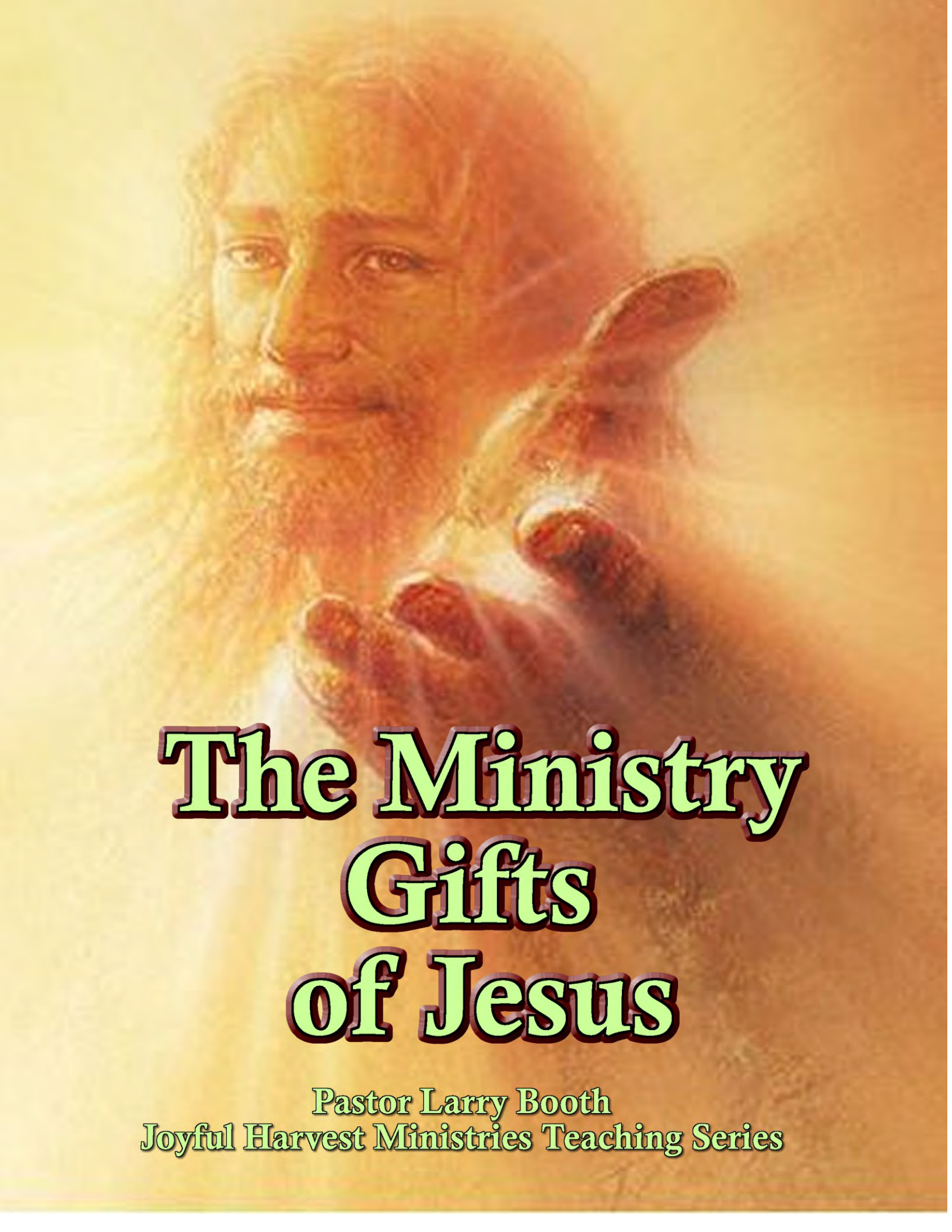

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Preface

1 Peter 4:10 (HCSB)
10 Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.

For years I wanted to teach a series that taught the distinctions of Spiritual Gifts. I believe that there is a trinity of gifts that are given to the church. Each class given by a part of the Godhead. I believe that this was the base of what Paul taught the church in 1 Corinthians 12. This study guide is the first in a series of three where I taught these distinctions with their definitions. Namely, the ministry gifts, the motivational gifts and the supernatural manifestation gifts. This first study comes from a lifelong of looking at the ministry gifts and how they operate. Believers should see the ministry office gifts and men and women of God as truly "presents" from Jesus to the church. A minister friend of mine, said to me correctly that "the purpose of the ministry gifts are to guide, guard, govern, and to ground believers." Such a great statement!

I must say that almost 100 years ago Donald Gee had it right. At the turn of the century and revival of supernatural giftings in the church, God raised up a few great teachers to bring understanding in this area to the church. Donald Gee was one of them. He wrote "*The Ministry Gifts of Christ*" in 1930 published by Gospel Publishing House. Howard Carter from England was another one who taught the church about the supernatural gifts of the Spirit. I believe these men brought to the church extremely important definitions to this teaching.

For this study, I also drew from other works like Dr. Kenneth Hagin's book *The Ministry gifts*, and Dr. Lester Sumrall's, *The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit.* What a great man of God he was! I studied under Dr. Sumrall and worked for his ministry in my younger years. Many other books and resources were used. I hope you enjoy learning and studying the Word of God like I do, and will use this resource as a beginning to your understanding of this subject. God bless you as you study!

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LESSON 1

Introduction

TEXT: 1 Peter 4:10-Ephesians 4:7-16, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

1 Peter 4:10-11
10 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Introduction

"Spiritual gifts are the source of much controversy and confusion among believers. This is interesting and something of a sad commentary, since these gifts are meant to be graces from God for the edification of the church. Even today, as in the early church, the misuse and misunderstanding of spiritual gifts bring division--splitting up, rather than building up--in the church. This resource seeks to simply explore what the Bible says about spiritual gifts." [1]

Many things can be called Spiritual gifts, lets first look at this distinction.

I. What Are Spiritual Gifts?

1 Corinthians 12:1 (KJV)
1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

A. In 1 Corinthians 12, we learn that spiritual gifts are given to God's people by the Holy Spirit for "the common good."

1. Spiritual gifts are given in the body of Christ to benefit all as one body

[1] http://christianity.about.com/od/holyspirittopicalstudy/a/spiritualgifts.htm

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:25 (HCSB)
25 so that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same concern for each other.

2. Verse 11 says the gifts are given according to God's sovereign will ("as he determines").

1 Corinthians 12:11
But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

B. Ephesians 4:12 tells us these gifts are given to prepare God's people for service and for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:12
For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

C. The term "spiritual gifts" comes from the Greek words *charismata* (gifts) and *pneumatika* (spirits).

They are the plural forms of *charisma*, meaning "expression of grace," and *pneumatikon* meaning "expression of Spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:1
Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

Really what Paul is saying at the beginning of chapter twelve is "I don't want you to be ignorant of what is SPIRITUAL." The word "gifts" are not in his original statement in the Greek. Gifts are mentioned and explained later as part of his discussion about what is Spiritual. He goes on to explain three areas of "gifts."

D. While there are different *kinds* of gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4), generally speaking all *Spiritual* gifts are God-given graces (special abilities, offices, or manifestations) meant for works of service, to benefit and build up the body of Christ as a whole.

1 Corinthians 12:4
Now there are diversities of gifts, (Charis-graces) but the same Spirit.

Romans 12:6
Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

1 Corinthians 12:18 (KJV)
18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV)
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Galatians 1:1 (KJV)
1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

"Ministry gifts are chosen by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in combined authority. They work together in authority, not independently."[2] **Bob Yandian**-

II. Biblical References to Spiritual Gifts- Stewarding the manifold grace of God

The spiritual gifts of all kinds can be found in the following passages of Scripture:

A. 1 Peter 4:10-11- Three areas mentioned-gifts, speaking, ministering- Of the manifold grace of God

1 Peter 4:10-11
10 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10 (HCSB)
10 Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.

