklet. Our desire is for you to live for the greatest purpose that you could ever live for and we will walk you through three basic steps of discerning your calling:

- Step #1 – Discover Your Core Values
- Step #2 – Discover Your Spiritual Gifts
- Step #3 – Decode Your Past Experiences

The three steps covered in this booklet will coincide with Craig Groeschel's book *Chazown* which you are encouraged to read at your own pace. Our prayer is you will find your calling and begin living God's vision for your life. Let the mission begin!

1 Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

STEP #1

Your Core Values

Each one of us is walking around this earth fueled by Core Values that we hold dear to our hearts. Even though we may not recognize it, our Core Values are what drive us to make the decisions that we make. The Core Values that you have developed through the course of your life are values that you will refuse to waiver upon and truthfully they define your character, they define who you are and what you pursue in your life. Examples of Core Values might be as follows: Honesty, Integrity, Hard Working, Compassion, Wisdom, Justice, Generosity, Faithfulness, etc... The website Chazown.com will give you 90 core values to choose from if you need help getting started on this discovery.

Our Core Values drive us every day to make the decisions that we make for our lives, our families, our business, and our church. God has given us Core Values so that we may come to understand His vision for our lives and know what to aim our life toward.

What Are Your Core Values?

If you do not know, begin by taking the Core Values test below and discover what God has developed in your life as passion and purpose.

Discover Your Core Values Test

Answer the following questions and narrow down your list of Core Values to the top five core values.

- What are you most passionate about?
- What do you value more than anything else?
- What is most important in your life?
- What makes you angry with a righteous anger?
- What would you be willing to die for?

Core Values Prayer

Dear Lord, open my heart that I might the passions and values that you have placed within me. Turn my heart toward you this New Year and may your divine peace consume me guard my heart, mind, and every step I take.

My Core Values Are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

STEP #2

Your Spiritual Gifts

God has created every one of you with great talent. The humbling fact is that God has given you this talent for a specific reason, to use it to pursue His vision for your life. We have been entrusted with our spiritual gifts to bring God glory not to merely use them for our own gain or our own glory.

Sometimes we may feel that we do not have any special gift but this is contrary to the very reason why God created you. He created you for His glory and that means He will equip you with everything you need to bring Him glory but do you recognize what those gifts are. Some examples of spiritual gifts are as follows: Praying, Teaching, Speaking, Giving, Administration, Mercy, Grace, Encouragement, Serving, etc...

What Are Your Spiritual Gifts?

If you do not know begin by taking the Spiritual Gifts test that follows and discover the gifts God has given you to bring Him glory.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts Test

Answer the following questions and then write down the top three to four spiritual gifts in order of passion.

- What are the things that you are most passionate about doing? (Hobbies, activities, jobs, etc...)
- What are tasks or things that you do that gives you the greatest purpose and fulfillment?
- What do you do that influences the lives of others?
- What has God placed upon your heart with a burning desire to do but you have never tried?

NOTE: For a more details, go to www.CiceroChristianChurch.org, and explore the spiritual gifts surveys. Click on News & Notes, Resources, then Spiritual Gifts Inventories

Spiritual Gifts Prayer

Dear Lord, open the eyes of my heart that I may see clearly the gifts that you given me to bring your glory on this earth.

My Spiritual Gifts Are

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

STEP #3

Your Past Experiences

The final step in finding your calling comes to us we observe where the past meets the future. This sound like an unusual statement but the truth is that our past experiences have a tremendous influence on shaping our future. Every single person has a plan for your life and they will try to influence your life in such a way that it will bring about what they believe you need to do with your life. Maybe you went into a profession that someone else wanted you to go into even though your heart's desire was another choice. Maybe you want to please someone and you went along with their plan even though deep down you were extremely uncomfortable. Yes, every one has a plan for your life but I ask you to look back at your past and reflect on the present asking yourself this question: *What is God's plan for my life?*

As you begin writing the next chapter of your life, mine some meaning from your past by answering the following questions.

Decoding the Past Test

These questions come from Craig Groeschel's book *Chazown* on page 71.

- What do your good and bad experiences have in common? Is there a common thread? Are they related?

- What do you think your experiences have done within you to prepare you for your future? How are they different because of what you have enjoyed or endured?
- What title comes to mind when you think of the path ahead of you?

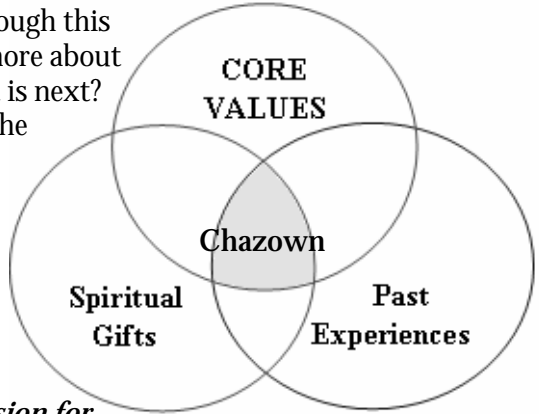
Decoding the Past Prayer

Dear Lord, help me learn from my past to see how you have shaped and molded my future. Give me courage to push forward and pursue you alone!

GOING FORWARD

Your Next Steps

Now that you have worked through this booklet and you have learned more about God's vision for your life. What is next? How will you begin living out the calling that God has given you? As we come to the end of this study, we want you to take a moment and bring all the lessons you learned together and visually see your Chazown.



Finish this sentence:

God has created me with a vision for my life and I think it might be...

In order to learn more about discerning your calling begin by making a plan to live this calling out in your life.

- Read Craig Groeschel's book Chazown
- Attend the Chazown study we offer on Wednesday nights
- Get involved in a small group or community gathering, or a ministry where you can use your calling for God's glory!

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