

Discovering Your **SHAPE** How what?

I. Review

A. YOU are the only YOU

*No one else has the same Spiritual gifts, Hearth, Abilities, Personality, or Experiences

1. God created you with a purpose
2. Each piece (person) is needed to make God's perfect puzzle

B. To get the most out of life, we need to recognize our S.H.A.P.E. and strengthen it.

*If we focus our time on gifts/talents that are not who God created us to be, it will only lead to frustration. We will never be someone else, no matter how hard we try.

C. The purpose of our S.H.A.P.E. is to SERVE others and point them to Christ

II. Don't Let Anyone/Anything Stop You From Using Your S.H.A.P.E.

Hebrews 12:1-2

A. Put away FEAR (II Timothy 1:7)

1. We WILL face challenges where we think it can't be done or it is too hard, but...
2. If He calls you do something, He will PROVIDE (He will also protect, guide, & lead)
*sometimes, God even mixes our weakness and our strengths to rely on Him
-hard to prepare sermons; nervous to speak in front of crowds

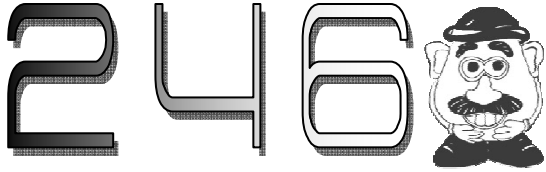
*II Corinthians 12:9-10

B. Put away your PAST (II Corinthians 5:17)

1. Everyone makes MISTAKES
-King David, Moses, Peter, Saul
2. God wants you to LEARN from them and use them for His glory

C. Put away DOUBTERS

1. It is important to listen to those who are close to God and look out for our best interest
*if the majority of those I trust say the same thing, I probably should listen
2. But...there will always be those who will say "You can't do it" or make fun of you
*when God does work through you, it will only bring Him more glory!



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S.— Spiritual Gifts

III. How and Where Do I Serve Using My S.H.A.P.E.?

**It is through serving others that I can best recognize my shape

A. Serve at HOME

*your family knows the *real* you...don't be 1 person in your home and another outside

B. Serve at SCHOOL

1. Picture the busiest place at your school. What do you see? What would Jesus do if He were looking at the same crowd? (**Matthew 9:36**)
2. If you are willing to serve on a missions trip, in the inner city, etc., but not willing to do the same around your peers, you are missing out on the people God has placed before you to reach
-you are the only ones who can reach them

C. Serve at CHURCH

*God wants you to start NOW to use your gifts to build the local church you are involved with. Serving in the church is not just for adults.

Ask Yourself...In what specific way can I better use my S.H.A.P.E. at home?

Ask Yourself...In what specific way can I better use my S.H.A.P.E. at school?

Ask Yourself...In what specific way can I better use my S.H.A.P.E. at church?

IV. Final thoughts to take home...

1. Don't let your S.H.A.P.E. that God gave you go to waste...use it and strengthen it.
*We are works in progress. God has so many things prepared for us, but we have to manage the life that God gives us now to the best of our abilities for Him to give more.
2. Learn from your victories and failures and use them to serve others.
3. Surround yourself with Christians who love you and will support you. (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**)
*Every sport team needs fans who will cheer them on. Know who the people are who will be honest with you and encourage you.
4. Remember that when you don't do what God has called you to do, you miss out on God's best, and the rest of the body doesn't function to it's fullest...YOU are important!