In Ephesians Chapter 4 Paul is specifically speaking to the church about the office gifts, but he speaks of a grace given according to the greatness of a particular gift given to a person to serve in ministry. We have His grace and anointing to do a particular calling, and we are called to manage it properly as good stewards.

Ephesians 4:7 (KJV)
7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

B. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6- Three areas of giftings: gifts, administrations, and operations- Clearly the trinity is used- (See next lesson and chart below)

[2] Yandian, Bob. Decently and in Order. P.14. Whitaker House 1987 New Kensington PA. 15068

1 Corinthians 12:4-6
4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

We will break these down later.

C. Ephesians 4:7-16 –The ministry gifts of Christ (given by Jesus Himself)

Ephesians 4:7-16
7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 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 fullness of Christ:
14 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;
15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

D. 1 Corinthians 12:28-31- Ministry gifts listed again

1 Corinthians 12:28-30
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

E. Romans 12:3-8-Motivational gifts or in Greek "inward workings" (given by God Himself to every member)

Romans 12:3-8
3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

F. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28-31-Supernatural manifestation gifts of the Spirit (Given by the Holy Spirit).

1 Corinthians 12:4-11
4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

III. Nine purposes of the Ministry gifts[3] - Ephesians 4:11-16- (See above)

1. The perfecting of the saints- The maturing of the believers
2. Work of the ministry
3. Edifying (building up) of the body of Christ
4. Till we all come into the unity of faith
5. To the knowledge of the Son of God
6. Unto a perfect man (The body of Christ)
7. Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ- The full gospel

[3] (Adapted from The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit by Lester Sumrall)

8. So that we the church and individually are no more children tossed by every dumb doctrine- To protect us from wrong doctrines
9. So that we the church might grow up into Him in all things speaking truth in love and edifying itself by supplying every need because every part is working properly

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LESSON 2

Introduction- part 2

TEXT: **1 Peter 4:10**-**Ephesians 4:7-16, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

I. What Are Spiritual Gifts? Weapons of warfare

II. Biblical References to Spiritual Gifts

III. Nine purposes of Spiritual gifts-

IV. All believers are gifted in the church-

A. 1 Peter 4:10

As <u>every man hath received the gift</u>, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of <u>the manifold grace</u> of God.

As good stewards of the "manifold graces" various in character and rich in value graces. This is called the Body ministry by some. This is a study of how the body of Christ operates in the church and the world.

B. Hebrews 12:28-

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

"Let us have grace" to minister or to serve God and one another.

C. There are many parts to the body- Vs. 11-27

1 Corinthians 12:11-30
11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.
15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?
18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?
20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.
21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:
23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.
24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:
25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.
26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

V. Two foundation stones- Unity and Love- 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, 13:1-3

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (KJV)
1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and <u>have not charity</u>, it <u>profiteth me nothing</u>.

A. Quote-

In the series*, The gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit* by Lester Sumrall said- "Paul is saying here that without love, you cannot produce the gifts of the spirit."

He is not saying love supersedes the gifts as some teach, Paul is saying that the better way is to use the gifts with love.

VI. The trinity of gifts- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 1 Peter 4:10-11

Although there is a great deal of disagreement over spiritual gifts among different denominations, many Bible scholars classify these gifts into three categories: ministry office gifts, motivational gifts, and manifestation gifts (1 Cor. 12:7).

A. A clear separation was taught by Paul

1 Corinthians 12:4-6
4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (Charasmata/grace endowments or Manifestations Vs.7- supernatural but all come from the same Spirit)
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. (Ministries or ways to serve but all are given by the same Lord)
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. (Different kinds of energies or inside gifts that motivate and work from within, but God is the one who energizes all inside with Inner workings)

1. **V. 4- Diversities of "gifts"- "graces" Endowments**- **Manifestations**-Different kinds of Charisma-given by the Holy Spirit (Baptism of Holy Ghost) –these are the Charismatic gifts of the Spirit. Strong's: "divine gratuity." In Verse 7 they are called "manifestations."

   1 Corinthians 12:7-8
   7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
   8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

2. **V. 5 -Differences of "administrations"- Ministries-Different Workings or offices-** Given by Jesus (Callings or ways to serve in ministry- these are generally the speaking gifts)

3. **V. 6- Diversities of "operations"- Motivations- Energies or inner workings.** Different ways or functions to serve with them-Given by God (at salvation)- These are the inner motivations/serving gifts each believer has at salvation in the body of Christ**.**

   SEE CHART BELOW- THE TRINITY OF GIFTS

   We will study the ministries first, then the motivations, and finally the manifestations.

B. God does not change His mind

Romans 11:29
For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

C. All three areas in one verse-1 Peter 4:10-11-

[10] As every man hath received the gift, (or endowments/manifestation) *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace (Charis) of God.
[11] If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1. Gifts-Charisma- endowments- 9 supernatural gifts of the Spirit.

2. Speaking, or office gifts (callings) of Christ- 5-Fold ministry callings, also 2 other categories.

3. Ministering- 7 motivational gifts (inner workings) ways to minister grace given to all believers by God.

The Trinity of Gifts- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 1 Peter 4:10-11- Larry Booth

Trinity	Different	Greek	Type of Gift	How given?	Scripture
God	**"Operations"** **What God does "in" us**	*Energēma* **"Workings" or "Inward energies"**	**7 Motivation Gifts (serving others)**	**By God/ Comes with salvation**	Romans 12:1-8 1 Peter 4:11
Jesus	**"Administrations"** **What God does "with" us**	*diakonia* **"ways to serve or minister"** *doma*- **"Present"**	**10 (7) Ministry or Office Gifts (speaking)**	**By Jesus** **Specific Callings**	Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30- 1 Tim. 3:8 1 Peter 4:11
Holy Spirit	**"Gifts"** **What God does "through" us**	*Charisma* **"graces" or endowments, free gift-**	**9 (3 of 3) Manifestation Gifts (of divers grace)**	**By the Holy Spirit/ Baptism with the Holy Spirit**	1 Corinthians 12:7-11 1Peter 4:10

VII. Identifying Spiritual Gifts -Three different types

A. Office gifts or ministries
B. Serving gifts or motivations-
C. Charismatic gifts or manifestations

26 Categories of gifts listed

23-26 gifts listed			Pastor Larry Booth
Given by Jesus		**Given by God**	**Given by the Holy Spirit**
10 (7) Ministry/Office Gifts Ephesians 4:7-13- 1Corinthians 12:28-30		**7 Motivational or Serving gifts** Romans 12:1-8	**9 Manifestation/Charismatic Gifts** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
Apostle Prophet Evangelist Pastor Teacher Miracles Gifts of Healing	Helps Governments Diversities of tongues	Prophecy Serving Teaching Giving Exhortation/encouragement Administration Mercy	Prophesying Speaking in Tongues Interpretation of Tongues Faith Healing Miracles Word of Wisdom	Word of Knowledge Discerning of Spirits

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LESSON 3

The Ministry/Office gifts- part 1

TEXT: **1 Peter 4:10**-**Ephesians 4:7-16, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

Introduction

Quotes from: *The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit* by **Dr. Lester Sumrall:**

Page 35- "The gifts of the Spirit will not function long without unity. On the day of Pentecost- the day the Church was born- the people were all together in one place and one accord, not divided or separated. The church was born in unity, and the church can only be great in unity."

Page 36- "God is ready for these gifts to function through the total body, without a great emphasis upon any one individual. Each of us should feel that we are chosen of God. No one who is being used of the Holy Spirit is unique in himself. He is only unique in that he is permitted to be a part of the body. All of us are part of Christ's glorious body."

I. Identifying Spiritual Gifts -Three different types explained- Ephesians 4:7 --Every one of us is given something

The gifts of Christ- Every one of us is given some Spiritual gift, but not all are given a call into the ministry.

