

A man in a blue shirt is shown from the chest up, facing right with his hands raised in a gesture of speaking or preaching. The background is a solid blue color. The text is overlaid on the image.

The Five-Fold
MINISTRY
Part I

Bro Peter | Ephesians 4:11-13



**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.**

Ephesians 4:11-13



✓ **Your calling is your vocation.**

EPHESIANS 4:1 "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

✓ **There is unity in diversity if we yield to the Holy Spirit. Unity is not uniformity.**

EPHESIANS 4:2-3 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Text Review

Scriptural Foundation of the Five-Fold Ministry

1. They are the gift of God through Grace.

EPHESIANS 4:7 AMP

"Yet grace [God's undeserved favour] was given to each one of us [not indiscriminately, but in different ways] in proportion to the measure of Christ's [rich and abundant] gift. 8 Therefore it says,



Scriptural Foundation of the Five-Fold Ministry

2. You don't determine your ministerial office, Christ appoints you. You don't learn how to become a Pastor, Teacher, Prophet, etc., but you grow and learn on the job.





"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

EPHESIANS 4:11



11 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin.

12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.

Galatians 1:11-16 NIV



14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased

16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

Galatians 1:11-16 NIV

Scriptural Foundation of the Five-Fold Ministry

3. We cannot all be the same.



Lack of understanding of the five-fold ministry can create un-healthy coemption in the church.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:9 NLT

“ Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture”!

The best way to understand the five-fold ministry is to look at them in the life of Christ and cross-examine them in other apostles and scriptures.

The Giver (Christ) manifested every aspect of the five-fold ministry gift but each one of us has been given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Exploring the Five-Fold Ministry





HEBREWS 3:1 NIV

"Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest."

JESUS THE APOSTLE



Who is an Apostle:

Greek text used: apostolos: a messenger, one sent on a mission, an apostle

- ✓ Specially applied to the twelve disciples whom Christ selected- Luke 6:13.
- ✓ Jesus was sent to earth to introduce the Gospel and die for our sins.
- ✓ A sent messenger on a special mission like Christ.
- ✓ Apostle Paul Introduced the gospel in a foreign territory where the gospel was never preached.





Who is an Apostle:

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- ✓ Apostles like planting churches and breaking new territories.

EPHESIANS 3: 7-8 NIV

"I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ"





DEUTERONOMY 18:18 NIV

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him".

JESUS THE PROPHET



Who is a Prophet:

Greek text used: prophétés: a prophet (an interpreter or forth-teller of the divine will)

- ✓ A prophet forthtell- To make public the message from God/ the mind of God.
- ✓ One who is moved by the Spirit of God and hence, his organ or spokesman, solemnly declares to men what he has received by inspiration, especially future events, and in particular such as relate to the cause and kingdom of God and human salvation.





Who is a Prophet:

ACTS 2:29-32 NIV

29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.

30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.





ACTS 8:29-31 NIV

29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. 31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

JESUS THE EVANGELIST



Who is an Evangelist:

Greek text used: euaggelistés: an evangelist, a bringer of good news

- ✓ Every Christian is called to share the good news but this is referring to someone with a deeper burden for the lost souls.
- ✓ They will often have signs and wonders following them to confirm their message.
- ✓ A person with the gift of evangelism is often someone who travels from place to place to preach the gospel and calls for repentance.





Who is an Evangelist:

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- ✓ Evangelists are graced to communicate the plan of salvation clearly and with conviction and often have creative ways to present their message based on the age and lifestyle of the audience.





JOHN 10:11 NIV

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

JESUS THE PASTOR



MATTHEW 9:36 NLT

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

JESUS THE PASTOR



Who is a Pastor:

Greek text used: poimén: a shepherd

- ✓ A Pastor is someone who the Lord raises to care for the total well-being of His flock (the people of the Lord).
- ✓ His main job is to feed and care for the sheep.
- ✓ He guides the sheep in the right direction.
- ✓ He is ready to defend the flock against wild wolves.
- ✓ He is ready to go through hard times to see the younger sheep mature.





Who is a Pastor:

ACTS 20:28 NIV

28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God,[a] which he bought with his own blood.

JEREMIAH 3:15 NIV

15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2 NIV

2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.





JOHN 3:2 NIV

"He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

JESUS THE TEACHER



MATTHEW 7:29 NIV

**29 because he taught as one who had authority,
and not as their teachers of the law.**

Jesus taught in a way that even religious teachers of the law could not- so the gift of teaching here does not refer to mere head knowledge or some forms of biblical stories.

JESUS THE TEACHER





Who is a Teacher:

Greek text used: didaskalos: an instructor

- ✓ One who teaches the scriptures by Grace.
- ✓ By nature, a teacher loves to study the scripture.
- ✓ They love to explain a little concept in more detail and they enjoy pouring their knowledge to others.
- ✓ Teachers ground (by establishing people in truth).
- ✓ Teachers teach and edify the church, making the members of the body more hungry for the Word of God.





Who is a Teacher:

ACTS 18:24-25 NIV

24 Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor [a] and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John.

***Don't rush into teaching unless you are called:**

JAMES 3:1 NIV

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.





The Five G's of the Five-Fold Ministry.

- Apostles GOVERN (by laying and keeping true to a foundation).
- Prophets GUIDE (by speaking what they see).
- Evangelists GATHER (by winning those not yet in the kingdom).
- Pastors GUARD (by keeping the flock healthy and safe).
- Teachers GROUND (by establishing people in truth).

Conclusion

5 so we, who are many, are [nevertheless just] one body in Christ, and individually [we are] parts one of another [mutually dependent on each other].

6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them accordingly: if [someone has the gift of] prophecy, [let him speak a new message from God to His people] in proportion to the faith possessed;

7 if service, in the act of serving; or he who teaches, in the act of teaching;

8 or he who encourages, in the act of encouragement; he who gives, with generosity; he who leads, [a]with diligence; he who shows mercy [in caring for others], with cheerfulness.



ROMANS 12:5-8 Amplified Bible

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