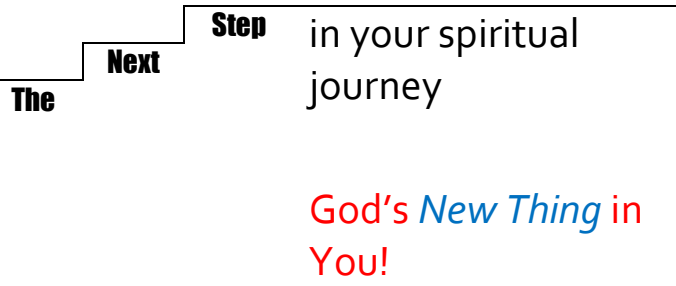


# Life Development Institute



## “From Member to Minister” Master Course for May 11 and 18, 2011

<i>God is doing a New Thing in YOU!</i>		Isaiah 43:19	
New American Standard Version (NASV)	New International Version (NIV)	New Living Translation (NLT)	The Message
“Behold, I will do <i>something new</i> , now it will spring forth. Will you not <i>be aware of it</i> ? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”	“See, I am doing a <i>new thing</i> ! Now it springs up; do you not <i>perceive it</i> ? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”	“For I am about to do <i>something new</i> . See, I have already begun! Do you not <i>see it</i> ? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”	“Be alert, be present. I’m about to do <i>something brand-new</i> . It’s bursting out! Don’t you <i>see it</i> ? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.”

### Prayers and Bible Readings for May to August 2011

Throughout the 2011 summer, until LDI resumes in September, please set your goal to complete a “Verse Study Form” (attached) for one Scripture reading per week listed under the “Bible readings” section below. All the Scripture passages are short. If you will work on one verse(s) a week, by the end of the summer, you should have looked closely at 15 verses.

*See what God will reveal about the NEW THING He’s doing in you.*

**Monday—Prayer:** Lord, please show me what Your BRAND-NEW THING is for me. Heighten my perception; let Me see what You’re doing in my life. Throughout the summer months, reveal Your new path in my current wilderness of busyness, distraction, and \_\_\_\_\_; and let the cleansing springs of Your Presence continually refresh the dry places in my spirit.

**Bible readings:** Isaiah 58:11; Matthew 6:33; Titus 3:5-6; II Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 5:25-27

**Tuesday—Prayer:** Lord, You created me to serve You. I am Your unique and incomparable child, designed for Your purpose, and saved for a specific ministry. I present to You my gifts, talents, abilities, and temperament to be used in Your service. Give me a heart to seek You. Make me sensitive to Your promptings. Reveal my ministry potential. Let me see myself as You see me.

**Bible readings:** Psalm 139:13-14; Eph. 1:18-20; Eph. 2:10; II Timothy 1:9; I Peter 4:10

**Wednesday—Prayer:** Lord, thank you for life experiences that You’ve used to develop the skills and abilities for ministry. Grant ever-increasing wisdom that permits me to relate effectively to people, both the saved and unsaved. Let me recall those past life-defining moments when doors closed and others opened, and show me how You used those doors to prepare me for this “new thing.” Don’t let me get hung up in the past; guide me as I let go of old hurts and wounds and forgive others and myself.

**Bible readings:** Romans 8:28; Philippians 3:12-14; Hebrews 12:14-15

“Your most effective ministry will come out of your deepest hurts.” Rick Warren

**Thursday**—Prayer: Lord, thank you for Your very special anointing in which you use me as a minister to lead people to Your saving grace and to guide them into greater knowledge of You. Reveal my life’s mission by stirring in me relentless love and compassion for those I’m called to serve. Give me passion to complete the call and vision to know how and to whom to minister Your grace.

Bible readings: Matthew 20:26-28; Matthew 28:18-20; I Peter 2:9-10

**Friday**—Prayer: Lord, thank you for the privilege to lay down my personal agenda, my desires, and my plans to take up Your rightful place in the way I live. You occupy first place in me—before my family, my job, my ministry, and \_\_\_\_\_. I know I have been blood bought at great cost. By Your power and for Your glory, transform and renew my mind daily so that I am Your holy minister, Your temple.

Bible Readings: Ps. 51:12; Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1-2; I Cor. 6:19-20; II Cor. 4:16; Col. 1:18

## Resources

Free online gifts survey: <http://www.churchgrowth.org/analysis/intro.php>

This questionnaire will help you identify your God-given spiritual gifts. While there are many spiritual gifts, this evaluation covers the nine task-oriented gifts used in daily life to do the work of Christian ministry. Every Christian has a dominant gift and many possess more than one. Through this analysis, you will find out in which areas you are "less" gifted and will also discover your dominant task-oriented gift. This is a self-evaluation; there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. When you have completed the questionnaire, you will receive the results immediately. You may view and print a bar graph of your scores for each gift, a description of your dominant gift, and several pages of personal analysis.

Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool

Discover, through this workbook approach, the quality of your relationships with God and others in 30 key areas. Ten Scriptural core belief statements assess whether or not you *think* like Jesus; ten provide feedback on whether or not you *act* like Jesus; and ten virtues identify ways in which you *are* like Jesus. The goal of the assessment is to target a specific area which you would like to develop in your spiritual journey. Please see Joyce Cowell if you would like to purchase a workbook for \$10. Follow-up growth materials are also available.

First Steps to Spiritual Growth, Rick Warren: [www.purposedrivenlife.com](http://www.purposedrivenlife.com)

Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in California, has developed a very workable plan for forming the habit of spending daily time with God. Copies are available.

The Purpose Driven Life Health Assessment and other free tools: [www.purposedrivenlife.com](http://www.purposedrivenlife.com)

This short spiritual health assessment measures the believer’s growth related to connecting with God’s family, becoming like Christ, serving and worshiping God, and sharing Christ. This survey is very helpful in creation of a growth plan, especially for those who have walked with the Lord for several years or more. Copies are available.

Books:

*The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?* Rick Warren—

The first 7 chapters are available online at [www.purposedrivenlife.com](http://www.purposedrivenlife.com) under the title, *What on Earth Am I Here For?* Through the summer, you might want to read, or re-read, Purpose #4, “You Were Shaped for Serving God.” and Purpose #5, “You Were Made for a Mission.” This book is available in the Faith Family Church Library.

*Improving Your Serve*, Charles Swindoll

*Discover Your Spiritual Gifts*, C. Peter Wagner

For help with the above or additional materials to promote spiritual growth, please see Joyce Cowell, Spiritual Formation Ministries Director, or email her at [joycecowell@centurylink.net](mailto:joycecowell@centurylink.net). You may also leave a message at 573-761-4273.