Ephesians 4:7 (KJV)
7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Three areas or types of gifts:

1. Office gifts or <u>ministries</u>- The gifts of Christ
2. Serving gifts or <u>motivations</u>-The gifts of God
3. Charismatic gifts or <u>manifestations</u>- The gifts of the Holy Spirit

A. A brief study of 1 Corinthians- The giftings in the Church

1. Every believer is called to serve –*Klesis*-(invitation) our gifts help us in our callings

   1 Corinthians 1:24-26
   [24] But unto them <u>which are called</u>, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
   [25] Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
   [26] For ye see <u>your calling</u>, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*:

2. Understanding these truths about the gifts are for our glorification (a greater life by the Spirit being anointed to do what Jesus did and living Godly).

   1 Corinthians 2:7
   [7] But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

3. The spirit is given so we might realize, comprehend, and appreciate the things (gifts) that are freely given.

   1 Corinthians 2:12 (AMP)
   Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] <u>that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts</u> [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.

   1 Corinthians 2:12
   [12] Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

   1 Corinthians 2:9-10
   [9] But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
   [10] But <u>God hath revealed *them*</u> unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

4. Don't worship men with gifts- You are the owners of the gifts; Paul, Apollos and such

   1 Corinthians 3:21-23
   [21] Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;
   [22] Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; <u>all are yours</u>;
   [23] And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God's.

5. All ministers are servants of Christ-and stewards of mysteries

   1 Corinthians 4:1 (KJV)
   [1] Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

6. Paul says all of this was written about Apollos and myself "so you may learn to think of men (gifts) in accordance with scripture and not go beyond that"-Amplified Bible

1 Corinthians 4:6 (AMP)
Now I have applied all this [about parties and factions] to myself and Apollos for your sakes, brethren, so that from what I have said of us [as illustrations], you may learn [to think of men in accordance with Scripture and] not to go beyond that which is written, that none of you may be puffed up and inflated with pride and boast in favor of one [minister and teacher] against another.

7. Detailed definition of Apostles- see later lessons

1 Corinthians 4:9-21
9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.
10 We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but ye *are* wise in Christ; we *are* weak, but ye *are* strong; ye *are* honourable, but we *are* despised.
11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;
12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:
13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.
14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn *you*.
15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.
16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.
18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.
19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.
20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.
21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?

Paul wrote 1 Corinthians partially to teach the church about Spiritual gifts.

B. Vocation and calling- Walk worthy of your invitation to this office gift

Ephesians 4:1
1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

1. **Vocation**-Greek *Klesis*- invitation, or calling
2. **Calling**-Greek *Kaleo*- called to a task

We should be very clear here. No one can call one's self into the ministry. The Greek word here for vocation is invitation or calling. The Lord Jesus calls us into the ministry. We don't

choose the vocation job of ministry. We know and discover inwardly that we have been invited to our call. It can takes time to know this and comes specifically from Jesus. Bible College is good to learn and grow, but not a requirement. See Hagin P.3-7

1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV)
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

God calls, God sets the ministry gifts in the church. These "gifts" are men given to the church by Jesus. Don't try to go into the ministry unless you are called by God to do so. Don't go into the ministry because someone thinks you should be in the ministry. Obey God when he calls you. Seek out training. Study under another others and grow.

C. Six questions- Ephesians 4:8-16-Adapted from *The Ministry Gifts*- P. 1-2 by Kenneth Hagin

Ephesians 4:8-16 (KJV)
8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 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:
14 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;
15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

1. **What** did the Lord Jesus give? Vs. 11- Gifts TO men: some apostles; some prophets; some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers.

2. **When** did He give them? Vs.8-10- when he ascended on high taking with Him the Old Testament saints who since their physical death had awaited in paradise (Abraham's bosom) the consummation of Gods great plan of salvation.

3. From **where** did He give ministry gifts? Vs.8-10- The ministry gifts came and come from the Lord Jesus Himself when He ascended and sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

4. For **what purpose** did he give these ministry gifts? VS 12- Inward outward, upward

   a. Inward- For the perfecting of the saints- Greek word for *perfecting* is *katartismos* and means **equipment**, adequacy, complete furnishing, a preparation or training that fully qualifies.

   b. Outward- For the work of the ministry- or serving others better.

   c. Upward- For the edifying of the body of Christ- Greek word for *edifying* is *oikodomē* means **building** (Mt 24:1; Mk 13:1, 2; Eph 2:19-22); **construction**, build up (1Co 3:9; Eph. 4:12; 1Ti 1:4); **making more able**, a building up, edification, strengthening.

5. For **how long** did the Lord Jesus give these gifts? Vs 13- Till <u>WE ALL</u> come…. Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Until Jesus comes, "all of us" as a body of believers will never come to that place of maturity. When Jesus comes there will still be new believers who have not yet matured. <u>The church will always need these gifts until Jesus comes.</u> "Body ministry" does not negate the 5-fold ministry. This is a false doctrine. Some teach there is no longer a need for the ministry gifts if the body of Christ learns to minister to itself with the motivational gifts.

6. What is **the ultimate goal** in all ministry? Vs 13-16-

   a. Till we all (the body of Christ) come in the unity of faith

   b. Doing the ministry the body of Christ in maturity should do

   c. That we all speak the truth in love

   d. So we are not spiritual children swept away by false doctrines

   e. Being fully grown up as a church in his image representing Him

   f. That the body of Christ functions and works together supplying itself in every way, increasing always

II. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

Ephesians 4:7-8 (KJV)
7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave <u>gifts</u> (Gk. *domata*) **unto** (of) **men** (Lit. presents of men).

Jesus gave "gifts" unto or of men. The Greek word for "gifts" here is in vs 8 is "*domata*" which comes from a base word that means a "present." He gave or endowed to the church gifts

(presents) to take care of it (1 Cor. 3:21-23). He granted or furnished the church. They are callings by God and Christ to serve in ministry offices (See 1 Cor., 12:28 and Gal 1:1). They are given first to the church and should always operate from the local church. They are presents to the Church.

Ephesians 4:12 (KJV)
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for (LB-to do) **the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

In verse 12, the word perfecting in the KJV ***katartismos*** means "equipping," comes from the Greek verb ***katartizō*** which means to "get ready or to prepare." This Greek verb signifies right ordering and arrangement. It focuses on the specific interaction of character and destiny.

"We interpret the meaning of this passage to say that the ministries of Ephesians 4:11 are to focus on helping people find God, recognize their fit or placement in His Body and function effectively in service-ministry. Everyone has motivations/serving gifts that can find effective expression in body ministry roles." **Giftquestinc.com**

A. The five-fold ministry office gifts serve the church.

Here we see 5 distinct ministry callings given to the church. Traditionally these are the fivefold ministry gifts.

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11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

The ministry gifts are people. They are characteristic of a full-time office or callings, rather than a gift that can function in and through any believer. We cannot call ourselves to these ministries. They are the ministries of Jesus given to men to do specific task in the church and world. They are developed over time. A person can stand in more than one office gift, but usually called to one. We separate them to define them.

Apostle – called and usually gifted in many or all the ministry gifts and have oversite over groups or areas.
Prophet – called to help direct and inspire the church through direct, divine inspiration and revelation
Evangelist –called to preach the word to win souls
Pastor-called as shepherds of the local church to feed the flock. In verse 11 probably translated Pastor/teacher. All pastor should be able to teach-1 Tim. 3:2
Teacher – called to bring insight and revelation of the word of God

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LESSON 4

The Ministry/Office gifts- part 2

26 Categories of gifts listed

		23-26 gifts listed	**Pastor Larry Booth**
Given by	**Jesus**	**Given by God**	**Given by the Holy Spirit**
5 Ministry/Office Gifts Ephesians 4:7-13-	**5 Ministry/Office gifts (3 same +5 others) *** 1Corinthians 12:28-30	**7 Motivational or Serving gifts** Romans 12:1-8	**9 Manifestation/Charismatic Gifts** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
Apostle	Apostle		
Prophet	Prophet	Prophecy	Prophesying
Teacher	Teachers	Teaching	
Evangelist	Miracles Gifts of Healing		Miracles Gifts Healing
		Exhortation/encouragement	Word of Knowledge Word of Wisdom
Pastor	Governments	Administration	Discerning of Spirits
	Helps	Serving	
	Diversities of Tongues		Speaking in Tongues Interpretation of Tongues
		Mercy Giving	Faith

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A. Introduction- Presents, He gave gifts of men

Verse 8 might be better translated, "He gave gifts *of* men." The Greek word for gift here is in Ephesians 4:8 is "*doma*" which comes from a base word that means a "present." He gave or endowed to the church gifts to take care of it. Jesus gave presents of *men* to the church. This is how this should read. Other translations try to interpret this that "Jesus gave a pastor gift to a man" who belongs in the ministry, but this is not what this passage says. He granted or furnished the church by giving the church "presents" or *domas* of men. Men and women here are the gifts given to the church. They are callings by God to serve in ministry offices. They are given first to the church and should always operate from the local church.

