

Skills for SUCCESS!

Growing my Strengths.

“If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.” – Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

“Before I shaped you in the womb I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.” – Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

“You, Lord made my whole being: you formed me in my mother’s body. I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother’s body. When I was put together you saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in your Book before I was one day old!” – Psalms 139:13-16 (NCV)

Shape:

S: _____ – *“Each one has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.” – 1 Corinthians 7:7b (NIV)*

H: _____ – *“Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” – Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)*

A: _____ – *“God has given each of us the _____ to do _____.” – Romans 12:6 (LB)*

P: _____ – *“God works through different people in different ways.” – 1 Corinthians 12:6 (Phillips)*

E: _____ – *“Remember what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him.” – Deuteronomy 11:2 (LB)*

“All that happens to us is working for our good if we love God.” – Romans 8:28

Four things that maximize my strengths:

1. _____.

How do I discover how God has shaped me for my purpose in life?

1) By _____.

“You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted?” – Galatians 3:4 (ICB)

“Everyone should examine his own conduct then he will be able to take the measure of his own worth; with no need to compare himself to others.” – Galatians 6:4 (KNOX)

“Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities.” – Romans 12:3 (Phillips)

2) Try _____.

2. _____.

Two barriers that keep you from fulfilling your unique shape in life: _____ and _____.

Two myths: I must be like you or I must be liked by you.

“What right do you have as a human being to cross-examine God? The pot has no right to say to the potter: Why did you make me this shape? A potter can do whatever he likes with the clay!” – Romans 9:20-21

“Each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.” – 1 Corinthians 7:7 (NIV)

3. _____.

“To enjoy your work and to accept your lot in life – this is a gift from God. People who do this rarely look with sorrow on the past, for God has given them reasons for joy.” – Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 (NLT)

“It is God who is at work within you – energizing and creating in you the power and desire to will and to work for his good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.” – Philippians 2:13 (AMP)

Three benefits to accepting what God has given us:

1) _____.

2) _____.

3) _____ and _____ in life.

4. _____ **and** _____.

“Keep using the gift God gave you... let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire.” – 2 Timothy 1:6 (NCV)

“God has given each of you special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to other’s God’s blessings.” – 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)
