

Ultimate Contribution Types

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According to Robert Clinton, a person's ultimate contribution is a lasting legacy of a Christian. One's Ultimate Contribution is for which he/she is remembered in service to furthering the Kingdom of God.

Below are twenty articulations of Ultimate Contribution in five broad categories. Indicate which one either most clearly reflects your current vocational trajectory or projects your preferred future.

Category	Type	Description
A COMMUNITY TO GROW	PARENT	Builds a family, as a parent or parental figure, whose successive generations and multiple branches model goodness with unusual effectiveness and reach. (Lyman Beecher)
	MENTOR	Coaches, counsels, or shepherds individuals in a way that has ongoing influence and impact in their lives, which in turn impacts others. (John Newton)
	FACILITATOR	Generates community and shapes outcomes among a group of people in a transformative way through team-building, peacemaking, and collaboration. (Nelson Mandela)
	PHILANTHROPIST	DISTRIBUTES a cache of wealth to supply a benefit to people over a long term. (Warren Buffett)
	DEVELOPER	Plans, funds, or builds a large structure or a collection or complex of structures for human use. (Andrew Carnegie)
A CULTURE TO ENRICH	INVENTOR	Creates a new device or tool that improves people's lives. (Thomas Edison)
	ARTIST	Creates a great work of art, music, literature, or film or a body of such work. (JANE AUSTEN)
	ARTISAN	Makes an artifact that is exceptionally pleasing and useful, or a body of such work, that requires highly developed skill. (Stradivarius)
	ENTERTAINER	Brings pleasure or meaning to a large audience in a memorable way through the performing arts as a performer, producer, or part of a team. (Ella Fitzgerald)
	CONSERVATOR	Saves a natural or cultural treasure or resource from destruction, often rehabilitating it for future enjoyment or use. (John Muir)

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AN ORGANIZATION TO LEAD	FOUNDER	Starts a new organization to meet a need or capture the essence of a movement. (John Wesley)
	STABILIZER	Helps a fledgling organization MATURE IN STABILITY, efficiency, and effectiveness. (Alexander Hamilton)
	MULTIPLIER	Expands an organization or establishes an offshoot of it in a new territory or among a previously unreached group of people. (St. Patrick)
	PRESERVER	Defends an organization against forces that would unmake it and ADAPTS IT to survive to the next generation. (Abraham Lincoln)
	RENOVATOR	Turns around a failing or almost dead organization. (Lee Iacocca)
AN IDEA TO CONCIEVE	DISCOVERER	Makes a major discovery that permanently expands human knowledge. (Marie Curie)
	COMPILER	Gathers and organizes a large, even comprehensive collection of data or artifacts for others to study or reference. (Francis Collins)
	THINKER	Conceptualizes and describes reality in a way that revolutionizes how people view and understand the world or an aspect of it. (Isaac Newton).
	PRESENTER	Communicates knowledge, often conceived or discovered by others, as a writer or documentarian in a way that shapes how many people understand it. (Ken Burns)
	COMMUNICATOR	Speaks to large groups of people in a way that informs, persuades, and inspires to an exceptional degree. (Billy Graham)
A CHANGE TO ACTIVATE	ROLE MODEL	Lives a model life, not a perfect one, that others want to emulate, often displaying an unusual zealousness for God. (Mother Theresa)
	INNOVATOR	Creates a way of doing things in a particular field that sets a new standard of practice or technique for that field. (Henry Ford)
	CATALYST	Opens eyes in a community, institution, or society to a better way to live and function and inspires change in that direction. (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
	PROMOTER	Effectively distributes new ideas, artworks, or products that improve many people's lives. (Walt Disney)
	VICTOR	Leads people to defeat a formidable human, institutional, or national opponent, a social ill, or a disease in a contest with major consequences. (Dwight D. Eisenhower)



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