B. The five-fold ministry office gifts serve the church.

An example of them working together in the church-Acts 13:1-3

Acts 13:1-3
1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

Paul and Barnabas were among the prophets and teacher and were separated for their call as apostles. The ministry gifts are people. They are characteristic of a full-time office or callings, rather than a gift that can function in and through any believer. We cannot call ourselves to these ministries. They are the ministries of Jesus given to men to do specific task in the church and world. They are developed over time. A person can stand in more than one office gift, but usually called to one. We only separate them to define them. These gifts are called to "guide, guard, govern, and ground," according to my ministry friend Roger Skaggs.

C. Quick definitions- Ephesians 4:11

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> "The apostle is a church planter, the prophet a church purger, the evangelist a church filler, the pastor a keeper of the flock and the teacher a stabilizer."- **Herb Stewart**

D. A second list of 8 office gifts in the church- 1 Cor. 12:28-31

1 Corinthians 12:28-31
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

In these verses these gifts are not listed in order of importance of authority as some suggest saying that the apostle is the head of the church, but in the order that they were given first to the new born church. Governments came later as churches grew and needed pastors to lead the church. Notice teachers are listed separate.

1. Apostles-same as Ephesians 4:11
2. Prophets-same as Ephesians 4:11
3. Teachers-same as Ephesians 4:11
4. Miracles- Those who operate in power gifts like the evangelist or even deacons

5. Gifts of healing- Those who have a specific calling to one or more gifts of healing like pastors, evangelist or lay people
6. Helps- Like deacons- Specific ministries who help in the church
7. Governments- Directorship or one who steers the ship (Bishops, pastors, elders, steering committees, organizers)
8. Diversities of tongues- Specific ministry of tongues and interpretation

E. Other ministries offices named -Included in other lists

1. Deacons- (ministry of helps) 1 Tim 3:8-13 Deacons are called and voted on by the congregation to serve and do the task of the church small and great. They are servants of the local body not rulers. Note: the word office is not in the original Greek.

   1 Timothy 3:13
   For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2. Bishops and Elders- (They are the Apostles, Pastors and governments) 1 Tim. 3:1, Acts 14:23. Bishops and elders are generally ordained pastors of local churches in scripture. They also can be elders over geographical areas and or groups of people of different sizes.

   1 Timothy 3:1
   This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop (overseerer), he desireth a good work.

   Acts 14:23
   And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

F. Faithfulness to the call-

All together there are 10 Ministry gifts categories that are listed in general. In reality hundreds of specific callings and vocations could be named individually in the church. Ie. Healing of cancer ministry, Youth pastor, sound and video, tape ministry, missionary to India…

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LESSON 5

The gift of Apostle- part 1

I. Introduction:

1 Corinthians 12:1 (KJV)
Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

II. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts Continued - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

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	Gifts of Healing		Gifts Healing
			Word of Knowledge
		Exhortation/encouragement	Word of Wisdom
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A. Faithfulness to the call- Points for those who are called- Adapted from K. Hagin[4]

"Some people in the ministry were either never called, or they are hopelessly unfaithful." Dr. K. Hagin

1. Study-

   2 Timothy 2:15
   Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2. Dedicate your life
3. Consecrate yourself
4. Submit to the will of God- Start on the bottom
5. Be a person of integrity- Psalm 15:4

   Psalm 15:4 (KJV)
   4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

6. Develop, mature and grow- Your ministry will develop as you grow. It takes time to be equipped for ministry. Usually people start out in a different area of ministry from what God called them to.

   a. Saul's or Paul's example- Gal 1:11-12, 15-16, 23-24

      Galatians 1:11-12
      11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
      12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

      Galatians 1:15-16
      15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,
      16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

      Galatians 1:23-24
      23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.
      24 And they glorified God in me.

      Acts 13:1-2 (KJV)
      1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

[4] Hagin, Kenneth E. The ministry Gifts. 1992 Fourth Edition. Rhema Bible Church Tulsa OK. P.8-13

[2] As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

b. Philips example-started in the ministry of helps/deacon-

Acts 6:1-6
1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

c. Then moved to office of evangelist-Acts 8:5-7, 21:8

Acts 8:5-7
[5] Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
[6] And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
[7] For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Acts 21:8
And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him.

7. Do not despise small beginnings-

Zechariah 4:10
For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

8. Take time to wait on God for your ministry, fast and pray and take time to find His will in your life- not a novice

1 Timothy 3:6
Bishops…Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

9. Do not intrude into the wrong office- danger. Don't call yourself into the ministry it's not a job choice.

"**Charles Finney** was the greatest soul winner and evangelist since the New Testament days . When he was about 80, he wrote, "I know many things, deeper things of God, than I am able to teach . If I do teach these things, I lose the ability to win souls."[5]

10. Develop character- the fruit of the Spirit is more important to develop. Don't try to be someone else.

III. The Ministry Gift of Apostle

A. Definition-

Gk.- Apostolos-Sent one or one sent forth. An Apostle is one called and usually gifted in many or all the ministry gifts. There are different classes of apostles through the ages. Generally an apostle today is "a *messenger*, a *representative*, an *ambassador* of the gospel, a *missionary,* or *one who is sent out* on a special *mission* with a special *message*." Hagin P.33

L. Sumrall: "It means a delegate, one sent with full powers of attorney to act for another." [6]

A true apostle is always one with a commission, not one who merely goes, but one who is sent by the Holy Spirit.

B. *Apostolos* found 81 times in scripture

1. Translated "messenger" two times-

   2 Corinthians 8:23
   Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* <u>the messengers</u> of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.

   Philippians 2:25
   Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but <u>your messenger</u>, and he that ministered to my wants.

2. Translated "apostle" 78 times

3. Translated "he that sent" one time in John

[5] Hagin P. 13
[6] Sumrall P. 56

John 13:16
Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

C. There are 24 named apostles and 2 unnamed, also 70 others

1. Jesus-

   Hebrews 3:1
   Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2. 12 original apostles of the Lamb- 1. Simon Peter, 2. Andrew (Peter's brother), 3. James son of Zebedee, 4. John (James's brother), 5. Philip, 6. Bartholomew (A patronymic for Nathaniel, brother of Philip) 7. James son of Alphaeus, 8. Lebbaeus or Judas some say the "brother" of James but two verses say the "son of James" Acts 1:13 (whose surname was Thaddaeus), 9. Matthew, 10. Thomas, 11. Simon Zelotes the Canaanite, 12. Judas Iscariot

   Matthew 10:2-4
   2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother;
   3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
   4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

   Revelation 21:14 (KJV)
   14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

3. Matthias-Picked to replace Judas Iscariot-

   Acts 1:26
   And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

4. Paul-

   Galatians 1:1
   Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

   Galatians 2:8
   (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

5. Barnabas-

1 Corinthians 9:5-6
[5] Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and *as* the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?
[6] Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

Acts 14:4
But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles. (Barnabas and Paul)

6. James the Lord's brother-

Galatians 1:19
But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

7. Andronicus and Junia- Paul's relatives

Romans 16:7
Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

8. Silvanus and Timotheus-

1 Thessalonians 1:1
Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:6
Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

9. Apollos-

1 Corinthians 4:6-9
[6] And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think *of men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.
[7] For who maketh thee to differ *from another*? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?
[8] Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.
[9] For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10. Epaphroditus-

Philippians 2:25
Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

11. Titus-

2 Corinthians 8:23
Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.

12. 2 unnamed brethren-

2 Corinthians 8:23
Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.

13. 70 that were sent out to follow up- *apostello* is the Greek for "sent"

Luke 10:1
After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

D. The sign of an apostle- patience, signs, wonders, mighty deeds

2 Corinthians 12:12
Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

E. The fruit of an apostle- Paul said that the seal or proof of my apostleship is you

1 Corinthians 9:1-2
[1] Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?
[2] If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

1. Vs 2-My work: you in the Lord

2. Fathers in the Lord-

1 Corinthians 4:15
For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

3. Not a ruler over men-

2 Corinthians 10:1
[1] Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

1 Thessalonians 2:6-9 (KJV)
[6] Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.
[7] But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:
[8] So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.
[9] For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:6-9 (AMPLIFIED)
6 Nor did we seek to extract praise *and* honor *and* glory from men, either from you or from anyone else, though we might have asserted our authority [stood on our dignity and claimed honor] as apostles (special missionaries) of Christ (the Messiah).
7 But we behaved gently when we were among you, like a devoted mother nursing *and* cherishing her own children.
8 So, being thus tenderly *and* affectionately desirous of you, we continued to share with you not only God's good news (the Gospel) but also our own lives as well, for you had become so very dear to us.
9 For you recall our hard toil and struggles, brethren. We worked night and day [and plied our trade] in order not to be a burden to any of you [for our support] while we proclaimed the glad tidings (the Gospel) of God to you.

4. Paul said to ring about obedience of all the nations and salvation

Romans 1:5-6 (KJV)
[5] By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
[6] Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

F. Characteristics of an apostle-

1. Called and separated, confirmed by man- The Holy Spirit said he had called them

Acts 13:1-4-
[1] Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
[2] As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
[3] And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.
[4] So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

They were called Apostles on the first missionary journey

Acts 14:13-15
13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.
14 *Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard *of*, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,
15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

2. First a preacher or a teacher-In Acts 13:1-4 he was among the prophets and teachers.

1 Timothy 2:7
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 Timothy 1:11
Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

3. Submitted to others-

Galatians 2:1-2
1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also.
2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

4. Letting others judge your gift-

1 Corinthians 14:29-32
29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

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LESSON 6

The gift of Apostle- part 2

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23-26 gifts listed			Pastor Larry Booth
Given by Jesus		Given by God	Given by the Holy Spirit
5 Ministry/Office Gifts Ephesians 4:7-13-	**5 Ministry/Office gifts (3 same +5 others) *** 1Corinthians 12:28-30	**7 Motivational or Serving gifts** Romans 12:1-8	**9 Manifestation/Charismatic Gifts** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
Apostle	Apostle		
Prophet	Prophet	Prophecy	Prophesying
Teacher	Teachers	Teaching	
Evangelist	Miracle workers		Miracles
	Gifts of Healing		Gifts Healing
			Word of Knowledge
		Exhortation/encouragement	Word of Wisdom
Pastor	Governments	Administration	
			Discerning of Spirits
	Helps	Serving	
			Speaking in Tongues
	Diversities of Tongues		Interpretation of Tongues
		Mercy	
		Giving	Faith

*Keep in mind that gifts given by Jesus have traditionally been called the "5-Fold" ministry gifts. While there are ten categories listed above some do go together like evangelist, miracles, and gifts of healing. Also pastor and governments. This leaves Helps and Diversities of Tongues as separate ministry gifts. This viewpoint makes the "10" actually 7 total ministry areas. The office of Deacons and most other ministry offices fit into "Helps". The other two columns of list do not have to match because they are different kinds of gifts. Therefore they do not cancel each other out like some people try to do. For instance, someone who is prophecy motivated is not necessarily called as a prophet. Or one who manifest a gift of the Spirit and prophecies is not necessarily called as a prophet. Teacher works the same way also. These gifts are different even though they sound the same.

A. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

B. Paul addressed the pluralistic leadership in the church-

Philippians 1:1

1 **Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops** (elders) **and deacons:**

II. The Apostle gift

A. Definition- *Apostolos*-Sent one or one sent forth.

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E. The fruit of an apostle-

F. Characteristics of an apostle-

G. Qualifications of an apostle- elder, bishop

1. Eldership explained-they include all the office ministry gifts

    a. Only two groups of leaders in the church-Bishops (or elders) and deacons-(See also 1 Tim 3:1, 8).

    Philippians 1:1
    Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

    b. The word "elder" and "bishop" are used interchangeably-They are overseers (See also Acts 20:17, 28 Paul first calls them "elders," then he calls them bishops in vs 28).

    Thayer's Lexicon: "That they did not differ at all from the (επισκοποι) bishops or overseers (as is acknowledged also by Jerome on Titus 1:5 (cf. Lightfoot's Commentary on Philippians, pp. 98f, 229f)) is evident from the fact that the two words are used indiscriminately, Acts 20:17,28; Titus 1:5,7,"[7]

[7] J. H. Thayer, trans., *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1889), s.v. "," WORD*search* CROSS e-book. Under "elder- 4245."

Titus 1:4-7
4 To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.
5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

c. Elders are bishops (overseers), but not all elders are apostles. An elder/bishop could be a pastor. All apostles hold an elder position, but so do pastors and teachers who have oversight of churches. Apostles for new works at first, recognize and ordain elders over churches specifically pastors.

1 Peter 5:1 (KJV)
1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

The apostle Peter said he was an elder.

Acts 20:17 (KJV)
17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

Acts 20:28 (KJV)
28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Note Paul did not call for the "pastors" or "deacons," but the "elders" *plural* of the church *singular*. He called for all the ministers there at Ephesus to meet him. In verse 28, it literally reads: "Shephard (pastor) the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops (overseers)."

1 Timothy 5:17 (KJV)
17 Let the elders that rule (Gr. preside over others) **well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.**

This scripture clearly calls pastors and teachers elders. It also infers that there are/were elders in the church who did not preach. They were possibly pastoral gifts. Or like the Jewish elders there were mature leaders (over 40 who made local decisions for groups see Acts 4:22 where the word is translated "over 40").

d. The early church had elders along with the apostles of the lamb- Elders included all ministerial gifts here. James the brother of Jesus (he was also the pastor of the church in Jerusalem over all of them) who made the final decision. We see *three* leader groups in the early church who later in church history are included in the definition and title of "elder/bishop." They are elders, apostles, and pastors. All are now

technically elder/bishop overseers. Some might try to distinguish "bishops" separately from "elders" and call them apostles, but this does not generally bear true in Scripture. An apostle it seems by definition could be a "bishop" appointed as an "overseer" of a particular group of people or churches. Deacons are another ministry gift altogether. They are elected by the congregation. See my study guide on Elders and Deacons.

Acts 15:1-7
1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.
2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.
3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.
4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and *of* the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.
5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses.
6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.
7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.
Acts 15:8-12
8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;
9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.
12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.
Acts 15:13
And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me:
Acts 15:19
Wherefore my (LB-James) **sentence** (judgment or ruling) **is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:**

e. What an elder (presbyteros"4245") or (apostle, prophet, teacher, evangelist, pastor) does-

1 Peter 5:1-6
1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth

not away.
5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1) A witness, a partaker of future glory, a feeder. A willing overseer, a shepherd, a submitted one, a subjected one, a humbled one, an exalted one in due season.

2) They lay hands on to ordain or appoint other ministers, and possibly local church "elders."

