



HPC 5-Fold Ministry Training and Implementation

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Christ's Provision for His Church

Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,



Apostles



Prophets



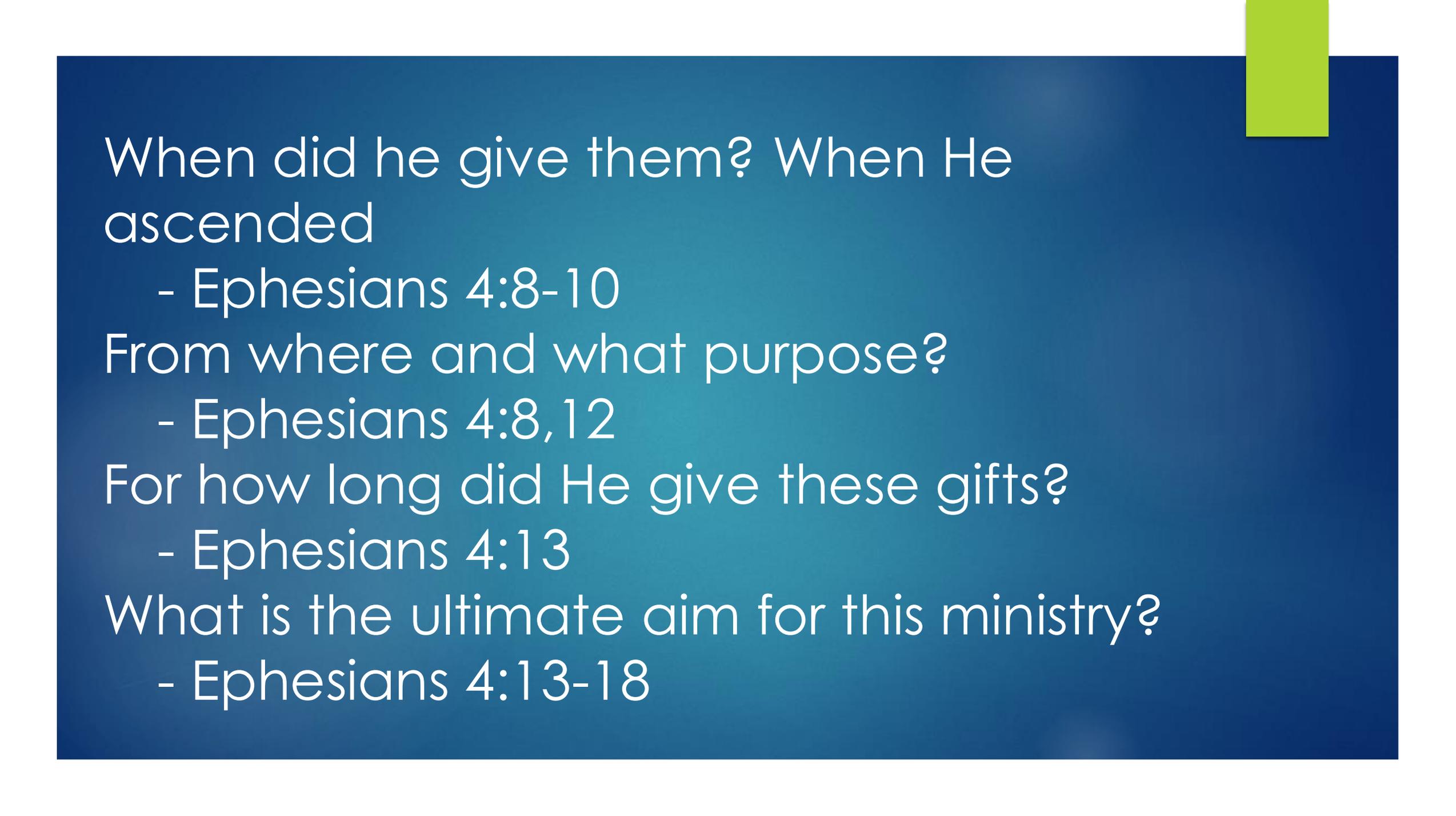
Evangelist



Pastors



Teachers



When did he give them? When He ascended

- Ephesians 4:8-10

From where and what purpose?

- Ephesians 4:8,12

For how long did He give these gifts?

- Ephesians 4:13

What is the ultimate aim for this ministry?

- Ephesians 4:13-18

The Divine Call

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27–28 (NKJV)

²⁷ NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY. ²⁸ AND GOD HAS APPOINTED (KJV = SET) THESE IN THE CHURCH: FIRST APOSTLES, SECOND PROPHETS, THIRD TEACHERS, AFTER THAT MIRACLES, THEN GIFTS OF HEALINGS, HELPS, ADMINISTRATIONS, VARIETIES OF TONGUES.

How can you tell you have a Divine Call?

- - Learn to listen to your spirit
 - The methods by which men are called are unimportant or the Bible would emphasize them, it does not.
 - Obedience to the call is important

- You will have the conviction in your own spirit
- You will have the witness in your heart.
- You will have the spiritual equipment , the Gifts in Operation to go along with the call.

