

THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

(Eph 4:11-13 KJV) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

1. MINISTRIES WHICH ARE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH.

1. Apostle - GOVERNS.
2. Prophet - GUIDES.
3. Evangelist - GATHERS.
4. Pastor - GUARDS.
5. Teacher - GROUNDS.

2. APOSTLE.

1. Definition of apostle (apostolos).
 1. One who is sent forth.
 2. Ambassador.
 3. Messenger.
2. Ministry of apostles today.
 1. Grounds church in truth--not be swayed.
 2. Ministers foundational truth to body.
 3. Loves God's people, desires to further establish them.
 4. Fathered other ministries.
 5. Pioneer churches.
3. Paul had multi-ministries.
 1. (1 Tim 2:7 KJV) Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

2. (2 Tim 1:11 KJV) Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

3. PROPHET.

1. Propheteuo (Greek) - NT word means "to say or speak forth or fore."
 1. Forhtelling - speaking for message.
 2. Foretelling - declaring beforehand something that will surely come to pass.
2. Comparison of prophet and priest.
3. Prophet a continuing ministry in Church.
 1. Prophets in Antioch -Acts 13:1 - *"Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers..."*
 2. Judas and Silas - Acts 15:32.
 3. Agabus - Acts 21:10.
 4. Anna - Luke 2:36.
 5. Philip's daughters
4. Ministry of Prophet (Eph. 4:11; I Cor. 12:29; Rom. 12:6)
 1. Revelation.
 2. Exhortation.
 3. Warning.
 4. Impartation of Vision.
 1. Grounding and establishing churches.
 5. Confirmation of Churches - Acts 15:32, 41.

4. EVANGELIST.

1. Definition of terms
 1. Euaggelizo (yoo-ang-ghel-ad'zo) - "to announce good news or glad tidings (preach).

1. Mat. 11:5 - "go tell ..."
2. Rom. 10:15 - "how beautiful are the feet..."
3. The word preach.
2. Euaggelion (yoo-ang-ghel-ee-on) "the gospel or a good message" (gospel).
3. Euaggelistes (yoo-ang-ghel-is-tace') - "a preacher or messenger of good news" (evangelist).
2. Acts 21:8 - Philip the evangelist.
3. II Tim. 4:5 - "Do the work of an evangelist."
4. Jesus as evangelist (LUKE 4:18).
 1. Preaching the gospel.
 2. Healing the brokenhearted.
 3. Preaching deliverance to the captives.
 4. Preaching recovery of sight to the blind.
 5. Setting at liberty them that are bruised.
5. PASTOR. (SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK).
 1. Acts 20:17-28 - Paul called the elders of the church- *"...take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you Bishops (overseers) to pastor (feed) the church of God."*
 2. Ministry of Pastor.
 1. Caring for those in need
 2. Correction
 3. Perfecting of the Body
 4. Guarding the flock
 5. Praying for the sick
 6. Pray for flock constantly

7. Restores the fallen

6. TEACHER.

1. Definition of terms

1. didasko - translated doctor or master
2. Means to instruct
3. Process of explaining or expounding
4. Involves instillation of doctrine into others

2. Jesus as Master Teacher

1. Spoke with anointing and power
2. Taught what he received from the Father

3. Established converts in the truth through teaching

1. Acts 14:21 - *"And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many..."*
2. Acts 17:2 - *"...three sabbaths reasoned out of scriptures (Thessalonica)"*
3. Acts 18:11 - One year and six months teaching

7. WHAT THESE MINISTRIES ARE FOR:

1. For the perfecting of the saints (completion of the saints).

1. God's will for the church to be complete.
 1. Col. 1:28 - *"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."*
 2. Col. 4:12 - *"...always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God..."*
 3. Col. 2:10 - *"...and ye are complete in him..."*

2. For the work of the ministry.

3. Confirming the saints - strengthen, encourage.
 1. Acts 14:22 - *"...confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."*
 2. Acts 15:32 - *"And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them."*
 3. Acts 15:41 - *"...and he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches..."*
4. For the edifying of the body of Christ.
5. To come to unity of the faith.
6. Knowledge of the Son of God.
7. To bring the church to maturity.
 1. Unto a perfect man.
 2. Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.
 3. To grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.
8. To bring stability. *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."*