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God's Heartbeat For Our Purpose

**GOD'S HEARTBEAT FOR OUR
PURPOSE IS DEMONSTRATED BY HIS
GIFTS TO GATHER**

Eph 4:1-6

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CALLING - “live a life worthy of the calling”

On a number of occasions the prophets reminded the people of Israel that they have been called by God to fulfil a special function:

- Isaiah 41: 9, 42:6,
- Hosea 11:1.

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In Ephesians we have been told that God has a calling on our lives:

- Chosen us to be his children (1:4-5)
- Appointed us to praise God's glory (1:12)
- Called us to a wonderful hope (1:18)
- Brought us into the body of Christ for a life of service (2:10)

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“KEEPING UNITY”

- 7 statements which give us the basis for unity –
IMPERATIVE TENSE, COMMAND
- Make every effort = to “exert zealous effort” or to “take pains” to keep unity.
- A unity that already exists given to us by the Holy Spirit we are encouraged to maintain it.

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KEEPING UNITY

- The unity the unity becomes because of the reconciling work of Christ unite all things in heaven and earth (Eph 1:10)
- Paul now encourages readers to maintain that unity in their personal, social, and church life.

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**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried;
he descended to the dead**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the
right hand of the Father,**

**He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**I believe in the
resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

**GOD'S HEARTBEAT FOR OUR
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GIFTS OF GRACE**

Eph 4:7-11

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- Paul began to talk about the qualities expected of disciples of Christ and now he turns his attention to how each should function as part of the church.
- Psalm 68:18 with a significant difference
Normally the King would expect to *RECEIVE GIFTS*– BUT Paul talks about Christ as the conquering King *GIVING GIFTS*.
- **THEY ARE WITHIN OUR REACH!**

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Consider the gifts as COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS in the church.

- Apostolic? Prophetic? Evangelistic? Shepherding? Teaching?
- A resounding yes! These five functions should define what the church does.
- APEST is incorporated fully into the life of Jesus.
- They are “grace” GIFTS, determined by God (1 Cor 12:7)
 - charismata
 - gifts not endorsement of character
 - no-one has all the gifts

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They are “grace” GIFTS – charismata, gifts not endorsement of character, no-one has all the gifts

1 Cor 14:1, 12

- let love be your goal, also desire the gifts.....
- seek those that will strengthen the whole church

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**GOD'S HEARTBEAT FOR OUR
PURPOSE IS DEMONSTRATED BY HIS
GIFTS FOR GROWTH
Eph 4:12-16**

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- If we desire unity (1-6) and strive for maturity (11-16) we must recognise the significance of the connection between unity and maturity with the diversity of gifts given by Jesus in Eph 4: 7-11.
- The gifts are people NOT titles or positions – word that’s used means a practical service (service ir deacon)
- The “gifts” in Ephesians 4 are actually the individual people

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EPHESIANS 4 IS NOT THE ONLY PASSAGE APEST IS MENTIONED.

- Apostle (“sent one”) is used over 80 times in the New Testament.
- Prophet is used nearly 800 times in Scripture, over 150 times in the New Testament.
- Evangelist is also used in Acts and 2 Timothy. (Acts 21:8, 2 Tim 4:5)
- Shepherd is used 23 times in the New Testament.
- Teacher is used 129 times in the New Testament.

Compare that with the use of the word Pastor (which we have no problem using as the catch all word for leadership) is used once, and it is in this Ephesians 4 passage.

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MOVEMENT TOWARDS MATURITY EPH 4:14

- Speaking,
- Loving,
- Growing,
- Fitting,
- Working,
- Healthy.

