

Pathfinders Guidance Series 2.1

CAREER DISCOVERY

The Gift of Teaching

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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 Teaching 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 Teaching

The teacher researches and teaches what he knows; he ascertains the truth of things that happen. He meets the mental needs of others and keeps them studying and learning. He may teach through writing (papers, articles, dissertations, books etc) rather than in person.

CAREERS FOR GIFT C

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.

Geologist HP
Meteorologist HP
Conservationist VP
Geographer VP
Zoologist VP

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.

Architect VP
• Draftsman Architect
Builder P
Contractor P
• Foreman
• Construction Trades Worker
• Prefabricated Home and Structure Installer

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.

Composer HP
 Music Director VP
 • Talent Director
 Journalist HP
 Proof-Reader HP
 Reporter HP
 Writer HP
 • Technical Writer
 • Poet and Lyricist
 Advertising Executive VP
 Air traffic Controller VP
 Conductor (Music) VP
 Industrial Designer VP
 Musician VP
 Radio/TV producer VP
 Artist P
 Commercial Artist P
 • Commercial and Industrial Designer
 • Exhibit Designer
 • Merchandise Displayers
 • Set Designer
 • Metal Product Designer
 • Make-up Artist (Theatrical and Performance)
 Interior Decorator P
 Performing Artist P
 Photographer P
 Photographic Technician (Developer, Retoucher, Restorer)
 Public Relations Officer P
 Radio/TV announcer 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.

Auditor VP
 Dept. Store Manager VP
 Hospital Administrator VP
 Accountant P
 Business Consultant P
 Personnel Manager P
 • Human Resource Manager
 • Personnel Recruiter
 Training and Development Specialist

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.

College Professor HP
 • Instructor (Remedial Education)
 • Cultural Studies Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Art Teacher, Postsecondary/Tertiary
 • Drama Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Music Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Physical Science Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Biological Science Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Business Teacher, Postsecondary/Tertiary
 • Chemistry Teacher, Postsecondary/Tertiary
 • Computer Science Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Communications Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Economics Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 • Education Teacher, (Postsecondary/Tertiary)

- Engineering Teacher, (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- English Language And Literature Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Environmental Science Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Foreign Language and Literature(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Forestry and Conservation Science Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Geography Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Health Science Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- History Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Food Science/ Home Economics Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Law Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Mathematical Science Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Medical Science Teacher (Tertiary)
- Nursing Instructor and Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Philosophy and Religion Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Physics Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Political Science Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Psychology Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Social Work Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Sociology Teacher(Postsecondary/Tertiary)
- Vocational Education Teacher (Postsecondary)
- Teacher (English) HP
- Teacher (Foreign Language) HP
- Teacher (Science) HP
- Teacher (Special Education) HP
- Religious Education Director VP
- Teacher (Art) VP
- Teacher (Drama) VP
- Teacher (Music) VP
- Teacher (Social Studies) VP
- Teacher (Business Education.) P
- Teacher (Elementary) P
 - 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
- Vocational Education Teacher, Senior High School
- Teacher (Home economics) P
- Curator HP
- Archivist
- Museum Technician
- Audio-Visual Collections Officer
- Librarian HP
 - 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.

- Market Research Analyst HP
- Investment Fund Manager VP
- Bank teller P
- Banker P
- Cashier/checker P
- Life insurance agent P
 - Advertising Sales Agent
 - Insurance Sales Agent
 - Personal Financial Advisor
 - Sales Agent, Financial Services
 - Sales Agent, Securities and Commodities
- Marketing Executive P

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.

Ambassador VP
 Planning Office VP
 • Urban Rural Planner
 Public administrator VP
 Court Clerk
 Court Reporter
 License Clerk
 Municipal Clerk
 Civil Servant P
 Chief Director

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.

Chiropractor HP
 Doctor HP
 Medical technologist HP
 • Biological Technician
 • Cardiovascular Technologist/ Perfusionist
 • Cardiovascular Technician
 • Medical Laboratory Technician
 • Medical Laboratory Technologist
 • Clinical Laboratory Technologist
 • Medical Records and Information Assistant
 • Optician Assistant
 • Orthotist / Prosthetist
 • Radiologic Technician
 • Radiologic Technologist
 Nutritionist HP

Optometrist HP
 Pharmacist HP
 Physician HP
 Psychiatrist HP
 Psychologist HP
 Surgeon HP
 Dentist VP
 • Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
 • Orthodontist
 • Prosthodontist
 Paramedic VP
 • Orderly
 • Athletic Trainer
 • Embalmer
 • Environmental Health Officer
 Speech therapist VP
 Dietician P
 Nurse (RN) P
 • 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
 • Public Health Nurse
 • Psychiatric/ Mental Nurse
 • Nurse Administrator
 • Nurse Clinician
 • Nurse Anesthetics
 Occupational therapist P
 Physical therapist 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.

Hotel Manager VP
Restaurant Manager 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.

Minister HP
Theologian HP
Guidance Counselor VP
Missionary VP
Clergy
Director (Religious Activities and Education) VP

K. Information Technology

You are interested in designing, developing, managing and supporting information systems. You can work with hardware, software, multimedia, or integrated systems, helping resolve complex problems as a software engineer or systems analyst, servicing computers, machines like ATMs, cash registers etc.

Computer programmer HP
Systems analyst VP
Computer Operator P
• Computer Operator
• Computer Security Specialist

- Computer Software Engineer (Applications)
- Computer Software Engineer (Systems Software)
- Computer Support Specialist
- Database Administrator
- Network Systems and Data Communication Analyst

I. 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.

Criminologist VP
Judge VP
Lawyer VP
Military Officer VP
• Air Crew Officer
• Aircraft Launch and Recovery Officer
• Armored Assault Vehicle Officer
• Artillery and Missile Crew Officer
• Command and Control Center Officer
• Infantry Officer
• Radar and Sonar Technician
• Special Force Officer

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.

Technician VP
• 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
 - Environmental Engineering Technician
 - Mapping Technician
 - Mechanical Draftsman P
 - Mechanical Engineering Technician
 - Surveying Technician
- Manufacturer 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.

Buyer P
 Purchasing Agent P
 Realtor P

- Real Estate Broker
- Real Estate Sale Agent

Retailer P
 Salesman P

O. Scientific Research, Engineering and Mathematics

You love to discover, collect and 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.

Anthropologist HP
 Archaeologist HP
 Astronomer HP
 Biologist HP

Botanist HP
 Chemist HP
 Engineer HP

- Civil Engineer
- Aerospace Engineer
- Biomedical Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Computer Hardware Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Electronics Engineer
- Marine Architect
- Marine Engineer
- Materials Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Industrial Engineer
- Product Safety Engineer

Researcher HP
 Scientist HP
 Oceanographer HP
 Economist VP
 Sociologist VP
 Statistician VP
 Statistical Assistant VP
 Home Economist P

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.

Airplane Pilot VP

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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