

Understanding the 5-fold Ministry

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Our Challenge

To understand God's to

call to 5-Fold Ministry



We are ministers!

Our text

Ephesian 4:11 (Context 4:2-16)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

(Ephesians 4:11)



Our Challenge

We are all called:

- ✓ The Heavenly call – Salvation for the sinner (Hebrews 3:1)
- ✓ The Holy Call – Sanctification (2 Timothy 1:9)
- ✓ The High Call – Servanthood & Sonship (Philippians 3:14)



**We cannot mature to Sonship
without submitting to servanthood or
ministry!**

5-Fold: The apostle

▪ I. APOSTLES

- **The Apostle is a person sent to accomplish a mission for God, set apart by the Holy Spirit**, especially the twelve apostles Jesus commissioned to follow Him. **An Apostle is a divine delegate who can function in the other four gifts of the five-fold ministry; the prophet, evangelist, preacher and teacher.** He or she represents the one sending and has authority to represent the God in all matters concerning all matter concerning the **establishment of the ministry.**



5-Fold: The apostle

■ I. APOSTLES

- **The Apostle, as stated can function fully in the five-fold ministry but most importantly the Apostle is sent to establish government and order in the Body of Christ.** The Apostle can establish deacon board, elderships, and full church ministries and place the government within each so that the Body of Christ might function to full potential. **The Apostle is at the forefront of pioneering works in the Kingdom of God.**



5-Fold: The apostle

1. **Apostolos** - a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders
 1. specifically applied to the twelve apostles of Christ
 2. in a broader sense applied to other eminent Christian teachers
 1. of Barnabas
 2. of Timothy and Silvanus

***CHRIST - Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; (*Hebrews 3:1*)**



5-Fold: The prophet

■ II. PROPHETS

- **The Prophets** . Area class of men and women of God, especially in the Old Testament dispensation, inspired to foretell future and secret events; and who also **revealed the will of God as to current events** and duties, and are his ambassadors to men. **The Prophet is a seer or perceiver who receives of God by the inspiration and revelation of the Holy Spirit and speaks unto men.**



5-Fold: The prophet

- **II. PROPHETS.** Prophets are a class of individuals supernaturally endowed, and standing next to the Apostles. **They receive their messages from God, sometimes in visions, trances, and dreams. These revelations are at times attended with overpowering manifestations of the Godhead; and at other times were simply breathed into the mind by the Spirit of God.**



5-Fold: The prophets

Prophetes - in Greek writings, an interpreter of oracles or of other hidden things **one who, moved by the Spirit of God** and hence his organ or spokesman, solemnly declares to men what he has RECEIVED by inspiration, especially concerning future events, and in particular such as relate to the cause and kingdom of God and to human salvation

the OT prophets, having foretold the kingdom, deeds and death, of Jesus the Messiah.

And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. (*Matthew 21:11*)



5-Fold: The evangelist

■ III. EVANGELIST

- The Evangelist appears on the one hand after the *apostles* and *prophets*; on the other before the *pastors* and *teachers*. **They spiritually stand between the two groupings.** The work of the evangelist is the **proclamation of the glad tidings** to those who have not known them.



5-Fold: The evangelist

■ III. EVANGELIST

- **The Evangelist** - One who proclaims good news, either by preaching or writing. Evangelists are preachers without being fixed to any church. They preach wherever they are led by the Holy Spirit. The primary purpose of their ministry is a call to salvation by the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



5-Fold: The evangelist

Euggelistes -

a bringer of good tidings, an evangelist

- **the name given to the NT heralds of salvation through Christ who are not apostles**



5-Fold: The pastor

■ IV. PASTOR

- The Pastor is a shepherd, one whose office it is to feed and guard the flock of Christ. Pastoral ministry is closely associated with teaching as God's gift to the church. Pastoral ministry fulfills its God-ordained purpose when it trains church members to be mature in faith and equipped for ministry and unifies the church in Christian faith and knowledge



5-Fold: The pastor

■ IV. PASTOR

- The Pastor . Pastoral ministry is an expression of love for Christ and the Body of Christ. The Pastor is one who is moved with compassion to wash the feet of the people of God. The measure of the Pastor is having a heart of love and compassion for all entrusted by to his care.



5-Fold: The pastor

- **Poimen** - A herdsman, esp. a shepherd
 - in the parable, he to whose care and control others have committed themselves, and whose precepts they follow
- metaph.
 - the presiding officer, manager, director, of any assembly: **so of Christ the Head of the church**
 - of the overseers of the Christian assemblies
 - of kings and princes



5-Fold: The pastor

- The tasks of a Near Eastern shepherd were:
 - - to **watch for enemies** trying to attack the sheep
 - - **to defend the sheep** from attackers
 - - **to heal the wounded** and sick sheep
 - - **to find and save lost or trapped sheep**
 - - **to love them, sharing their lives and so earning their trust.**
- ✓ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (*John 10:11*)



5-Fold: The teacher

- V. TEACHER
- **The Teacher . Holds a discourse with others in order to instruct them, or to deliver information and instruction where there may or may not be direct personal and verbal participation. **A teacher is one who performs the function or fills the office of instruction in the Word of God.****



5-Fold: The teacher

- V. TEACHER

- The Teacher . Ability and fitness for the work are required. **Teaching, like preaching, is an integral part of the works of the other five-fold ministry gifts. Spiritual teaching is necessary to the development of Christian character and the highest efficiency in the ministry of the Kingdom of God.**



5-Fold: The teacher

- Teacher - Didaskalos
- in the NT one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man
 - one who is fitted to teach, or thinks himself so
 - the teachers of the Jewish religion
 - of those who by their great power as teachers draw crowds around them i.e. John the Baptist, Jesus



5-Fold: The teacher

- Teacher - Didaskalos
- in the NT one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man
 - of the apostles, and of Paul
 - of those who in the religious assemblies of the Christians, undertook the work of teaching, with the special assistance of the Holy Spirit
 - of false teachers among Christians
 - **The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. (*John 3:2*)**

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