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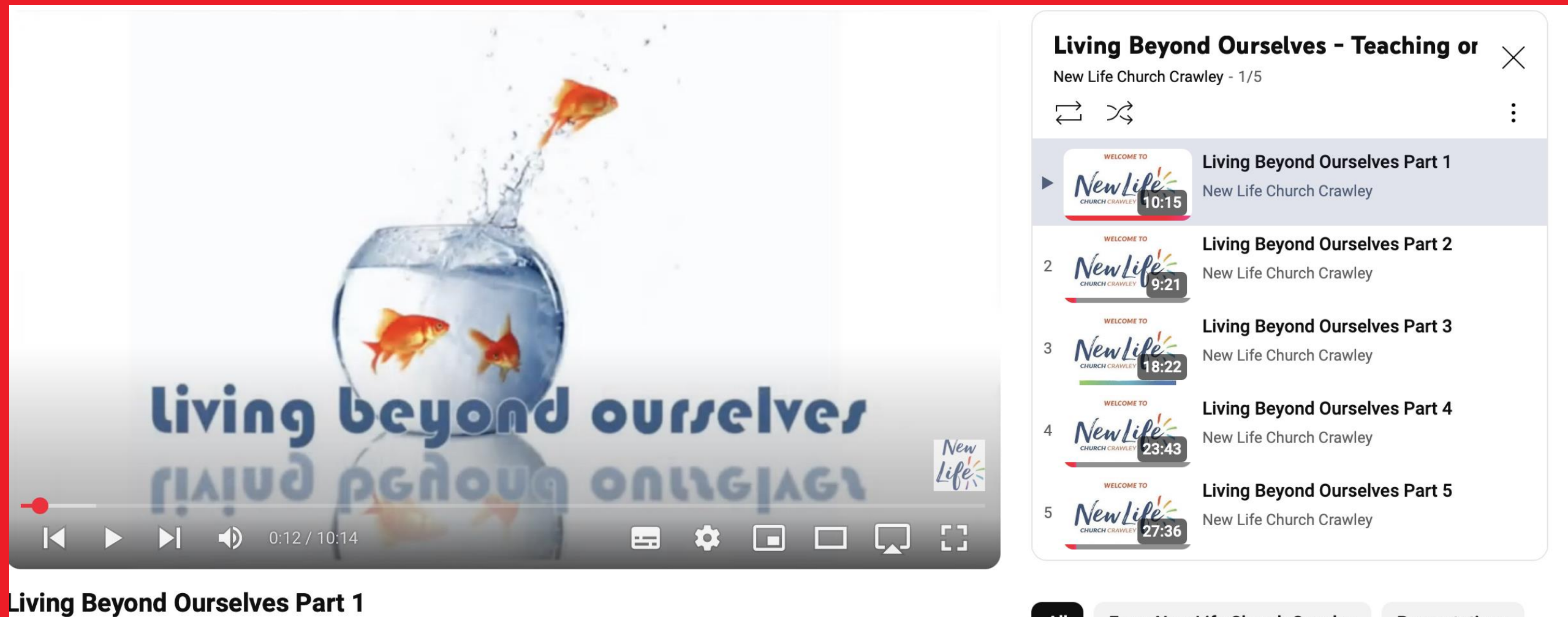


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SPIRITUAL GIFTS SERIES – LIVING BEYOND OURSELVES

YouTube - NewLifeChurchCrawley

<https://youtu.be/GhZdiFpqrfg?si=kIG746HNILdG0QTn>



Living Beyond Ourselves - Teaching or ×
New Life Church Crawley - 1/5

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New Life Church Crawley 10:15
- 2 **Living Beyond Ourselves Part 2**
New Life Church Crawley 9:21
- 3 **Living Beyond Ourselves Part 3**
New Life Church Crawley 18:22
- 4 **Living Beyond Ourselves Part 4**
New Life Church Crawley 23:43
- 5 **Living Beyond Ourselves Part 5**
New Life Church Crawley 27:36

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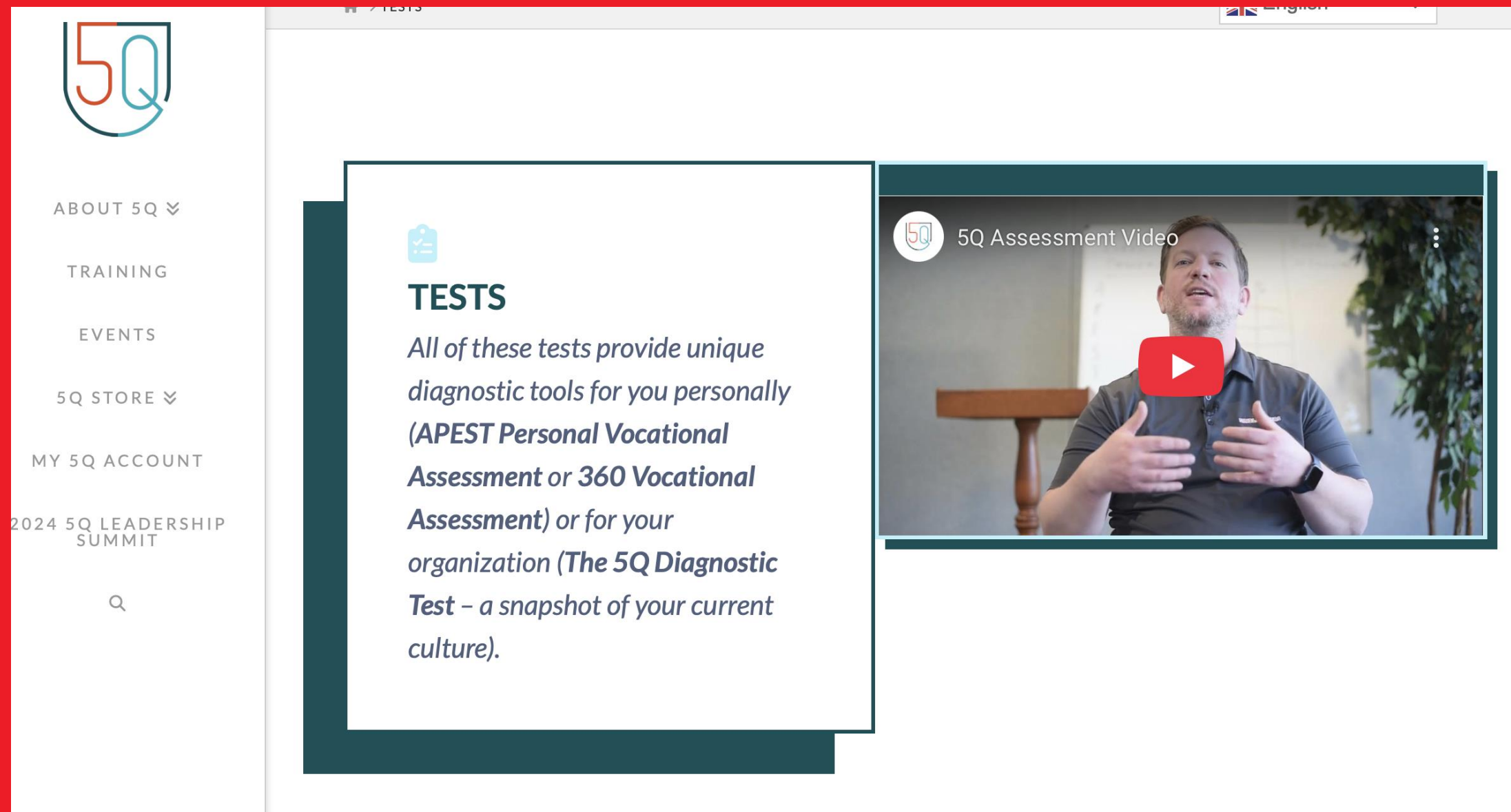
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APEST- Discovery of gifts questionnaire link

<https://5qcentral.com/tests/>



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CONCLUSION:

Spiritual Growth Begins with Commitment

We don't work *toward* spiritual commitments.

We worked *from* spiritual commitments.

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