

INTERCESSION

Intercession--interceding, pleading, approaching God on someone else's behalf--is something we are all to do. People with this gift are those who feel compelled by God to pray on a daily basis for others. They are completely convinced of the awesome power and necessity of prayer. These are the folks you call first about a concern you have, because you *know* they *will* pray. Many with this gift are surprised it is a gift--they think ALL of us pray unceasingly as they do. They know that their faithfulness in prayer for others invites the power and the presence of God into every circumstance, and that prayer is not something to be taken lightly but is a battleground.

This is one of my gifts _____

I am unsure if I have this gift _____

This is not one of my gifts _____

Questions on the assessment that pertain to Intercession:

Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:

*People who know me consider me a "prayer warrior."**When I learn about somebody in a difficult situation, my first impulse is to pray.**I am one of the first people others turn to when asking for prayer.*

Some words that describe people with this gift:

Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:

Faithful

Trusting

Disciplined

Consistent

Spirit-led

Steady

Potential negatives to this gift:

Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:

May not recognize that they have this gift since prayer comes easily to them.

May wonder why others do not pray nearly as much as they do, and set themselves as the standard.

May think that this gift is somehow less important to the Body of Christ than other more visible gifts.

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:
• Prayer ministry/praying for individuals, family, co-workers	
• Prayer for missionaries and their families	
• Youth ministry prayer team/children's ministry prayer team	
• New Members ministry prayer team	
• Men's ministry/women's ministry prayer team	
• Prayer for pastoral staff and Session	
• Nursing home prayer ministry	
• Stephen Minister	
• Anywhere	

Quotations from individuals with this gift:

WN: "For me, the gift of intercession is an opportunity to call out to God and ask him to increase my faith and the faith of others to believe in a specific promise that God has given for a group or a person. It is also an opportunity to kneel alongside Jesus as He is interceding before the Father for the same thing, to follow and learn from him as He is interceding before the Father."

AB: "Prayer is a significant part of every day for me - blessing the kids as they head to school, praying the Psalms, interceding at work for co-workers, praying for needs and events I become aware of as part of [my church's] prayer ministry - and it always feels like a 'get to,' not a 'got to.' For me, praying Scripture is especially potent, and it is the main way God seems to speak to me."

JC: "When I intercede, there is a great peace and hope that comes from reflecting on our God, his might, power, compassion, and unfailing love, and then asking Him to become very real and evident to the individual and whatever they are facing. Since God is God and nothing is too hard for Him, it is encouraging to pray His kingdom come in the lives of others. The truth is there are some people God puts on my mind to pray for and I know he is calling me to pray."

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: