

Pathfinders Guidance Series 2.1

# CAREER DISCOVERY

## The Gift of Compassion

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### **Welcome Note to Users**

Having discovered your major gifting, the next step in the Career Guidance exercise is that you are guided to discover the careers that are associated with your gift. With the help of your counselor you are to prayerfully select a career which you can make your goal. This particular booklet is designed for those for whom Compassion is their primary gift.

The suggested careers for this gift have been listed under 16 Categories below. Some of the Categories may be of special interest to you. Beside most of the careers listed you will find the indications to show the degree or certainty of recommendation—HP (Highly Possible), VP (Very Possible) and P (Possible).

We have tried to explain your gifting and the categories under which various careers have been listed.

It is hoped that by the time you finish going through this booklet you will be ready to make your career goal that will lead you to the next stage—Discovering the Programs or areas of study that you must pursue to achieve your career goal.

### **Career Categories**

- A. Agriculture and Natural Resources
- B. Architecture and Building Construction
- C. Art and Communication
- D. Business and Administration
- E. Education and Training
- F. Finance and Insurance
- G. Government and Public Administration
- H. Health Science
- I. Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation
- J. Human Service
- K. Information Technology
- L. Law and Public Safety
- M. Manufacturing
- N. Retail & Wholesale Sales and Service
- O. Scientific Research, Engineering and Mathematics
- P. Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

### **The Gift of Compassion**

The compassion person cheerfully and promptly demonstrates in action, compassion or mercy for those who are sick or in misery, either physically or spiritually. He provides personal and emotional support and keeps people in right attitudes and relationships.

### **CAREERS FOR GIFT A**

#### **A. Agriculture and Natural Resources**

With scientific curiosity in this field, one can work or study in the area of farming, fishing, mining, landscaping, forestry and other related areas. If you have management ability, you can pursue business in these fields.

Conservationist HP

Pet Groomer HP

Veterinarian HP

Zookeeper HP

Zoologist HP

Botanist VP

Farmer VP

Forest Ranger VP

Agricultural Worker P

Fisherman P

Geographer P

Meteorologist P

Miner P

- Mining Engineer
- Mining Safety Engineer
- Continuous Mining Machine Operator
- Construction Driller
- Driller ( Oil and Gas)
- Excavating and Loading Machine Operator
- Explosive Worker/ Blasting Experts)
- Extraction Site Worker
- Loading Machine Operator (Underground Mining)
- Mine Cutting and Channeling Machine Operator
- Rock Splitter (Quarry)
- Roof Bolter (Mining)
- Drill Operator (Oil and Gas)
- Maintenance Technician (Oil and Gas)
- Service Oil Operator (Oil, Gas and Mining)
- Shuttle Car Operator
- Well and Core Drill Operator
- Wellhead Pumper

Taxidermist P

## B. Architecture and Building Construction

*With the ability to organize and plan, create and fix hardware, you can work as an architect, draftsman, plumber, carpenter, mason, painter, electrician and other areas related to designing, assembling and maintaining components of buildings and other structures.*

Welder VP  
 Builder P  
 Carpenter P  
 Woodwork Designer  
 Furniture Finisher  
 Electrician P  
     • Draftsman (Electrical)  
 Landscaper  
 Mason P  
 Plumber  
 Surveyor P

## C. Art and Communication

*Do you love to creatively express your feelings or ideas, communicate news or information and perform? Writing, editing, journalism, public relations, acting, music or dance, painting, sculpture, ceramics or design products or visual displays, photography, broadcast production or dispatching are the career areas for you.*

Artist HP  
 Composer HP  
 Commercial Artist HP  
     • Commercial and Industrial Designer  
     • Exhibit Designer  
     • Merchandise Displayers  
     • Set Designer  
     • Metal Product Designer  
     • Make-up Artist (Theatrical and Performance)  
 Fashion Designer HP

Florist HP  
 Interior Decorator HP  
 Musician HP  
 Performing Artist HP  
 Photographer HP  
 Telephone Operator HP  
 Conductor VP  
 Seamstress/Tailor  
 Writer

- Copy Writer
- Creative Writer
- Technical Writer
- Poet and Lyricist

Actor P  
 Journalist P  
 Proof-Reader P  
 Public Relations Director P  
 Reporter P

## D. Business and Administration

*You love to see a business organization function smoothly, to work with others, or have an interest in numbers, you can work with an NGO or government agency. Human resources, accounting, finance, budgeting and financial record keeping and related areas are possible career areas for you.*

Receptionist VP  
 Secretary VP  
     • Executive Secretary  
     • Administrative Assistant  
     • Legal Secretary  
     • Word Processor and Typist  
 Personnel Manager P  
     • Human Resource Manager  
     • Personnel Recruiter  
     • Training and Development Specialist  
 Postman P

### E. Education and Training

*You love to teach other people. You can specialize in a particular academic area and choose a particular student group, such as children, youth, retirees and the physically challenged. You can also work in a library, museum where you would help others to expand people's understanding of the world.*

Teacher (Art) HP

Teacher (Music) HP

Teacher (Elementary) HP

- Kindergarten Teacher
- Junior High School Teacher
- Preschool Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Special Education Teacher, Junior High School
- Special Education Teacher, Preschool, Kindergarten and

Elementary School

- Special Education Teacher, Senior High School
- Teaching Assistant
- Vocational Education Teacher, Junior High School

Teacher (Drama) HP

Teacher (Social Studies) HP

Teacher (Special Education) HP

Teacher (Business Education) VP

Teacher (English) VP

Teacher (Foreign Language) P

Teacher (History) P

Teacher (Mathematics) P

Teacher (Science) P

Librarian VP

- Library Science Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Librarian Assistant
- Library Technician

### F. Finance and Insurance

*Your greatest desire is to ensure that businesses have financial security. To find satisfaction, you can play a managerial role in this field. If you like gathering and analyzing information, you can work as a financial analyst or insurance adjuster, banker, insurance agent or customer care provider.*

Cashier/Checker VP

Bank Teller P

Life Insurance Agent P

- Advertising Sales Agent
- Insurance Sales Agent
- Personal Financial Advisor
- Sales Agent, Financial Services
- Sales Agent, Securities and Commodities

Market Researcher/ Analyst P

- Appraiser, Real Estate
- Assessor
- Claims Examiner, Property and Casualty
- Cost Estimator
- Credit Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Insurance Adjuster, Examiner and Investigator
- Insurance Appraiser, Auto Damage
- Insurance Underwriter
- Loan Counselor
- Loan Officer
- Market Research Analyst
- Survey Researcher

### G. Government and Public Administration

*Do you want to help government provide the needs of the public? You can serve in such areas that contribute to the role of government: public protection, law enforcement, clerical services and development planning, public sector management and related areas.*

Office Worker HP

Civil Servant VP

Clerk VP  
Court Clerk  
Court Reporter  
License Clerk  
Municipal Clerk  
Ambassador P

## H. Health Science

*You love to provide healthcare needs of people and animals. You can work as a Doctor, specializing in a particular part of the body or be a generalist, a therapist, or nurse. With an interest in technology, X-rays and new methods of diagnosis are possible career areas.*

Nurse (RN) HP

- Registered General Nurse
- Registered Mental Nurse
- Mid-wife
- Community Health Nurse
- Nursing Assistant
- Peri-Operative Nurse/ Theatre Nurse
- Nurse Tutor
- Critical Care Nurse
- Ophthalmic Nurse
- Nurse Administrator
- Nurse Clinician
- Nurse Anesthetics

Nutritionist HP

Occupational Therapist HP

Pharmacist HP

- Assistant Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Dispensary Technician

PhysicalTherapist HP

Speech Therapist HP

Dietician VP

Doctor VP

Physician VP

X-Ray Technician VP

Chiropractor P

Paramedic P

- Orderly
- Athletic Trainer
- Embalmer
- Environmental Health Officer

Dental Hygienist P

- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Orthodontist
- Prosthodontist

Medical Technologist P

- Biological Technician
- Cardiovascular Technologist/ Perfusionist
- Cardiovascular Technician
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Clinical Laboratory Technician
- Clinical Laboratory Technologist
- Medical Records and Information Assistant
- Optician Assistant
- Orthotist / Prosthetist
- Radiologic Technologist

Optometrist P

.Psychiatrist P

Psychologist P

## I. Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation

*You concern yourself with the personal needs of others, such as hygiene, good food and drink, comfortable lodging away from home and recreation. Services in hotels, restaurants, airplanes, beauty parlors etc are areas to satisfy this interest. Enjoy sports or games? Work for an athletic team*

Model HP

Waitress HP

Barber/ Beautician VP

Cook VP

- Baker (Bread, Pastries)
- Butcher
- Chef

- Cook (Fast Food)
- Cook (Institution, Cafeteria and Restaurant)
- Food Preparation Assistant

Flight Attendant VP

Janitor VP

Recreation Director P

Travel Agent P

### J. Human Service

*Your priority is helping others improve their social, mental, emotional or spiritual well-being.*

*Counseling, social work, religious work, taking care of children or the elderly as well as investigating to identify the social needs of others are possible career areas.*

Social Worker HP

- Social Worker (Child, Family, School) P
- Social Worker (Medical and Public Health)
- Social Worker (Mental Health and Substance Abuse)
- Probation Officer and Correctional Treatment Specialist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Social and Human Service Assistants

Childcare Provider HP

- Baby Sitter

Guidance Counselor VP

- Clinical Psychologist
- Marriage and Family Counselor
- Mental Health Counselor

Minister VP

Missionary VP

Professional Housecleaner VP

Evangelist P

Funeral Director P

Religious Education Director P

### L. Law and Public Safety

*You love to uphold people's rights, protect life and property by using authority and enjoy inspecting or investigating. You can work in law, law enforcement, fire fighting, military, crime investigation and other related fields.*

Fire Fighter P

- Emergency Management Officer
- Fire Investigator

### M. Manufacturing

*Your interest is in processing raw materials into intermediate or finished products by using machines and hand tools. You can work in industry, utility companies and related agencies, cutting and grinding metal and plastics parts into shapes, assembling, moving, installing, or repairing devices. You could manage workers in this field if leadership appeals to you.*

Assembly Line Worker P

Mechanic P

Metal Work P

Printer P

- Bindery Machine Operator
- Camera Operator
- Design Printing Machine Operator
- Desktop Publisher
- Dot Etcher
- Electronic Masking System Operator
- Electrotyper
- Stereotyper
- Embossing Machine Operator
- Engraver Operator
- Engraver (Hand)
- Engraver (Carver)
- Etcher (Hand)
- Film Laboratory Technician
- Hand Compositor and Typesetter
- Job Printer

- Letterpress Operator
- Marking And Identification Printing Machine Operator
- Offset Lithographic Press Operator
- Pantograph Engraver
- Paste –Up Worker
- Photoengraver
- Lithographing Machine Operator
- Photographic Processing Machine Operator
- Plate Maker
- Precision Etcher and Engraver (Hand or Machine)
- Printing Press Machine Operator
- Scanner Operator
- Stripper
- Typesetting and Composing Machine Operator

Shipbuilder P

Technician P

- Aerospace Engineering and Operation Technician
- Calibration and Instrumentation Technician
- Cartographer
- Photogrammetrist
- Civil Engineering Technician
- Electrical Engineering Technician
- Electro-Mechanical Technician
- Electronic Draftsman
- Electronics Engineering Technician
- Mapping Technician
- Mechanical Draftsman P
- Mechanical Engineering Technician

Toolmaker P

## N. Retail & Wholesale Sales and Service

*You are good at persuading others to believe an opinion. By using sales and promotional techniques you may enjoy selling in any field of interest. You could also pursue a career in customer care service if you prefer to help people buy or sell.*

Realtor P

- Real Estate Broker

## O. Scientific Research, Engineering and Mathematics

*You love to discover, collect, analyze and apply information about the natural world, you can work as a researcher in any field of interest to solve life's problems. You could study engineering and help create new machines, structures and processes.*

Home Economist HP

Philosopher HP

Anthropologist VP

Archaeologist VP

Sociologist VP

Astronomer P

Biologist P

Mathematician P

Scientist P

Statistician P

- Environmental Engineering Technician
- Surveying Technician

P. Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

*You desire to help the smooth movement of people and materials from one place to another. You can drive or pilot a vehicle, manage a transportation service or help keep vehicles on their assigned schedules and routes.*

Truck Driver VP

Truck Driver, Light / Delivery Services

Tractor Trailer Truck Driver

Bus Driver P



### Summary of my findings

After going through the list of careers outlined in this booklet I find the following careers to be of great interest to me. These are:

1. ....
2. ....

I should like to find out more about these careers so that I make one my Career Goal for my life.

### WHAT NEXT?

Hopefully you have been able to identify one or two careers which are appealing to you and you would wish to pursue one of them and make it a career goal. Having a career goal is one of the most important decisions you can make in life. You need to know more about the career you have chosen and especially what the occupational values and physical work conditions are like. You need also to know whether you have the character traits that would suit the overall demands of the work. Your counselor will help you to find these things out for yourself as you take a final decision to get a career goal for life. Please make an appointment to meet with him or her.

When you have finally made a career goal, our next Booklet (Series 3) will guide you about the courses you must have to pursue to be trained and equipped with the knowledge and skills you need to be a star in that career or profession. The final Booklet in the Series is number four (4) which will give you information about where the courses can be pursued.

Our prayer is that God will be your guide as you move to the next stage of the counseling.

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