

**BUILDING ON MY STRENGTHS**  
**#SermonShape**  
**Skills For Living With Purpose - Part 3**  
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**Ecclesiastes 10:10** If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success. (NIV)

**P.U.R.P.O.S.E.**

**Step 2: UNDERSTAND** your God given SHAPE.

**Jeremiah 1:5** Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you. (MSG)

**Job 10:8** Your hands formed and shaped me... (TEV)

**HOW DOES GOD S.H.A.P.E. ME?**

**S - SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**1 Corinthians 7:7** ...each person has a special gift from God, and these gifts vary from person to person. (GW)

**H - HEART**

**Proverbs 4:23** Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. (NLT)

**A - ABILITIES**

**Romans 12:6** God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. (LB)

**P - PERSONALITY**

**1 Corinthians 12:6** God works through different people in different ways... (PH)

**E - EXPERIENCES**

**Deuteronomy 11:2a** Remember today what you have learned about the LORD through your experiences with him... (TEV)

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO WITH MY SHAPE?**

## 1. GOD WANTS ME TO DISCOVER MY SHAPE

- By EXAMINING my past

**Galatians 3:4** You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not! (ICB)

**Galatians 6:4** Everyone should examine his own conduct; then he will be able to take the measure of his own worth; with no need to compare himself to others. (KB)

**Romans 12:3** Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities... (PH)

- By EXPERIMENTING in the present

## 2. GOD WANTS ME TO ACCEPT MY SHAPE

**Romans 9:20-21** What right do you have as a human being to cross-examine God? The pot has no right to say to the potter: Why did you make me this shape? A potter can do whatever he likes with the clay! (JB)

**1 Corinthians 7:17** Each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him... (NIV)

## 3. GOD WANTS ME TO USE MY SHAPE

**2 Timothy 1:6** ...keep using the gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ...let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire. (NCV)

**1 Peter 4:10** God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. (LB)

**Ecclesiastes 5:20** To enjoy your work and to accept your lot in life—that is indeed a gift from God. The person who does that will not need to look back with sorrow on his past, for God gives him joy. (LB)

**Psalms 33:14-15** From where he sits God overlooks all of us on earth. <sup>15</sup> He has shaped each person in turn; now he watches everything we do. (MSG)