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How many of you have taken a survey called “A Spiritual Gifts Inventory”?

The inventory basically tries to give you an idea how you can help God in giving your talents to the church. I have three of them. My first two spiritual gifts were centered in the leadership category.

The business world also has these inventories. They give a company an idea what type of person you are and your leadership capabilities. They are based on stress, personality, knowledge, etc. Turns out I was always classified as a type “A” person. Take charge to the max, right or wrong.

Now, I come by that naturally as my dad and both brothers are also type “A” persons. I have no sisters. We regularly compare jobs, who is better looking, which branch of service was better, etc. We now do breakfast together on Thursdays so things are looking up there.

Man, I was in control of everything in my world – mostly. Bonnie is also a type “A” person. I didn’t really think about consequences. I just did what I thought was right. I attended church regularly, joined the choir, served on committees, etc. God was always there, but way out on the horizon. Was I listening to God? I think not.

Then I retired. What a change! I was treading water for a long time. No person or power plant to control. I finally started volunteering and I think Pastor Gil for getting me involved. My last spiritual gifts inventory had “helps” as my gift.

I would like to say that God has complete control of my life. Unfortunately, I cannot say that. I struggle every single day trying to do only God’s will, but I can honestly say that I am trying. Someday I pray I will be able to meet Him in person. We don’t argue, but He is always looking over my shoulder giving me guidance. He is not giving up on me, but He does have his work cut out for him.