



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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# Called to Lead



## APPRENTICE OF THE WAY

A funny, adventurous and reliable companion, you always seem to pull through no matter what adversity you face. When it's time to step up and prove yourself, you'll do all you can to help your friends or your cause.

## Training at Planet Nargus

### Spiritual gifts

**Mercy:** The spiritual gift that moves the receiver to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual or emotional need and then to act to meet that need.

People with this gift are usually empathetic, caring, responsive, kind, compassionate, sensitive, burden-bearing.

Cautions for people with this gift: feeling unappreciated when the people they have helped don't show appreciation in expected ways; becoming defensive and angry about the sources of others' pain.

Biblical references: Luke 7:12-15, Luke 10:30-37, Matthew 25:34-36

**Pastoring (shepherding):** The spiritual gift that gives the receiver the confidence, capability and compassion to provide spiritual leadership and direction for both individuals and groups of people.

People with this gift are usually discipling, supportive, protective, relational, influencing, guiding, nurturing.

Cautions for people with this gift: passing judgment when they feel others are neglecting or abusing their responsibilities; finding it difficult to say "no" because of the desire to support others.

Biblical references: 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 1 Timothy 4:12-16

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Evangelism: The spiritual gift that moves the receiver to share the love of Jesus in such a way that others are inspired to become baptized and active disciples in the Christian community.

People with this gift are usually sincere, candid, respected, influential, spiritual, confident, commitment-oriented.

Cautions for people with this gift: remembering that the Holy Spirit, not guilt, is the motivator in a person's relationship with Christ; needing to listen carefully because the same approach is not appropriate for everyone.

Biblical references: Matthew 28:16-20, Ephesians 4:11-16, 2 Timothy 4:1-5

## PLANET NARGUS

You have wonderful gifts that we encourage you to use faithfully among your family and friends, at your workplace and/or school, in the community in which you live, and in your faith community, too. Within the church, you may be especially gifted at: caring for others' wellness in a social service agency, hospital or care facility; starting a new Bible-study group; developing a worshiping community as a pastor, deacon, chaplain or lay leader.

