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<p>The Spiritual Gift of <b>Artistic Expression</b> could also be called the gift of praise or worship. Those who have this gift have a special ability to communicate God's beauty, awesomeness, and message through the fine arts, including drama, creative writing, music, dance, and drawing. Through their God-given inspiration, these people use their gifts to draw us in so that we might focus on God, His creation and His message to us. Many with this gift speak of the sense of being compelled to use it in imitation of God the Creator and to show others how God is at work.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p><b>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Artistic Expression:</b></p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>God uses my artistic/musical gifts to help people worship him.</i></p>	
<p><i>I can communicate important things about God to others through creative writing, art, or music.</i></p>	
<p><i>I express something of God's creativity through dance, imaginative communication, painting, drawing, or drama.</i></p>	
<p><b>Some words that describe people with this gift:</b></p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Artistic</p>	
<p>Expressive</p>	
<p>Creative</p>	
<p>Charismatic</p>	
<p>Original</p>	
<p>Innovative</p>	
<p><b>Potential negatives to this gift:</b></p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>Believing any public acclaim or attention is for oneself and one's own abilities.</p>	
<p>Craving the attention that comes with this gift.</p>	
<p>Focusing solely on the artistry and not on the purpose of bringing God glory.</p>	



Some possible ways to serve using this gift:	Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:
• Worship team leader/member	
• Choral director/member	
• Drama team director/member	
• Orchestra/band leader/member	
• Artist/painter/ animator	
• Singer/songwriter/soloist	
• Writer/author/journalist	
• Actor/actress	
• Choreographer/dancer	
• Videographer/photographer	

### Quotations from individuals with this gift:

JB: "God has always been about creative communication! Angels appearing in the night, burning bushes, talking donkeys, you name it! As someone who teaches people how to make more effective presentations, I am constantly reminded how important it is to get myself out of the way! When I enter a workshop, completely open to whatever He may have me say and do, my class is ALWAYS wonderful. I am more creative, the class is more eager to tell me more about them, and the time together becomes time with Jesus Christ."

MR: "God has gifted me with a certain amount of creativity that I feel compelled to use, recognizing the Giver. This is played out in all aspects of my life, because it is deeply a part of who I am. Hopefully, my choice to live this out honors God, whether it is through a letter I write, a photograph I take, a conversation I have, a table I set, or a song I sing."

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Jot down your reactions/reflections here: