

Pathfinders Guidance Series 2.1

CAREER DISCOVERY

The Gift of Perception

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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 whose primary gift is Perception.

The suggested careers for this 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 Perception

The perceiver is one who declares the will of God or the will of authority in an organization. He meets spiritual needs of others; individuals or a group of people and keeps the church or organization centered on spiritual or godly principles.

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.

- Buyer, Farm Products VP
- Conservationist VP
- Forest Conservation Technician VP
- Log Grader VP
- Geologist VP
- Geological Data Technician VP
- Geological Sample Test Technician VP
- Botanist P
- Park and Gardens Manager P
- Horticultural Worker P
- Plant Scientist P
- Zoologist/Wildlife Biologist 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
- Meteorologist P
Farmer (Crop or Animals) P
Animal Husbandry Manager P
Animal Husbandry Worker P
Forester P
Geographer P
Agricultural worker P
- Agricultural Crop Farm Manager
 - Seed developer

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
- Contractor VP
- Foreman
 - Construction Trades Worker
 - Prefabricated Home and Structure Installer
- Surveyor P
Building Technologist P
Electrician P
Draftsman (Electrical)

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.

- Reporter HP
Actor VP

- Writer VP
- Copy Writer
 - Creative Writer
 - Technical Writer
 - Poet and Lyricist
- Journalist VP
Performing artist VP
Director (Stage, Motion Pictures, Television and Radio) HP
Advertising Executive P
Artist P
Seamstress/tailor P
Proof-reader P
Public Relations Director P
Photographer P
Photographic Technician (Developer, Retoucher, Restorer) P
Musician P
Composer P
- Music Director
 - Talent Director
- Conductor (music) P
Interior decorator P
Industrial designer P
Commercial Artist P
- Commercial and Industrial Designer
 - Exhibit Designer
 - Merchandise Displayers
 - Set Designer
 - Metal Product Designer
 - Make-up Artist (Theatrical and Performance)

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.

- Accountant VP
Banker VP

Business Consultant VP
 Business owner VP
 Dept. Store Manager VP
 Auctioneer P
 Bank teller P
 Bookkeeper P

- Tax preparer
- Data Entry Keyer

Secretary P

- Executive Secretary
- Administrative Assistant
- Legal Secretary
- Word Processor and Typist
- Human Resource Manager

Personnel Manager P

- Human Resource Manager
- Personnel Recruiter
- Training and Development Specialist

Office worker P

Clerk P

- Brokerage Clerk
- Correspondence and File Clerk
- Office Clerk, General
- Order Clerk, Wholesale and Retail Sales
- Postal Service Clerk
- Procurement Clerk
- Production, Planning and Expediting Clerk
- Shipping, Receiving and Traffic Clerk
- Gen Billing, Cost and Rate Clerk
- Payroll and Timekeeping Clerk
- General Stock Clerk

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 (Drama) HP

Teacher (Science) HP

Teacher (Social Studies) VP

Teacher (Music) VP

Teacher (Mathematics) VP

Teacher (History) VP

College Professor VP

- 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 (Home Economics) P
- Teacher (Foreign language) P
- Teacher (English) 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
- Teacher (Art) P
- Teacher (Business Education) P
- Librarian
 - Library Science Teacher (Postsecondary/Tertiary)
 - Librarian Assistant
 - Library Technician
- Curator P
- Archivist P
- Museum Technician P
- Audio-Visual Collections OfficerP

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.

Life Insurance Agent HP

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

Market Researcher/Analyst HP

- 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

Auditor VP

Banker VP

Investment Fund Manager VP

Marketing Executive VP

Economist 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/Government Service Executive HP

Inspector HP

- Police Detective
- Police Patrol Officer
- Agricultural Inspector
- Aviation Inspector
- Child Support, Missing Persons and Unemployment Insurance

Fraud Investigator

- Customs Inspector
- Environmental Compliance Inspector (Town Council Officer)
- Equal Opportunity Representative or Officer

Hospital Administrator VP

School Administrator VP

Politician VP

Public Administrator VP

Court Clerk

Court Reporter

License Clerk

Municipal Clerk

City Planning Officer VP

- Urban Rural Planner
- Social and Community Service Manager

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.

Paramedic HP

- Orderly/Ward Assistant

- Athletic Trainer
- Embalmer
- Environmental Health Officer

Chemist VP

Chiropractor VP

Psychiatrist VP

Surgeon VP

Physician VP

Optometrist VP

Ophthalmologist

Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist

Orthopedist

Medical Technologist VP

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

Doctor VP

Dietician VP

Nutritionist VP

Dentist VP

- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Orthodontist
- Prosthodontist

Physiotherapist P

Massage Therapist P

Pharmacist P

- Assistant Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Dispensary Technician

Occupational Therapist 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

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

Travel Agent P

Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agent P

Flight attendant P

Cook P

- Baker (Bread, Pastries)
- Butcher
- Chef
- Cook (Fast Food)
- Cook (Institution, Cafeteria and Restaurant)
- Food Preparation Assistant

Home Economist P

Recreation Director P

Recreation Worker 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 for you.

Guidance Counsellor HP

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

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 Assistant

Religious Work

Minister HP

Clergy

Director (Religious Activities and Education)

Missionary HP

Child/Personal Care and Services

Child Care Provider P

Baby Sitter P

Funeral Director P

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.

Systems analyst HP

- Information Technology Manager
- Network and Computer Systems Administrator
- Computer Operator

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

Criminologist HP
 Private Investigator
 Judge HP
 Military Officer HP

- 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

Lawyer HP
 Fire Fighter P

- Emergency Management Officer
- Fire Investigator

Bailiff
 Correctional Officer
 Criminal Investigator
 Forensic Science Technician
 Parking Enforcement Worker
 Security Guard
 Life Guard

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.

Manufacturer VP
 Production Manager VP
 Production Assistant VP
 Ship builder P
 Carpenter P
 Furniture Finisher P
 Wood Designer P
 Welder 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)
- Printer
- Printing Press Machine Operator
- Scanner Operator
- Stripper
- Typesetting and Composing Machine Operator
- Technician
- 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
- Mechanical Engineering Technician

N. Retail & Wholesale Sales and Service

You are good at persuading others to believe in 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.

Retailer HP

Service Station Attendant HP

Buyer, Farm Products VP

Wholesaler P

- Sales Manager
 - Sales Representative (Wholesale, Manufacturing and Technical Products)
 - Real Estate Broker
 - Real Estate Sales Agent
- Purchasing Agent P
- Purchasing Manager

- Buyer (wholesale/Retail)

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.

Scientist HP

Astronomer VP

Atmosphere and Space Scientist P

Chemist VP

Geographer P

Geologist VP

- Hydrologist
- Materials Scientist

Physicist P

Research Scientist VP

Engineer VP

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

Municipal Engineer

- Product Safety Engineer
 - Fire Prevention and Protection Engineer
- Technician

- Environmental Engineering Technician
- Surveying Technician

Manager (Engineering) P

Manager (Natural Science) P

Anthropologist P
 Archaeologist P
 Biologist P
 Statistician P
 Statistical Assistant P
 Economist P
 Historian P
 Political Scientist 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 a vehicle or pilot a plane, manage a transportation service or help keep vehicles on their assigned schedules and routes.

Air Traffic Controller HP
 Airplane Pilot HP
 Truck Driver P
 Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver P
 Taxi Fleet Operator
 Transport Services Operator

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:

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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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