



Five Fold Ministry Giftings and Purpose

Ephesians 4:11-15

THE APOSTLE **“Govern”**

† The Apostle

‘Apostle’ is defined as “one chosen and sent with a message” or “sent one”

Referred to as “wise master builders” or “spiritual architects” (1 Corinthians 3: 10)

The 12 apostles chosen by Jesus were witnesses of the resurrection (Acts 1:15; Acts 4: 33)

There were many other true apostles (Acts 14:3-4; Romans 16:7; 1 Corinthians 15:5-7; Galatians 1:1,19)

Pioneers of new Churches. (1 Corinthians 9:2; 1 Corinthians 3:6)

Grounds the Church in truth (Colossians 1:25)

Bring correction, preserves unity in the Body (1 Corinthians 3:3-5)

Lay foundations in the Church. (1 Corinthians 3:10)

Father new ministries. (2 Timothy 1: 6; 1 Corinthians 4:15)

A ministry of miracles, signs and wonders (2 Corinthians 12:12; Acts 2:43)

A ministry of prayer and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6: 4)

Imparts spiritual gifts (Acts 6:6)

THE PROPHET

“GUIDE”

- Declare the will of God regarding situations (individually or corporately).
- Keeps the body on track and sees ahead and where God is leading.
- The ministry of the prophet involves being moved in prophetic utterance, which can be:
 - Directive (Acts 13:1-3)
 - Predictive (Acts 21:10-11; Acts 11:27-
 - 28) Corrective (Acts 15:22-23+27+32)
- There is such a thing as a false prophet (1 John 4:1).
- Prophecy should be spoken and affirmed by the Holy Spirit / word of God. (2 Peter 1: 19-21)

THE EVANGELIST

“GATHER”

- **Evangelists extend the frontiers of God’s Kingdom.**
- **They are co-workers with and extensions of apostolic ministry (2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 3: 2).**
- **They equip the body of Christ with the evangelistic spirit of outreach.**
- **They are critical for revival as they burn with passion to bring family members into the Kingdom (Acts 2- Peter)**

THE PASTOR

“GUARD”

- The Greek word for pastor is ‘poimen’ which means “one who tends sheep or cares for flocks” (1 Peter 5:1-4; John 21:15-17). But this word is used only in Ephesians 4:11 and Jeremiah 17:16
- Other words are used: “shepherd”, “elder” and “overseer”. As one of the five-fold ministry a “pastor”, “shepherd”, “elder” and/or “overseer” with emphasis on relationship networking in the local church, protecting the flock from false doctrine and caring about the personal needs of the flock.
- Most over/mis-used gifting in the “church” today. Often 100% of the responsibility is put on 1/5 of the gifts God gave.

THE TEACHER

“GROUND”

- Gifted instructor and subject-master, passionate about the word of God and gaining understanding. Able to articulate and communicate with anointing. (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)
- They minister in the Word of God teaching priorities and foundations that brings stability in our lives.
- Paul compares the teaching gift to serving “If we can serve others, we should serve. If we can teach, we should teach (Romans 12:7).
- Explains God truths through deep study of the word and revelation or inspiration.