Acts 14:23 (KJV)
23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Titus 1:5 (KJV)
5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

2. Specific qualifications for elders/bishops- Titus 1:9

1. Above reproach
2. The husband of only one wife
3. Having faithful/ believing children who are not accused of wildness or rebellion (HCSB)
4. Above reproach mentioned again specifically for bishops possibly in specific conjunction with the discussion of family prior
5. Not dominated by self-interest- arrogantly inserts his own will (Vine's)
6. Not prone to anger- hot tempered
7. Not addicted to wine
8. Not a combative person (Vincent's) buly
9. Not given to greed
10. Given to hospitality- fond of guest
11. A one who loves what is good
12. Sober- Self-controlled, temperate, sober minded (Vine's)
13. upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God (Thayer's)
14. Holy- undefiled by sin
15. A master of self-control (Thayer's)
16. Care for or adhere to the faithful words you have been taught so that you might encourage others with sound teaching, and reprove/rebuke others who contradict it.

f. The removal of Judas' bishoprick[8] (Greek: *episkope* (GSN-<G1984>), "overseer") or apostleship and choosing of Matthias. Here the word "bishop" or properly *episcopos* is related to the apostleship of the lamb.

Acts 1:20-23
20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.
21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.
23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.
Acts 1:26
26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Here, right or wrong they chose one who *qualified* as an "Apostle of the Lamb" (original 12) and allowed lots to decide between the two they choose.

1. A person who was personally following Christ from John the Baptist on
2. A person who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus

H. Apostles of the Lamb

Revelation 21:14
14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

[8] "**For it is written in the book of Psalms—**The places usually referred to are Psalm 69:25: Let their habitation be desolate, and let none dwell in their tents. And Psalm 109:8: Let his days be few, and let another take his office, פקדתו *pekudato*, his overseership, his charge of visitation or superintendence, translated by the SEPTUAGINT, την επισκοπην, VULGATE, *episcopatum*; and WE, following both, bishopric, but not with sufficient propriety, for surely the office or charge of Judas was widely different from what we call bishopric, the diocess, estate, and emoluments of a bishop. Επισκοπος, *episcopos*, which was corrupted by our Saxon ancestors into *biscop*, and by us into bishop, signifies literally an overseer or superintendent, from επι, over, and σκεπτομαι, I see, a person who had the inspection, overseeing, or superintendence of others. The ancient επισκοποι were persons who had the care of different congregations of the Church of Christ; who traveled, preached, enforced the discipline of the Church, and took care to prevent false doctrines, heresies, etc. Those who still deserve this title, and it is an august and noble one, walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing. Επισκοπος, *episcopus*, or bishop, is a scriptural and sacred title; was gloriously supported in the primitive Church;"
Adam Clarke, *Adam Clarke's Commentary*, (New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1826), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "Acts" 1:20.

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I. The Apostle gift

A. Definition-One who is sent

Ephesians 4:10-13
10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 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:

B. *Apostolos* found 81 times in scripture
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D. The sign of an apostle-
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1. Eldership explained-they are the office ministry gifts

2. Office of bishops or elder in the church includes all the office gifts-list includes good character-not a novice- not for money

1 Timothy 3:1-7
1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire <u>the office</u> of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

I. Deep and personal encounter with the Lord- beyond the ordinary-The Apostle Paul's testimony

2 Timothy 1:11-14
11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.
13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 1:15-17
15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,
16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:
17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

1. Deep experience-

1 Corinthians 9:1-7
1 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?
2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.
3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,
4 Have we not power to eat and to drink?
5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and *as* the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?
6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?
7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

Acts 9:3-6
3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

2. Paul taught by the Lord the revelation of the Lord's supper-

1 Corinthians 11:23-24
23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:
24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

3. The Gospel by revelation

Galatians 1:11-12
11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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5. 1 Corinthians 4- description of second class of Apostles. This describes this class of apostles as the fathers of the churches.

1 Corinthians 4:9-21
9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.
10 We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but ye *are* wise in Christ; we *are* weak, but ye *are* strong; ye *are* honourable, but we *are* despised.
11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;
12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:
13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.
14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn *you*.
15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.
16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.
18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.
20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.
21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?

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H. Deep and personal encounter with the Lord- beyond the ordinary-

I. An apostle seems to be able to stand in all the office gifts- Like a missionary

J. 4 Different classes of apostles

1. First class of apostles- Our first example Jesus Christ

Hebrews 3:1
Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

a. He is a prophet-

Matthew 13:57
And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

b. He is an evangelist-

Luke 19:10
For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

c. He is a pastor-

John 10:11-16
11 I am the good shepherd (pastor): the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.
15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.
16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

d. He is a teacher-

Matthew 9:35
And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

e. He was given the Spirit without measure- not like us, as individuals we are given a measure-

John 3:34-35
34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.
35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

The Hebrew rabbis taught that only the messiah would have the Spirit without measure. John confirms this about Jesus.

Barclay's Commentary: "John goes on: we can believe what Jesus says, because on him God poured out the Spirit in full measure, keeping nothing back. Even the Jews

themselves said that the prophets received from God a certain measure of the Spirit. The full measure of the Spirit was reserved for God's own chosen one."[9]

Colossians 1:19 (KJV)
[19] For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

Barne's Commentary: "The Messiah was continually filled with the Spirit of God. "The Spirit dwelt in him, not as a vessel, but as in a fountain, as in a bottomless ocean" (Henry),"[10]

We are given the Spirit *with* measure. In Christ the church collectively has a great anointing.

Romans 12:3
For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Hebrews 1:9 (KJV)- (Psalms 45:6-7)
[9] Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

2. Second Class- The Apostles of the Lamb-

Revelation 21:14
And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

a. Only the original 12 (except Matthias replacing Judas)

b. From disciples to apostles

John 20:20-22
[20] And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
[21] Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
[22] And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

c. Qualifications-

Acts 1:15-26
[15] And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)
[16] Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by

[9] William Barclay, *Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT)*, WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "The One From Heaven (Jn 3:31-36)".
[10] Albert Barnes, *Barnes' Notes on the New Testament*, ed. Robert Frew, WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "John 3:34".

the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.
18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.
19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.
20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.
21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.
23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.
24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,
25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.
26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

1) Ministers of the gospel- vs. 21
2) Eye witnesses of Jesus ministry- vs 22
3) Sent for the purpose to be a witness of the resurrection- vs 22
4) Foundational in laying down NT doctrine-

Ephesians 2:20
And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

5) Paul could not qualify for this class

3. Third class-Other foundational apostles in the beginning of the church-
The church was built on them. In 1 Cor. 3:10 Paul said of himself, "I have laid the foundation."

Ephesians 3:4-5
4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
Ephesians 2:19-20
19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

1 Corinthians 3:10-11
10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the

foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:8
8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

4. Forth class-Today's apostles-
   No foundational apostles today. If so they would be able to bring new doctrines. Apostles today are sent one by the Holy Spirit for a specific task-Missionaries, Pastors. Classic Greek word meant "envoys, delegates."

K. False apostles- Did you ever see a counterfeit 3 dollar bill?

Kenneth Hagin *He gave gifts unto men*- p. 49 "A false apostle *tears up* works with division, strife, and wrong teaching. Some so-called apostles today are doing that, and they are *false* apostles…did you ever see a counterfeit three-dollar bill? That's because there isn't any such thing as a three-dollar bill. A false apostle is a counterfeit of a genuine apostle and tries to act like the real thing."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15
13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Philippians 1:15-17
15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

L. False teachings concerning apostles today-

1. Do not Lord over God's people- Spiritual authority is not over people, but a spiritual position in the spiritual realm.

