

# Why the 5-Fold Ministry is Needed

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## 4 important points from last week

1. Serving is the culture of the kingdom of God
2. When we serve others we are serving Jesus
3. Jesus touches others when we serve in the grace/gift He has given us
  - as tho God is making His appeal through us
  - if any man speak, speak as an oracle of God
  - if any man minister do it with the ability God gives so He will be glorified
4. The 5-fold ministry is given to equip God's people for these works of service

Eph 3:10 **His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,**  
11 according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ....Eph  
3:21 **to him be glory in the church** and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever  
and ever! Amen.

## What is the 5-fold ministry?

Eph 4:11 - The 5-fold ministry is a named list of 5 gifts/graces Jesus gave to the church. He gave them for a particular duration of time and a for a particular purpose. In one sense these 5 are a representation or reflection of Christ's ministry. Jesus is the epitome of these

## THE apostle - "the sent one"

Heb 3:1-2 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, **the apostle** and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

Jesus was the 'sent one' from the Father

Mark 9:37 Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me **but him who sent [apostello] me.**

Luke 4:43 But he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; **for I was sent [apostello] for this purpose.**"

## THE prophet

### **Jesus As Prophet**

Act 3:22 NIV For Moses said, "The Lord your **God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people**; you must listen to everything he tells you.

Matthew 21:10-11 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "**This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.**"

John 3:34 For he whom God has sent [*apostello*] **utters the words of God**, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

## THE evangelist - bearer of good news

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because **he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor**. He has sent [*apostello*] me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, **proclaiming the gospel of God**, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

## THE Great Shepherd - pastor/feeder/nurturer

John 10:11 I am the **good shepherd**. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

1 Peter 2:25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned **to the Shepherd and Overseer** of your souls.

## THE teacher

Matthew 5:1-2 "Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and **he began to teach them**. . ."

Mat 7:28-29 NIV When Jesus had finished saying these things, the **crowds were amazed at his teaching**, 29 because **he taught as one who had authority**, and not as their teachers of the law.

Luk 5:17 KJV And it came to pass on a certain day, **as he was teaching**, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: **and the power of the Lord was present to heal them**.

# The work of the Holy Spirit is centered around these 5-fold functions as well

## Apostle

Act 2:33 NIV Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

## Prophet

Act 2:17 NIV "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. **Your sons and daughters will prophesy**, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Joh 16:13 NIV But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and **he will tell you what is yet to come.**

## Evangelist

Act 1:8 KJV **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Joh 16:8 KJV And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

## Pastor

Joh 14:16 KJV And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter**, *[NIV advocate] [ESV Helper]* that he may abide with you for ever;

## Teacher

Joh 16:13 (a) NIV But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you into all the truth...**

1Jn 2:27 NIV As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as **his anointing teaches you about all things** and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

## Eph 4:8 & 13 - timelines

8 This is why it says: "**When he ascended** on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." 9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 **until** we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

### **When He ascended**

- He sent the Holy Spirit  
*Act 2:32-33 NIV God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*
- He gave the 5-fold ministry

### **& until...**

- until we all attain to the unity of the faith
- and of the knowledge of the Son of God
- to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

## For a particular reason

**Eph 4:12-16 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up** 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 **From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**

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## A focus on the equipping nature of the five-fold ministry

Ephesians 4:11-13 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

### **Prepare = to equip**

Mat 4:21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, **mending their nets**, and he called them.

Gal 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should **restore him** in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

1Th 3:10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and **supply** what is lacking in your faith?

Heb 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 **equip you** with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The fruit of equipping

Apostle - focus on outreach, missions, foundations

Prophet - focus on the gifts, prophesy, hearing from and being led by God

Evangelist - focus on preaching the good news

Pastor - focus on care for the flock

Teacher - focus on learning, discipleship - and doing the word of God

## So the church can truly minister/serve as the body of christ

**1 Peter 4:7 -11** The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 **Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.** 11 **If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides,** so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### Eph 4:7-16

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