

THE ROLES OF THE FIVE FOLD MINISTRY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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Ephesians 4:11

For the edification of the saints King Jesus created five specific ministry roles that would help empower the church to be effective on the earth. These gifts were created to **STRENGTHEN** the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11 says, *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."*

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

These five gifts come with a role and responsibility that needs to be honored and fulfilled. If King Jesus has

gifted you with one of these abilities it is your responsibility to master and become skillful with the gift.

Teachers **INSTRUCT** you.

Pastor's **WATCH OVER** you.

Evangelists **PREACH**.

Prophets **WARN** you.

Apostles are **DELEGATES**.

The gift of a Teacher is to **TEACH, TRAIN, EDUCATE, INFORM, DIRECT, ORDER, ADVISE AND COMMAND.**

Teachers are not on the battle field. They prepare the soldiers for battle.

Teachers equip you with the tools to be successful. They are the instruments that help you get ready to move in the will of God for your life. The teachers of the Kingdom of God give you the spiritual and natural armor to do what God has assigned you to do.

The gift of a Pastor is to **SHEPHERD THE SHEEP**. In other words, they are to watch over and care for the people whom God has given them charge over. Pastors are **DIRECTLY** connected to their people. They are involved with their lives to give them support, encouragement, love, attention and spiritual protection.

Figuratively speaking, pastors are spiritual parents who develop and nurture you in the ways of the Lord. They have the greatest influence in your life when you are a babe in Christ.

The gift of an Evangelist is to preach. Preaching is different than teaching. Preaching is **EXHORTING** the message of the Gospel. Evangelist are on the battle field. They are sent to the masses to **ANNOUNCE** the coming and message of the Kingdom of God and King Jesus.

Evangelist are God's recruiters. They bring people to the salvation of the Lord. They draw people toward the care of pastors. They are the alarms in which people are

called to God. Evangelist are a critical component to the growth of the Kingdom of God.

The gift of a Prophet is to warn you about what's coming ahead. Prophets are God's spokesman on the earth. They are sent to prepare God's people. Prophets have strong and stubborn characteristics because of the mandate on their life.

Prophets gives you insight into the emotions of God. They will let you know when He's angry and pleased. They are **HIS** sounding board on the earth. Prophets are not concerned about how you feel. They are only passionate about delivering the warnings of the Lord.

Apostles are delegates. They are ambassadors to the Kingdom of God. They are representatives on the earth. They build and expand God's Kingdom influence amongst the earth. These people are always on the go.

Their gifting does **NOT** relegate them to one place. They move from place to place, city to city and country to country to bring the Kingdom message all over the world. This is why King Jesus called the twelve disciples **APOSTLES**. They were not meant to be stationary.

Pastors are meant to be stationary! When King Jesus sent the Apostles out He told them to stay with different people and if they did not welcome them, leave. The biblical Apostles did not have a home. The road was their home. If God has called you to be an Apostle, you will always be on the **MOVE**.

Currently in the church, we have a problem with people not mastering the role God called them too. People have a desire to be more than what they were called to be. If you master your assignment, you will prosper! If you deviate to other lanes you will fail.

Whatever role you are called too in the Kingdom of God, **FULFILL IT, LEARN IT, MASTER IT** and find

CONTENTMENT in it. Please keep this in mind. You will always find **GREATNESS** in the role God called you too!

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