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Discovering Your

SHAPE

H.— Heart

A.— abilities

I. Heart...What is your PASSION?

-Last week we asked, what do you want to do when you grow up. Each of you wanted to do something big. No one wanted to be a nobody. We learned that God has big plans for us to be a somebody. We also learned that we can begin NOW.

-it takes time to discover & learn new things...God is teaching you new skills daily

A. God created YOU with a heart for people, places, and things

1. YOU are the only YOU
2. God chose YOU to fulfill His plan

*God gives you dreams and desires. He wants YOU to do BIG things for Him.

Read **Psalm 37:3-4**

B. 4 questions to examine our God-given desires

1. What do I enjoy doing (we'll look more into this in a minute)?
2. What people group do I seem to have a heart for?
-peers, family, children, senior citizens, foreigners, disabled, etc.
3. What places do I seem to have a heart for?
-local, inner city, country, other state, other country
4. What issues do I seem to have a heart for?
-abortion, abuse, adoption, alcohol/drugs, depression, disabilities, divorce, education, environment, poverty, politics, etc.

*Have teens answer each of the above questions.

Ask Yourself...How can these things be used to glorify God?

Ask Yourself...What would happen if no one else had these passions?

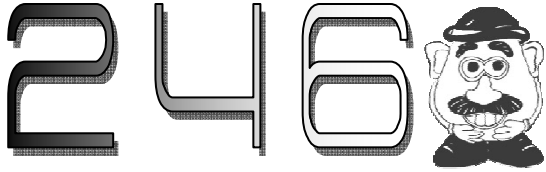
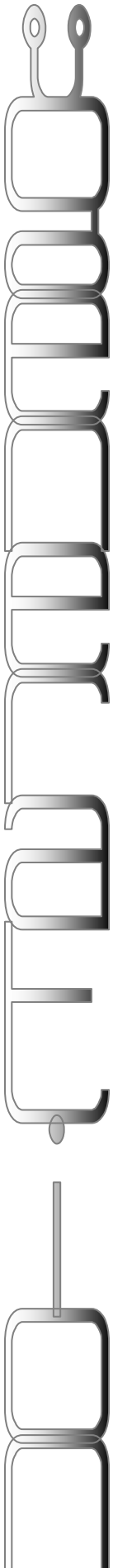
II. Abilities...What are you GOOD at and LOVE doing?

A. Everyone is good at something

1. There are things that you will find that you are naturally good at
2. There are things that you will love doing

B. You will have unique talents that help "complete the puzzle"





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III. These Things Come From GOD

A. PRIDE vs. PRAISE

1. I must recognize that my strengths come from GOD and they are important
2. I must recognize that God gave me strengths to GLORIFY Him and serve others
3. I must give Him the GLORY for my strengths

*Read **Prov. 16:18; II Cor. 10:17; Gal. 6:14; Col. 3:17; James 4:6**

*God can take it away just as easy as He gave it to you...DON'T WASTE IT!

B. How do I use my passions (Heart) and talents (Abilities)?

1. Go ALL OUT for God (**Colossians 3:23-24**)
2. Use them to point SERVE OTHERS (**Ephesians 4:11-13**)

Ask Yourself...What is a talent I have that can be used for God NOW? How?

Ideas of Gifts

Building/Constructing/Engineering
 Coaching
 Speaking
 Computers/Technology
 Designing
 Consulting/Advising/Mentoring
 Cooking
 Multimedia (sound & video)
 Photography/Art
 Decorating
 Leading
 Landscaping/Gardening
 Motivating/Encouraging

Organizing
 Performing
 Singing
 Playing musical instrument
 Advertising
 Writing
 Teaching
 Cleaning
 Athletics
 Taking care of babies/kids
 Fixing things

Other: _____
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Take it Home:
 Read **I Corinthians 1:25-31**