

5 FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS (OFFICES)

Diagram

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:7-17—

“The Word of God will work with or without an anointing.”

Jesus stood in the 5 Fold Ministry Offices listed in the New Testament: (1) *apostle*, (2) *prophet*, (3) *evangelist*, (4) *pastor*, and (5) *teacher*. He is the chief of all of them.

Explaining the functions of the 5 Fold Ministry

Gifts: (These gifts are to the Church from Jesus.)

All these offices require a person that is mature in the Word of God, and pure in character and integrity.

1. APOSTLES (See signs of an apostle II Corinthians 12:12)

- Means “sent one”
- Starts a church, then starts churches and governs Churches
- Governs so that wrong doctrine and wolves don’t enter in to destroy the sheep and the work
- Oversees finances to make sure there is no abuse
- Is a “father,” protecting a family
- Sometimes, the apostle will function in some or all of the 9 Gifts of the Spirit.
- Can function in all of the 5 Fold Ministry Gifts as well.

2. PROPHETS (see ref. Jeremiah 1:9,10)

- Means Foreteller or Seer
- In Old Testament times, the people went to the prophets for direction; in New Testament times, we are led by the Spirit through the Word.
- God did not mean for New Testament saints to be led by personal prophecies, but by the Holy Spirit. Personal prophecies are confirmations.
- Now, most prophets are preachers or teachers of the Word of God by inspiration.
- Highly anointed
- Have visions and revelations of the written Word
- Deep insights of the things of the Spirit
- They will operate in the Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge and possibly in other Spiritual Gifts

3. EVANGELISTS (See ref. Acts 8:5-8; 21:8)

- An inspired preacher who exhorts
- Primary focus is souls
- Power gifts operating in his ministry
- Could function in all 9 Gifts of the Spirit
- Has to know the Word of God

4. PASTORS

- Pastor means shepherd
- Teaches the Word of God to their families; and their sheep and lambs.
- Performs weddings and funerals; comforts

the grieving family; visits sick; and counsels people.

- Primary function is to seek the Lord and preach the Word of God
- Can operate in all 9 Gifts of the Spirit and all 5 Fold Ministry Gifts
- Has to know and continually study the Word of God

5. TEACHERS

- Many times pastors are teachers but all teachers are not pastors
- Has to know and continuously study the Word of God!
- Has gift of presenting the Word of God with great understanding
- They carry people into the meat of the Word, where evangelists may skim over the top of it.
- Sometimes teachers preach and are used in some or all of the Gifts of the Spirit, and some of the other 5 Fold Ministry Gifts.
- They have the anointing to teach people who are on different levels of understanding; but have the anointing and wisdom also to minister to the whole group of levels at one given meeting.