   1 Peter 5:2-4
   2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
   3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
   4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

2. To the elders at Ephesus

Acts 20:28-31
28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

M. An apostle's true authority-

2 Corinthians 10:7-18
7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's.
8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:
9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.
10 For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible.
11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.
12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.
13 But we will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.
14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure*, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ:
15 Not boasting of things without *our* measure, *that is*, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,
16 To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.
17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.
18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

2 Corinthians 10:15 (HCSB)
15 We are not bragging beyond measure about other people's labors. But we have the hope that as your faith increases, our area ⌊of ministry⌋ will be greatly enlarged,

1. You can't give someone a ministry gift or call someone into the ministry, only Jesus can do this.

2. Apostles today are not foundational and do not bring new foundational doctrine to the church.

3. Apostles do not rule churches and pastors-Eph. 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:28 orders are different. The pastor is the governing gift in local church

4. Each church regardless of its size is to be governed by the 5-fold ministry is false- Local vs. universal church.

5. False-Any church that doesn't have an apostle over it is an illegitimate church.

N. Paul describes the apostle's life-

1 Cor. 4:9-21 (Amplified)
9 For it seems to me that God has made an exhibit of us apostles, exposing us to view last [of all, like men in a triumphal procession who are] sentenced to death [and displayed at the end of the line]. For we have become a spectacle to the world [a show in the world's amphitheater] with both men and angels [as spectators].
10 We are [looked upon as] fools on account of Christ *and* for His sake, but you are [supposedly] so amazingly wise *and* prudent in Christ! We are weak, but you are [so very] strong! You are highly esteemed, but we are in disrepute *and* contempt!
11 To this hour we have gone both hungry and thirsty; we [habitually] wear but one undergarment [and shiver in the cold]; we are roughly knocked about and wander around homeless.
12 And we still toil unto weariness [for our living], working hard with our own hands. When men revile us [wound us with an accursed sting], we bless them. When we are persecuted, we take it patiently *and* endure it.
13 When we are slandered *and* defamed, we [try to] answer softly *and* bring comfort. We have been made and are now the rubbish *and* filth of the world [the offscouring of all things, the scum of the earth].
14 I do not write this to shame you, but to warn *and* counsel you as my beloved children.
15 After all, though you should have ten thousand teachers (guides to direct you) in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the glad tidings (the Gospel).
16 So I urge *and* implore you, be imitators of me.
17 For this very cause I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord, who will recall to your minds my methods of proceeding *and* course of conduct *and* way of life in Christ, such as I teach everywhere in each of the churches.
18 Some of you have become conceited *and* arrogant *and* pretentious, counting on my not coming to you.
19 But I will come to you [and] shortly, if the Lord is willing, and then I will perceive *and* understand not what the talk of these puffed up *and* arrogant spirits amount to, but their force (the moral power and excellence of soul they really possess).
20 For the kingdom of God consists of *and* is based on not talk but power (moral power and excellence of soul).
21 Now which do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod of correction, or with love and in a spirit of gentleness?

1. Exhibited-out in the open
2. Viewed last in parade of dying men-naked gladiators sent out last
3. Made a spectacle of men and angels
4. Looked at as fools
5. Weak

6. Treated with disrepute and contempt
7. Hungry and thirsty
8. Wearing one pair of undergarment (amp)- scantily clothed
9. roughly knocked about
10. Homeless
11. Working physically hard for a living
12. Reviled
13. Persecuted, patient and endure
14. Slandered and defamed, but answer softly and bring comfort
15. Called rubbish and filth of the world
16. Fathers
17. Apostles teach
18. Apostles send (i.e. Timothy)
19. Travel around
20. Operate in power (dunamas) not words
21. Yield rod of correction in the spirit of gentleness

O. Conclusion- Apostles come last- The reference here seems to be that of those gladiators condemned in the arena.

1 Corinthians 4:9
For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

Paul used an analogy that they well understood- The violent games of the amphitheaters.

> **Adam Clarke:** "In the morning men were brought upon the theatres to fight with wild beasts, and to them was allowed armor to defend themselves and smite the beasts that assailed them; but in the meridian or noon-day spectacles the gladiators were brought forth naked, and without any thing to defend themselves from the sword of the assailant; and he that then escaped was only kept for slaughter to another day, so that these men might well be called επιθανατιοι, men appointed for death;"[11]

These were really dead men walking "appointed to death." They were the last to make appearance in the theatre for that day, so they were called "the last." Paul compares the sufferings of the apostles to these last "gladiators." Some believers actually died this way.

> **Barnes:** "But Paul may mean to refer to the custom of bringing forth those in the amphitheatre, at the *conclusion* of the spectacles, who were to fight with other men, and who had no chance of escape. These inhuman games abounded everywhere; and an allusion to them would be well understood, and is indeed often made by Paul."[12]

[1111] Adam Clarke, *Adam Clarke's Commentary*, (New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1826), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "1 Corinthians".
[12] Albert Barnes, *Barnes' Notes on the New Testament*, ed. Robert Frew, WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "1 Corinthians 4".

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LESSON 9

The gift of the Prophet- part 1

Introduction:

1. First saved then called-a gift prepared for us in Jesus

2 Tim 1:8-9- Message
So don't be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all *his* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it.

2. He never withdraws them-He does not change His mind

Romans 11:29- Amplified
For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]

I. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

A. The five-fold ministry office gifts serve the church.

Ephesians 4:7-13, an example of them working together in the church-Acts 13:1

The ministry gifts are people. They are characteristic of a full-time office or callings, rather than a gift that can function in and through any believer. We cannot call ourselves to these ministries. They are the ministries of Jesus given to men to do specific task in the church and world. They are developed over time. A person can stand in more than one office gift, we separate them to define them.

Apostle – called and usually gifted in many or all the ministry gifts and have oversite over groups or areas. **Prophet** – called to help direct and inspire the church through direct, divine inspiration and revelation **Evangelist** –called to preach the word to win souls **Pastor**-called as

shepherds of the local church **Teacher** – called to bring insight and revelation of the word of God

B. A second list of 8 office gifts in the church- 1 Cor. 12:28-30

Apostles, Prophets, Teachers

Miracles- Those who operate in power gifts like evangelist or even deacons. **Gifts of healing-** Those who have a specific calling to one or more gifts of healing like pastors, evangelist or lay people. **Helps- Deacons-** Specific ministries who help in the church. **Governments-** Directorship or to steer (Bishops, pastors, elders, steering committees, organizers). **Diversities of tongues-** Someone with a specific ministry of tongues and interpretation.

C. Other ministries offices named -Included in other lists

Philippians 1:1
Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Deacons- (ministry of helps) 1 Tim 3:8
Bishops and Elders- (They are the Apostles and Pastors and governments) 1 Tim. 3:1, Acts 14:23

In conclusion all together there are 10 Ministry gifts categories that are listed in general. (See chart). In reality hundreds of specific callings and vocations.

II. The ministry gift of the prophet-

A. Simply defined- A prophet is called to help direct and inspire the church through direct, divine inspiration and revelation.

1. **Kenneth Hagin** "One of the elements of the prophet's ministry is divinely inspired speaking, or speaking under the unction and power of the Holy Spirit on the inspiration of the moment. This is true of both the Old Testament and New Testament prophets."[13]

2. "Hebrew *nabi*, from a root meaning "to bubble forth, as from a fountain," hence "to utter," (05030) See Isaiah 38:1. This Hebrew word is the first and the most generally used for a prophet. In the time of Samuel another word, *ro'eh*, "seer," began to be used, See 1Sam. 9:9. It occurs seven times in reference to Samuel. Afterwards another word, *hozeh*, "seer" 2Sa 24:11 was employed. In 1Chron. 29:29 all these three words are used:

[13] **Kenneth Hagin** *He gave gifts unto men*-P. 98-

"Samuel the seer (ro'eh), Nathan the prophet (nabi'), Gad the seer" (hozeh)."[14] ***Online Bible***

1 Chronicles 29:29 (HCSB)
[29] As for the events of King David's [reign], from beginning to end, note that they are written in the Events of Samuel the Seer, the Events of Nathan the Prophet, and the Events of Gad the Seer,

B. Are there prophets today?

1. Prophets were foundational

Ephesians 2:19-20
[19] Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
[20] And are built upon <u>the foundation of the apostles and prophets</u>, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;
Some would say that the office of the prophet does not exist today, although they believed they existed in the Old Testament and New Testament eras. No evidence for this.

