EVANGELISTS – A GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Spiritual Gifts Inventory for Evangelists

THE INVENTORY
Like all inventories, this one isn't meant to be a foolproof way of discerning whether you have the gift of evangelist. Rather it is a guide to help you explore the possibility. Please answer the questions honestly, instinctively and fully. Don't answer how you would like things to be, but how they really are. Don't take too long; go with your gut reaction. You may find it frustrating to be limited to only three options, but go with the one closest to what you think about yourself. Don't miss any question out, answer them all.

Once you've completed it, ideally give copies of it to three people who know you well and ask them to answer it on your behalf.

Before you begin, answer the following questions.

- Do you think of yourself as an evangelist?
- Do others talk about you being an evangelist?
- What would convince you that you are an evangelist?
- What would convince you that you aren't an evangelist?

BLOCK 1 RELATES TO THE COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EVANGELIST

The numbers in the left column refer to the characteristic the question relates to.

		Very like me	Partly like me	Not at all like me
1	I long to see people come to faith in Christ.			
1	When I go to a social event I wonder if I might get the opportunity to share the faith with someone.			
1	I want every Christian to see how vital sharing our faith is.			
1	I would like to influence our church to be more evangelistic.			
1	I enjoy spending time with those who are passionate about evangelism.			
1	When I go to a film, play, art gallery, read a book or see an advert I often find they prompt me to think about ways to connect the faith with people.			
1	I frequently pray for people to come to faith.			
2	I prefer to be with those who aren't yet Christians rather than those who already are Christians.			
2	I can sense when a non-Christian is being drawn by the Holy Spirit.			
2	I seem to get on well with those who aren't yet Christians.			
2	I consistently look for opportunities to build relationships with those who aren't yet Christians.			
2	I enjoy relating to people.			
2	I seek opportunities to speak about spiritual matters with unbelievers.			
2	I openly tell people that I am a Christian and want them to ask me about my faith.			
3	When I speak about the Christian faith it seems to make sense for people who aren't yet Christians.			
3	I try to think of different ways to express the Christian message.			
3	I can see how Christianity relates to peoples' needs.			
4	I long for people to take their next appropriate step towards Jesus.			
4	I can often work out what someone's next appropriate step towards Jesus is.			
4	I find I help people to move on in their journey to faith in Christ.			
5	I am grateful for all that Christ has done for me.			
5	I long for others to discover the good news about Jesus.			
5	I openly tell others what Christ has done for me.			

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BLOCK 2 RELATES TO 'PUBLIC PROCLAIMER EVANGELISTS'

		Very like me	Partly like me	Not at all like me
	I long to communicate the gospel through public speaking.			
	People tell me I am good at speaking to a group or crowd.			
	I like grappling with how to make sense of the Christian message.			
	I can speak publicly with clarity.			
	I can use the visual arts to communicate the Christian message to a group of people.			
	I can connect the Christian message with contemporary issues.			
	When I am in front of an audience I know that I am doing want God has gifted me to do.			
	People tell me that I make sense of the Christian faith for them.			
	People tell me that I make the Christian faith relevant.			
	People tell me that they've become a Christian through my communication of the Christian message.			

BLOCK 3 RELATES TO 'LEADER-EVANGELISTS'

		Very like me	Partly like me	Not at all like me
	In a group of people I am often the one to influence others.			
	I enjoy shaping the direction of where things are going.			
	I want to change the church to be more focused on evangelism.			
	I long to equip others to share the faith.			
	I am often seen as a leader.			
	When I am in a group and it is going nowhere I can't help myself taking over.			
	I like to ensure that in corporate prayer there is a clear focus on those who don't know Christ.			
	I am able to inspire people with a sense of a better future to head towards.			
	I long to develop others as evangelists.			
	I can't understand why the church spends so much time on matters other than evangelism.			
	I think it would be good to start the church again with a clearer focus on those who aren't yet Christians.			

BLOCK 4 RELATES TO 'PERSONAL-EVANGELISTS'

		Very like me	Partly like me	Not at all like me
	I love helping people come to faith.			
	I often find myself talking to individuals about Jesus.			
	When there is an evangelistic event at our church I try to find someone to take along with me.			
	I feel it is quite natural to talk about spiritual things.			
	I like to share what I believe.			
	I have contrived situations so not yet Christians ask spiritual questions.			
	Over the years many of my friends have come to faith.			
	I expect opportunities for witnessing to arise rather than react in surprise when they occur.			
	I find non-Christians ask me questions about my faith.			
	I look for opportunities to socialise with non-Christians.			
	Non-Christians note that they feel comfortable around me and I have a positive effect on them developing faith.			
	I sometimes sense the Holy Spirit prompting me to speak to a specific individual.			
	I find myself praying for those who aren't yet Christians.			
	I am really concerned that people I know will not be saved.			
	I often tell people about my own journey to faith.			

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