Whom God calls, He equips.

- • As you mature, you gifting and calling matures. You may start off as an Evangelist and mature into an Apostle, Prophet, etc

Philip – Evangelist Acts 21:8-9

Peter – Apostle Acts 1:25;
Matthew 10:2; Acts 5:29)

Paul – Prophet and Teacher
first and then later an
Apostle – 2 Timothy 1:11;
acts 13

Ministry gifts are not in name
but in POWER!

ROMANS 8:30–31 (NKJV)

³⁰ MOREOVER WHOM HE PREDESTINED, THESE HE ALSO CALLED; WHOM HE CALLED, THESE HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; AND WHOM HE JUSTIFIED, THESE HE ALSO GLORIFIED. ³¹ WHAT THEN SHALL WE SAY TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD *IS* FOR US, WHO CAN *BE* AGAINST US?



Everything you do comes under the
Lordship of Jesus Christ.

MARK 16:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ AND THEY WENT OUT AND PREACHED EVERYWHERE,
THE LORD WORKING WITH *THEM* AND CONFIRMING THE
WORD THROUGH THE ACCOMPANYING SIGNS. AMEN.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church!

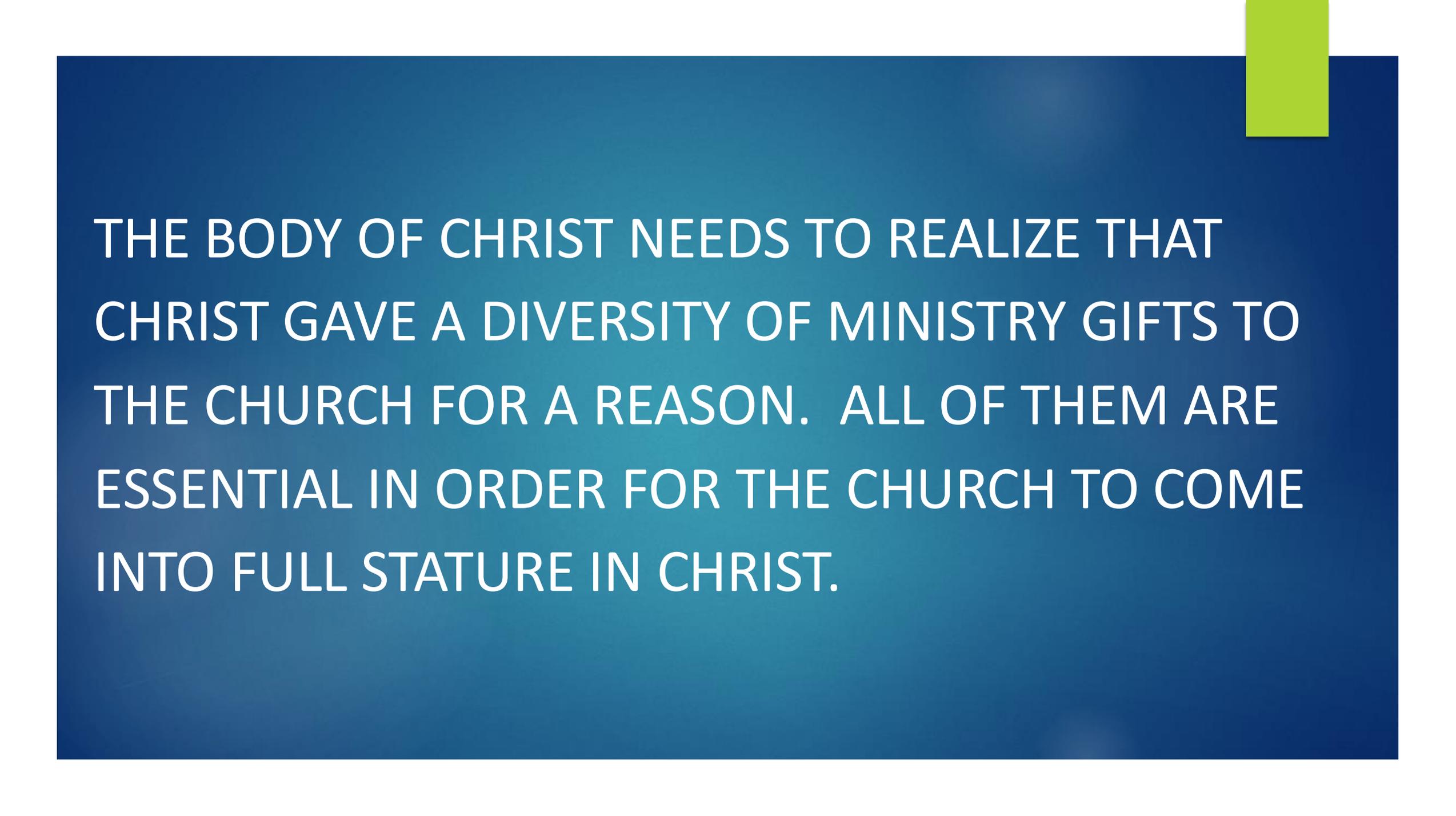
- ✓ HE IS THE ONE WHO GAVE!
- ✓ HE IS THE ONE WHO CALLS!
- ✓ HE IS THE ONE WHO EQUIPS!
- ✓ LET HIM DO IT AND WE JUST RESPOND !!

We need to be FAITHFUL to the CALLING!! (2 Timothy 2:15)

- ✓ STUDY
- ✓ DEDICATE
- ✓ CONSECRATE
- ✓ SUBMIT TO THE WILL OF GOD
- ✓ BE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY (PSALM 15:4)
- ✓ DEVELOP, MATURE AND GROW
- ✓ DO NOT INTRUDE INTO THE WRONG OFFICE!
- ✓ DEVELOP CHARACTER

Variety and Balance

- ✓ APOSTLE'S OFFICE EMBRACE ALMOST EVERY TYPE OF MINISTRY
- ✓ PROPHETS' MINISTRY IS INSPIRATIONAL. HE/SHE SPEAKS BY DIRECT, DIVINE INSPIRATION AND REVELATION.
- ✓ EVANGELISTS HAS A DIRECT ENDOWMENT FROM THE LORD TO PREACH THE WORD OF SALVATION OF SOULS.
- ✓ PASTORS ARE THE SHEPHERDS OF GOD'S SHEEP.
- ✓ TEACHERS ARE THOSE WHO TEACH THE WORD NOT BY NATURAL ABILITY BY BY DIVINE ABILITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



THE BODY OF CHRIST NEEDS TO REALIZE THAT CHRIST GAVE A DIVERSITY OF MINISTRY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH FOR A REASON. ALL OF THEM ARE ESSENTIAL IN ORDER FOR THE CHURCH TO COME INTO FULL STATURE IN CHRIST.

God's Plan – ministry gifts provide a check and balance

- ✓ THE PROPHET IS TO INSPIRE THE TEACHER.
- ✓ THE TEACHER IS TO STEADY THE PROPHET.
- ✓ THE EVANGELIST IS TO CONTINUALLY REMIND US OF THE LOST AND DYING WORLD AND ITS NEED FOR THE GOSPEL.
- ✓ THE PASTOR IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO US THAT SOULS STILL NEED NURTURING AND CARE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN WON TO THE LORD.
- ✓ THE APOSTLE IS TO INSPIRE AND LEAD THE WAY FOR GAINING GROUND BY ESTABLISHING NEW WORKS FOR THE LORD.

The Apostle

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THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT OF FACT IN THE BIBLE REGARDING THIS OFFICE (APOSTLE) IS THAT IT WAS FILLED BY CHRIST HIMSELF!!

HEBREWS 3:1 (NKJV) **3** THEREFORE, HOLY BRETHREN, PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING, CONSIDER THE APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST OF OUR CONFESSION, CHRIST JESUS,

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The Greek Word APOSTOLOS is translated apostle means one sent forth, a sent one.

Jesus Christ is the greatest example of one being sent:

John 20:21 (NKJV) ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”



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Signs of an Apostle: Signs, Wonders and Mighty Deeds

2 Corinthians 12:12 (NKJV) ¹² Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Acts 15:12; Acts 15:8-10; 16:16-18; Acts 19:11-12; Acts 20:7-12



Fruit of an apostle:

1 Corinthians 9:1 (NKJV) Am I not an apostle? Am I not free?
Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in
the Lord² If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am
to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.



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Characteristics of an apostle:

An apostle is first and foremost a preacher or a teacher of the Word of God.

1 Timothy 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2 Timothy 1:10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Paul declares he was a preacher then.....



To stand in this office (Apostle) one must have a deep personal encounter with the Lord and an ongoing spiritually strong relationship with Him and is word something beyond ordinary.

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Paul did not see Jesus as the 12 did, but in a spiritual vision

Acts 9:3-6

1 Corinthians 11:23 (NKJV) ²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread;

Paul didn't learn what he knew about this subject from other apostles. He got it by revelation Jesus gave it to him.



Paul wasn't taught the gospel he preached by man.

Galatians 1:11–12 (NKJV) ¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of God taught it to him.



Galatians 1:13–17 (NKJV) ¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. ¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, **I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.**



We don't know how long Paul was in Arabia but we do know that while Paul was in Arabia he received the REVELATION of the GOSPEL of which he writes in every epistle



Galatians 1:18–19,21-24 (NKJV) ¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. ²¹ Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which *were* in Christ. ²³ But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once *tried to destroy.*" ²⁴ And they glorified God in me.



Three years after Paul returned from Damascus, he went to Jerusalem and spent two weeks with Peter.

Galatians 2:1–2 (NKJV) **2** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with *me*.
² And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.



Paul had been preaching for 17 years by then. He didn't know what the apostles preached, he hadn't heard them. It had been 17 years since Paul's experience with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus and being taught by Jesus Christ in the spirit before he conferred with the Apostles .

Paul did indeed have a deep ongoing religious experienced with Jesus Christ!!!



An apostle's ministry seems to embrace all other ministry gifts

The apostle has some workings of all five offices, which would include the pastoral equipment of governments.

After churches are established, apostles may exercise oversight over those churches they have established themselves (1 Corinthians 9:1-2) until those churches are adequately established with spiritual authority on their own.



Are there apostles today?

Jesus is the Chief Apostle

Hebrews 3:1 (NKJV) Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

He was a sent one from the Father to make atonement for the sins of the world.



Apostles of the Lamb: These were the 12 Apostles who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' life, ministry, death, burial and resurrection. (Acts 1:21-22) Their purpose was to witness Jesus' earthly ministry and to give testimony of His ministry to the world. (Paul could not be an apostle in this sense)

Revelation 21:14 (NKJV) 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Acts 1:15-22 Qualifications of the original 12)



To be one of the 12 original apostles of the Lamb, one had to have accompanied them – the apostles and Jesus – all the time Jesus went in and out among them for the three and half years of His ministry.

The original 12 were sent out to be eye witness of the ministry, the works, the life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ.

New Testament Apostles:

This includes Paul, Barnabas, and the other apostles of the New Testament.

Barnabas and Paul Acts 11:14

James the Lord's Brother (Galatians 1:19)

Andronicus and Junia (Romans 16:7)

Silvanus and Timothy (1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:6)

New Testament Apostles:

Apollos (1 Corinthians 4:4-9)

Two unnamed brethren (2 Corinthians 8:23)

Epaphroditus (Philippians 2:25)

The word “messenger” translated in these verses is the same Greek word translated “apostle” elsewhere. They were not apostles in the same sense as the original 12.

Apostles of today:

There are no apostles today in the three classes listed above. There are no foundation laying apostles today. If the foundation was not laid by the apostles of the New Testament and we need modern-day apostle to do it, then we need a new cornerstone as well. The work of the apostles today is to find and establish individual local churches throughout the world; to go into new territory and pioneer churches where there is no churches.

The Prophet

The Call

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Corinthians 12:27-30

(27) Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. (28) And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (29) Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? (30) Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

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Are there prophets today?

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Some would tell us that the office of the prophet today doesn't exist because that was Old Testament.

There is no scriptural evidence that supports for this.

For what purpose were the gift given in Ephesians 4:11-12? For the perfecting of the saints...work of the ministry.... For the edifying of the body of Christ.

The ministry gifts will be necessary until Jesus Christ comes for His church.

What constitutes the office of the Prophet?

A prophet speaks by direct divine inspiration, an immediate revelation not something he/she thought of .

To stand in the office of a prophet, one is first of all a minister of the Gospel, separated and called to the ministry with the calling of God upon his/her life. The prophet is a “ministry gift.”

A prophet is first of all a preacher or a teacher of the Word.

A laymen (congregant) may prophesy, but they are not a prophet just because one prophesies.

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Paul encouraged the entire church at Corinth to covet to prophesy (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Then Paul defines what the simple gift of prophecy is: But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. (1 Corinthians 14:3)

Are all prophets (1 Corinthians 12:29) No!!

Distinguish between prophesying – through a Prophet might prophesy – and the ministry of the prophet.

Acts 21:8–11 (NKJV) 8 On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. 10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

Today's Prophet

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The four daughters of Phil did prophesy. That means they were operating in the simple gift of prophecy (1 Cor. 14:3)

Agabus was a prophet

- Is one who has visions and revelations.
- Paul said he was taught the gospel by revelation of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament a prophet was called a seer because he could see and know things supernaturally.
- For one to be in the Office of the Prophet, he/she must be called to minister to people and baptized in the Holy Spirit. He/she must be operating in 2 of the 3 Revelation Gifts plus prophecy (Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, Discerning of Spirit)

- **Word of Knowledge:** Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God of facts in the mind of God concerning people, places, or things. Always present or past tense.
- **Word of Wisdom:** Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. Always speaks of the future.
- **Discerning of spirits:** Supernatural insight into the realm of spirits. Seeing and hearing in the spirit realm.

- Any Spirit-Filled believer might have occasional manifestations of these gifts as the Spirit wills and as the need arises, but a prophet would also stand in the place of preacher or teach of the Word and have a more consistent manifestation of these gifts operating. A ministry gift on a higher level.
- A prophet is one who has visions and revelations.

- **3 Types of revelations and thee types of visions:**
- **A spiritual vision:** a person has a vision in his spirit, or sees in his spirit.
 - Example: Acts 9:1-8 Paul didn't see the Lord with his physical eyes for they were shut. He saw into the spirit realm.
- **A trance:** When one falls into a trace, his physical senses are suspended for a moment. He/She is not aware f where they are or anything that contact the physical realm
 - Example: Acts 22:17-18, Acts 10:10

- **An open vision**: This is the highest type of vision. When this happens, one's physical senses are not suspended. His physical eyes are not closed. He/she possesses all their physical capabilities, yet they see and hear in the realm of the spirit.
- Examples: Revelation 1 – John saw Jesus Christ.

The Prophet (Seer) of the Old Testament

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One who would see and know things supernaturally.

1 Samuel 9:15-21 Saul was out looking for the donkeys

What gift was Samuel operating in?

Sometimes the Revelation gifts are not easy to operate in because of what is being released. As a Prophet you must love on people to be obedient and at the same time learn when to speak and when not speak and be able to accept one if they receive or not receive the word.

- A prophet may speak forth his revelations through the gift of prophecy. This is on a higher level than simple prophecy.
- A prophet may also bring forth his revelation just by telling what the Holy Spirit is saying.
- Revelations are to be judged. (1 Corinthians 14:29)
- The Lord doesn't make mistakes, but sometime prophets do depending on whether they are in the flesh, their own spirit or out of sympathy.

Sometimes the prophet operates in the place of forthtelling
Agabus: Acts 11:28; 21:10,11)

God can and has used the prophet to forthtell something
and to speak of acts happening in the now. But YOU
CANNOT turn on and off the ministry of the prophet as you
please.

- There is a similarity between the prophet's ministry of the Old Testament and the new Testament. However, the prophet under the New Testament does not have the same status as the prophet under the Old Testament.
- People under the Old Covenant went to the prophet for guidance. (Kings, priest and prophet were anointed by the Spirit of God to stand in their respective offices.)
- The rest of the people had no tangible Presence of God in their lives. The Presence of God was shut up in the Holy of Holies.

- Unless God just saw fit to move and demonstrate Himself in the natural realm, as in the case of Gideon, people would go to the prophet for guidance.

- Under the New Covenant it is unscriptural to seek guidance through the ministry of the prophet.
- We have a better covenant (Heb 8:6)
- We have the same Presence of God within us that was kept shut up in the Holy of Holies. He is living within us and our bodies become the temple of God under the new Covenant (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16)
- He is within us to lead us (Romans 8:14)
- Every believer needs to learn to follow the Spirit of God for himself. He shouldn't go to anyone else for guidance.

- There is people who endeavor to control people's lives through personal prophecy. They think they have the Holy Spirit leading them but the reality is that they are operating in the spirit of deception and manipulation.
- Know in your own spirit that God is leading you. If whatever someone else says confirms what you have in your spirit, fine, if not forget it.

- Acts 21:11-14
- Agabus foretold what would happen, but he did not say one thing about what God's will was in this matter.
- Paul didn't miss God. Acts 23:11

- Put the Word of God First. Do not build your ministry on the supernatural manifestations. Invite them and have them but build your ministry on the Word of God.

- It's dangerous to feel obligated to perform. (example: Getting invites to be part of conferences for me to show up early and prophecy over people)
- When the Holy Spirit is not in in manifestation, they try to operate something themselves. If the manifestation is there fine, if not, do not try to manifest it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Why? You open yourself up to deceptive and manipulative spirits.

- Discern the difference between the Spirit of God and familiar spirits
- There is no use in being scared of evil spirits, actually it is familiar spirits which are operating.
- When God led Israel out of Egypt Aaron threw his rod down and it became a serpent. The magicians did the same and Aaron's rod swallowed up the magicians rods (Exodus 17:12)
- Acts 16:16-19: A familiar spirit will speak of you in the ears of others they are controlling.

- When people know things about others and entertain that it is the Word of Knowledge, they could be operating through familiar spirits.
- How can you tell the difference?
 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-3. When the Holy Spirit is in manifestation, He always makes Jesus Christ Lord. He doesn't attract attention unto man and make him lord.
 - Does the manifestation bring glory to Jesus? Does it bring blessing to the people: Does it bring them nearer to God? Or does it exalt man or bring attention to man?

Misconceptions people have relative to the prophet's office?

- Many people think that a prophet is supposed to do nothing but prophesy – the foremost ministry of the prophet is to preach and teach.
- A prophet does more than prophesy. He/she is giving forth the revelation of the moment (Acts 11:28)
- A prophet does more than have revelations.
- The laying on of hands goes with the prophet's ministry.
- A healing ministry goes along with the prophet's office.
- Luke 4:27; 2 Kings 5:3;

Jesus stood in the office of a prophet – various healings took place.

A prophet's healing ministry can operate through various ways: Elisha told Naaman to go and didn't lay hands on him (2 Kings 5:10) Why couldn't he do this for all the lepers? Jesus ministered healing without laying on of hands (Luke 17:12-14) He told the lepers to go and show yourselves to the high priests.

Jesus spit on the ground and made clay of the spittle and rubbed it on a blind man's eyes and said "God wash it off in the pool of Siloam (John 9:6-7)

Jesus had healing power out of him which healed the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34)

Many think that a prophet should always know everything about everyone and everything that is happening round about him.

The Lord only tells a prophet what He wants him/her to know. He does not tell a prophet everything. (2 Kings 4:27)

Some think that because one is a prophet, they can ask him at any time, "Have you got a word for me?"

If you do have revelation, seek God for wisdom on how to handle it properly. You can grieve the Spirit of God and He will not show you anything else because He can't trust you.

If you have been called to the office of the Prophet it will not be all at once. It will be a little here, a little there. Maturing, experience, submission and humility. Could take years! (1 Timothy 3:6)

What God takes years to build, Satan can destroy in a day. Live a life of humility and surrender.

Don't be taken up with names and titles. If you have to be called "Prophet _____" then you probably not a prophet. If you have to be called Apostle _____ then you probably not an Apostle. If you have to be called Pastor _____ then you probably not a pastor.

You see, God looks for the meek, humble and submissive people to use because He knows they will not take glory from Him!!!! (1 Peter 5:5-7)

The Prophet (Seer) of the Old Testament

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The prophets of the Old Testament was assigned to Kingdoms and Kings

Prophets to the nations: Obadiah and Jonah

Prophets to Israel and Judah: Joel, Amos and Hosea.

Prophets Amos and Hosea

Judah alone: Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Lamentations (during the Babylonian captivity)

Daniel and Ezekiel during the Assyria an Babylonian captivity.

Persian Captivity: Prophets of the Return: Haggai and Zehcariah

Restoration of Israel: Malachi

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You will be 100% accountable to every word you give someone. Make sure it is from God and not from your spirit, your emotions or experience in life. .

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The Evangelist

The word “Evangelist” occurs only three times in the New Testament:

- ✓ Ephesians 4:11
- ✓ Acts 21:8
- ✓ 2 Timothy 4:4

The Evangelist

The meaning of the word “evangelist” is: “One who brings the evangel (the good news); a messenger of good tidings.

The Evangelist

The evangelist brings the message of the redeeming Grace of God.

The favorite theme is “salvation.”

The only “New Testament” example we have of an evangelist is Philip

Phillip's Message to Samaria - Salvation

Acts 8:5 (NKJV) 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

Acts 8:35 (NKJV) 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

Miracles and Gifts of Healings

Acts 8:5–8 (NKJV) 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.

Miracles and Gifts of Healings

- ✓ Healings followed the preaching of Christ.
- ✓ This is also a ministry of Exhortation:
- ✓ Romans 12:8 (NKJV) 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Evangelist

- ✓ Philip didn't start out as an Evangelist. He started out as a "Deacon."
- ✓ Acts 6:1-6
- ✓ If one really has a divine call burning within him or her, no matter what the office, he or she will say like Paul did in 1 Corinthians 9:16, "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."
- ✓ Jeremiah 20:7-9

Marks of a true Evangelist

- ✓ Supernatural advertisement
 - ❖ There was something to see and hear in Philip's ministry. (Acts 8:6)
 - ❖ Philip the evangelist was equipped with the particular spiritual gifts needed for his ministry. (working of miracles and gifts of healings)
- ✓ True evangelist must preach the Word. Christ and the Word brings salvation to those who believe and demonstrations of God's Word. (Acts 8:12)

Marks of a true Evangelist

- ✓ Individual decisions.
 - ❖ Conversion is an individual matter.
 - ❖ The supreme gift of a real evangelist is the power to bring a person's soul to a decision for Christ.
 - ❖ God started off with the recoding of the mass conversions in Samaria and then He finishes the chapter with the account of the evangelist and the Ethiopian – one person.

The Evangelist's need for others

- ✓ As we stated in the beginning of exploring the 5-Fold Ministry Gifts, the diversity of the ministry gifts are dependent upon one another for their fullest expression and lasting results.
- ✓ Acts 8:14 (NKJV) 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

The Evangelist's need for others

- ✓ One person should never be able to do everything, and he/she should not. We are limited, but God is not limited and that's why we need one another.
- ✓ Know your giftings. One may be prominent by “laying on of hands for getting people baptized with the Holy Spirit while someone else may lay hands on people and they get healed.” You can lay hands in faith but there are those specifically called to lay hands for healing, etc.

The Evangelist's need for others

- ✓ Some might be endowed to both lay hands on people to receive the Holy Spirit and to receiving healing, but there are some who are not.
- ✓ No one is all-sufficient. We need one another.
- ✓ The “Evangelist Ministry” is more ministering towards the unsaved.

The Pastor

- ✓ Ephesians 4:11 – And He gave some to, apostles, and some, prophets and some, evangelists; and some PASTORS....

The Word “Pastor” is used only once in the KJV of the New Testament and it is here in Ephesians 4:11. This seems strange when we realize that the office of pastor is probably the most widely recognized office in Christian ministry today.

The Pastor

- ✓ The Greek word translated “pastor” literally means to shepherd.
- ✓ It is translated referring to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- ✓ John 10:11 (NKJV) 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- ✓ Hebrews 13:20 (NKJV) 20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

The Pastor

- ✓ 1 Peter 2:25 (NKJV) 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- ✓ 1 Peter 5:4 (NKJV) 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Jesus is the Great Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd,
of all God's sheep.

- ✓ Jesus Christ has “undershepherds.”
- ✓ A pastor is an undershepherd. A pastor is a shepherd of God's sheep in the local body.

- ✓ Shepherds are necessary for the maturing and equipping of the saints

- ✓ Jesus had compassion upon people “scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)
 - ❖ Sheep without shepherd are scattered abroad – they go astray.
 - ❖ We see this in groups where there is no shepherds.

- ✓ The pastoral office is a more settled or stationary office.
- ❖ A person called to be a shepherd or pastor to a flock would be more or less settled in the locality of the flock he or she oversees.

- ✓ The shepherd (pastor) has oversight of the flock.
- ❖ Jesus is the Great Shepherd, He is the Head, the Overseer, of the whole church – the Body of Christ. The Pastor is the undershepherd. He or she is the head or the overseer of the local flock or group.
- ❖ The office of pastor is not mentioned by name in 1 Corinthians 12:28, but “governments” is listed. This must be the office of the “Pastor or Shepherd” because the other gifts are not stationary, they are deployable and moveable

- ✓ Is it scriptural for deacon boards or boards of elders to run the local church?
- ✓ In the early days of the church when the church was in the babyhood stage of development, the assemblies were put in the charge of local elders until ministry gifts could develop.
- ✓ The Greek word translated “elder” simply means an older person. These elders were older people, fitted to a place of position and responsibility.
- ✓ The only ministries the Church had a first were the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.
- ✓ A novice could not be set in as a pastor or shepherd. (*)

- ✓ When people began to say we want to have a New Testament Church it can create problems because they look at when the Apostles appointed elders to run the church and the take it how of context, don't know why this happened, etc.
- ✓ We are to go back in the Book of Acts of the Apostles in doctrine and the demonstrations of the Holy Spirit. They are available for us today.
- ✓ But if the we do as the "Early Church" did in practice in their formative stage of government, we will stay in the babyhood state of Christianity.

- ✓ Overseer: Originally in the Early Church, the term “elders” had special reference to age, maturity and standing. Then as ministry gifts developed in the Early Church, the more official title of “overseer” or “bishop” was used to those who were called and anointed by God to stand in the pastoral office.
- ✓ Both “overseer” and “bishop” are translated from the same Greek word, “**episkopos.**” It conveys a meaning of definite leadership, and official position.
- ✓ The Greek word “episkopos” is translated “overseer” in Pauls admonition to the elders of the Church in Ephesus in acts 20:28

- ✓ Acts 20:28 (NKJV) 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

- ❖ In order to have fed the Church of God with the Word, these people must have been teachers, who were spiritually equipped to feed the flock. This could just have been older persons who oversaw what was happening. Over the course of time these elders who were put over the flock developed into the ministry gifts.

- ✓ The Greek Word “episkopos” is translated “bishop” here:
- ✓ 1 Timothy 3:1 (NKJV) 3 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.
- ✓ Remember, “episkopos” is translated as “overseer” elsewhere. This is talking about the “pastoral” office.
- ✓ The picture used in the Bible for the pastoral office is that of a shepherd and a flock. The shepherd is the leader of the flock. He doesn’t wake up in the mornings to get the chief sheep together and get their opinions as to where we’ll graze today.

- ✓ 1 Timothy 3:1 calls it the “office of ta bishop” (or overseer)
- ✓ 1 Timothy 3:1–3 (NKJV) (1) This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. (2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; (3) not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;

- ✓ It is the duty of the flock to support the pastor, but the Pastor is not to serve for filthy lucre (KJV) His or Her motive must be to serve God and to put people first. (But there must be a balance so the Pastor does not neglect his/her spouse, family)
- ✓ 1 Timothy 3:4–5 (NKJV) (4) one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (5) (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

- ✓ 1 Timothy 3:6 (NKJV) 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.
- ✓ This is definitely the office of a pastor.
- ✓ Not a novice. You can see they could not have had the pastoral office to being with because initially the Early Church was in its infancy and the believers were novices, except the Apostles of the Lamb.

- ✓ 1 Timothy 5:17 (NKJV) 17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.
- ✓ The church here is growing out of the babyhood stage of development. By this time, elders or older men who were appointed to oversee the flock had developed into ministry gifts.
- ✓ Those who labor in the word and doctrine are preachers and teachers. Some of the elders or older men had developed and matured spiritually and had the call of God on their lives so they could stand in the pastoral office in the Word and doctrine.

- ✓ The Pastor is one of the most important offices. Without the ministry gift of the pastor operating in the Body of Christ, then all other ministry is practically in vain. No matter how great the evangelist is and how many he gets saved, if there is no someone to shepherd the lambs, to pastor and take them on in God, they're apt to fall by the wayside.

- ✓ But when you consider that elder, overseer, and bishop are all referring to the pastoral office, more direct instruction is given to the office of pastor than to any other office.
- ✓ There is not a higher, more respected, or more needed office that God could call you to than the office of pastor. It is a Nobel cause.

(*Note: You must function where God has called you. To function in an office you have not been called to do could have severe consequences)

- ✓ It is the Holy Spirit who makes men overseers, not man!
- ✓ God provided supernatural equipment for the pastor.
 - ❖ The gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12) The pastor should be equipped with the word of knowledge, word of wisdom, and even with tongues and interpretation of tongues.
 - ❖ Pastoring supernaturally with wisdom (1 Corinthians 14:1) If the body of people will covet and earnestly desire the supernatural demonstration of God, then as the Holy Spirit wills, He will manifest Himself through different people especially the pastoral office.

- ✓ Expect God to help you. Train your spirit to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Expect the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself through you and to use you for His glory.

- ✓ The shepherds heart is a gift from God to the local body.
 - ❖ Loyal to the flock and love the people
 - ❖ To nourish with the Word.
 - ❖ To love on people to correct and tell share the truth

- ✓ The greatest example of a shepherd is the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 10:11) Gives his life for the sheep.

The Teacher

- ✓ Ephesians 4:11 – And He gave some to, apostles, and some, prophets and some, evangelists; an some PASTORS....

The Word Teacher means one that expounds, brings clarity and understanding to an ideology or fact.

The function of a “Teacher” in “God’s Kingdom” is to bring clarity, understanding and revelaton of God’s Word to advance His Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 12:27-30

(27) Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. (28) And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (29) Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? (30) Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Romans 12:4-8

⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Teachers and teaching hold a well-defined and important. The Teacher is the only one mentioned by name in all three list of ministry.

One can stand in the office of pastor and teacher, or prophet and teacher, or evangelist and teacher and so forth. One can stand and operate in more than one office. We separate the offices to define them.

Acts 13:1 names five men who were either prophets or teachers, or prophets and teachers

Acts 13:1 (NKJV) Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Mandaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Barnabas was a teacher (Acts 11:22-26; 13:1)

Paul was a prophet and teacher (Galatians 1:12; Ephesians 3:3; 1 Timothy 2:7)

Both became Apostles (Acts 14:14)

One who is a “Teacher” but not a “Pastor.” (that is he or she does not have the oversight of the flock) Many times have a roving ministry among the churches.

If one is a Pastor and Teacher (and often times this is the case), he or she would not necessarily have a roving ministry (they may go out at times to minister but their primary job is to be stationary and pastor)

The “teaching” gift is a divine gift. God is talking about an office when He talks about the teacher

Romans 12:4 (NKJV) ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

The “Teaching” ministry requires a divine gift.

✓ Personal experiences.

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A teacher is not a teacher merely by virtue of natural ability or natural inclination to teach.

✓ Natural ability and inclination may provide a background for this gift, but the teaching gift is not a natural gift; it is a divine endowment to teach God’s Word.

No teaching ministry in the “Power of the Holy Spirit” is dry! It will convey rivers of living waters. (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)

We are called to teach, train and impart. When the watering process, that is, the teaching of the Word of God, is carried out by a spiritual gift because one is called and endowed to teach, it leaves people refreshed and revived, just as watering a plant leaves it revived and fresh.

Apollos was a teacher. It was said of him, “he helped them much.”

Acts 18:27 (NKJV) ²⁷ And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

Not everyone will receive the “teaching gift.”

John 6:41-68 (NKJV) Jesus spoke about him being the bread of life. Drinking of his blood eating of his flesh. Verse 66 saids “many of His disciples went back and followed Him no more” Jesus was not talking about “cannibalism” He was talking about spiritually parting of His sacrifice.

A true teacher of the gospel of peace will never teach doctrinal error which will split the Body of Christ. He or she will always use “contextual content.”

On the other hand we can not compromise on the fundamental principles of the doctrine of Christ. Other things are fundamental depending upon the persons ideology and should not be used to cause division.

Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)

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Teachers should always be ready and open to receive fresh glimpses of truth from the Word of God.

- ✓ Revelation marks a teacher's ministry.
- ✓ Be teachable. Don't listen to a teacher who is not willing to be taught.
- ✓ Keep humbleness of spirit and humbleness of mind.
- ✓ Keep an open mind and be always ready to learn.
- ✓ Don't be a know it all.**

Make sure the ministry gifting is in order of what God has ordained for you.

Remember 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11; and Acts 13:1.

The “teaching ministry” is more necessary to the Church because the saints need to be taught, edified, and matured by the teaching of the Word of God. Working of miracles, gifts of healings, or any spiritual gift will never establish a Christian in faith. But teaching the Word will!!

The “Evangelist” is primarily to those who are lost while the “Teacher” is to those who are saved.