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## Wagner's "Finding Your Spiritual Gifts: The easy-to-use, self-guided questionnaire" (book review)

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This self-scoring questionnaire was originally copyrighted in 1978. The expanded and updated edition currently under review consists of directions, the 135-item Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire, the one-time use answer sheet/scoring sheet, definitions of the spiritual gifts with scripture references, and finally, an exercise section to help individuals explore their gifts and think about related ministries where their gifts could be used. The spiritual gifts, with suggested definitions and supporting scriptures, include: prophecy, pastor, teaching, wisdom, knowledge, exhortation, discerning of spirits, giving, helps, mercy, missionary, evangelist, hospitality, faith, leadership, administration, miracles, healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, voluntary poverty, celibacy, intercession, deliverance, service, apostle, and leading worship.

Often, spiritual gifts inventories focus on the perceptions and experiences of the individual taking the inventory. Many of the items in this survey were phrased so that an individual would only select the option if he or she had experienced tangible results or if others had affirmed the item. For example: “Other people have told me that I have helped them ...” (p.1) or “I have had insights relating to spiritual truth that others have said helped bring them closer to God” (p. 2). The author indicated in the preface that one should not regard the results of this survey as final, but use them as a starting point for prayer and exploration. Individuals under the age of 25 or who have been a Christian for less than six months are particularly cautioned to treat the results more “tentatively.”

C. Peter Wagner (1930–2016) was a missionary to Bolivia and later a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary. He was a leader in the church growth movement, and later in his life, he was largely known for the New Apostolic Reformation.

It should be noted that this self-guided questionnaire is a single-use item. As such, it is not something that should be added to a library collection. However, churches or other groups who want to help individuals discover or explore their spiritual gifts may find this questionnaire helpful.

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