2. He gave prophets for the perfecting of the saints… until we all come in unity and are fully matured and perfected.

Ephesians 4:11-13
[11] And he gave some, apostles; and some, <u>prophets</u>; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
[12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
[13] <u>Till we all come in</u> 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:

   a. Some teach that only evangelists, pastors and teachers exist today

   b. The word of God makes no distinction- It seems the list stands or falls together.

   c. For what purpose were they given? Perfecting saints, work of the ministry, and edifying of the body Vs.12-13. Have all the saints been perfected, is there work left to do, and does the body of Christ still need to be built up? **YES!**

   d. Some today say this gift of prophet only means to preach

   e. These ministry gifts will be necessary till Jesus comes.

C. What constitutes the office of the prophet?

[14] https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Prophet.php4- https://www.biblicaltraining.org/library/prophet

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1 Corinthians 14:29-32
29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

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Not something he thought of, but something given at the spur of the moment by sudden inspiration.

2. The prophet is first of all a minister of the gospel, separated and called to the ministry with the calling of God upon his life. The prophet IS a MINISTRY gift.

Acts 13:1-2
1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

a. First of all a preacher or teacher of the word-

1) Jesus Preached

Luke 4:18
18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
Matthew 9:35
And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

2) Paul Preached

[15] Donald Gee. (1930). *The Ministry Gifts of Christ*. (P.39) Gospel Publishing House

1 Timothy 2:7
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 Timothy 1:11
Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

b. There are no prophets among the laity because it has a ministry calling to it. Not a person going around giving personal "words" to all.

c. A layman may *prophecy* (the simple gift of prophecy) but he is not *a* prophet because he can prophecy. DEF. "To speak for another"

1) Paul encouraged the entire church at Corinth to covet to prophesy. The simple gift of the spirit of prophecy here.

1 Corinthians 14:1
Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy.

What is the simple gift of the Spirit "to prophecy"? Speaking unto men… edification, exhortation, and comfort.

1 Corinthians 14:3
But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

1 Corinthians 14:24
24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

1 Corinthians 14:31
31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

The answer to the question "Are all Prophets?" NO!

1 Corinthians 12:29-31 (KJV)
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

2) Distinguishing the difference of the simple gift of prophecy and the office gift of prophet. To "prophecy" does not make you a "prophet." Everybody was encouraged to prophecy in the church but not everyone held the ministry office gift of prophet.

Acts 21:8-11
8 And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him.
9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.
10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet,

named Agabus.
11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.

3) **Dr. Lester Sumrall** The gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit P. 112

> "The prophetic office always predicts the future: the gift of prophecy never predicts the future."[16]

3. "To stand in <u>the office of the prophet</u>, one must have a more consistent manifestation of at least two of the revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, or discerning of spirits.) plus prophecy"[17]- **Hagin**

   a. Three revelation gifts are: 1 Cor. 12:7-10

      1) **Word of wisdom**: Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. Always speaks of the future.

      2) **Word of knowledge**: Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God of facts in the mind of God concerning people, places, or things. Always present or past tense.

      3) **Discerning of spirits**: Supernatural insight into the realm of spirits. Seeing and hearing in the spirit realm.

[16] Sumrall, Dr. Lester. <u>The gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit</u> (P.112) LeSea Publishing
[17] Hagin, Kenneth. P. 109

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Vs. 3- What is the simple gift of the Spirit "to prophecy"?
Speaking unto men… edification, exhortation, and comfort

1 Cor. 12:29- The answer to the question "Are all Prophets?" NO!

But <u>all can prophecy</u> according to Peter and the historical account of the book of Acts.

Acts 2:16-18
16 <u>But this is that</u> which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and <u>your sons and your daughters shall prophesy</u>, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

2) Distinguishing the difference- Acts 21:8-11

3. "To stand in the office of the prophet, one must have a more consistent manifestation of at least two of the revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, or discerning of spirits.) plus prophecy"-Hagin

There are three groupings of the manifestation gifts of the Spirit: Vocal or Inspiration, Power, and revelation.

a. The three <u>revelation</u> gifts are:

1 Corinthians 12:7-10
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to <u>every man</u> to profit withal.
8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1) **Word of wisdom**: Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. Always speaks of the future.

Acts 9:10-16
10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.
11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: <u>for, behold, he prayeth</u>,
12 And <u>hath seen in a vision</u> a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, <u>to bear my name before the Gentiles</u>, and kings, and the children of Israel:
16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

2) **Word of knowledge**: Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God of facts in the mind of God concerning people, places, or things. Always present or past tense.

3) **Discerning of spirits**: Supernatural insight into the realm of spirits. Seeing and hearing in the spirit realm.

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Acts 13:6-12
6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name *was* Barjesus:
7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.
8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.
9 Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,
10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?
11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.
12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

b. Any Spirit-filled believer might have occasional manifestations of these gifts as the Spirit wills and as the need arises.

Acts 2:16-18
16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and <u>your sons and your daughters shall prophesy</u>, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and <u>they shall prophesy</u>:

<u>But a prophet would also stand in the place of preacher or teacher of the Word and would have a more consistent manifestation of them.</u> The difference is that the prophet has a ministry along this line. It becomes a ministry gift on a higher level.

c. A prophet is one who has visions and revelations.

d. There are three types of revelations and <u>three types of visions</u>. The highest type of revelation and the lowest type of vision are similar and sometimes a person cannot tell the difference.

1) **A spiritual vision**. A person has a <u>vision in his spirit</u>, or sees in his spirit. This is the first and lowest type of vision. Example: Saul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-8).

Acts 9:1-8
1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
4 And <u>he fell to the earth, and heard a voice</u> saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
7 And <u>the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man</u>.
8 And Saul arose from the earth; and <u>when his eyes were opened</u>, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.

The Bible says about Saul that ". . . when his eyes were OPENED, he saw no man. . . ." Paul didn't see the Lord with his physical eyes. He saw into the spirit realm with his eyes closed. Later Ananias prayed for Paul that he might receive his sight (Acts 9:17).

2) **A trance**. When one falls into a trance, his <u>physical senses are suspended for the moment</u>. He is not aware of where he is or anything that contacts the physical realm. He is not unconscious; he is just more conscious of spiritual things than he is of physical things.

Examples: Paul. When Paul went to Jerusalem the first time

Acts 22:17-18
17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;
18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

Peter. Acts 10 relates the story of Peter's vision in which the Lord told him to take the gospel to the Gentiles.

Acts 10:10-11
10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,
11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

We see from the Bible that both Peter and Paul fell into a trance and saw into the spirit realm.

3) **An open vision**. When this happens, one's physical senses are not suspended. His physical eyes are not closed. He possesses all his physical capabilities, yet he sees and hears in the realm of the spirit. John. In chapter one of the Book of Revelation, it appears that John saw the Lord in an open vision.

Revelation 1:10-12
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

4) Personal experience: a vision of spiritual warfare in my sleep- Another time while in prayer I saw a man in my front yard in South Bend, Indiana. God showed me in my mind what was happening outside of my house as if I were there. He was being assaulted and stabbed and God said to me “Go now and stop it.” I believe this man would have been murdered if I hadn’t intervened.

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LESSON 11

The gift of the Prophet- part 3

Introduction:

2 Tim 1:8-9- Message "We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all *his* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it."

Ephesians 4:11-13
11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 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:

I. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

II. The ministry gift of the prophet-

A. Simply defined- called to help direct and inspire the church through direct, divine inspiration and revelation.

B. Are there prophets today? Yes-

C. What constitutes the office of the prophet?

1. "A "prophet" in the New Testament sense is one who speaks "from the impulse of a sudden inspiration, from the light of a sudden revelation at the moment *(apokalupsis*—1 Cor. 14:30)" Donald Gee. *The Ministry Gifts of Christ*.

2. The prophet is first of all a minister of the gospel

3. "To stand in the office of the prophet, one must have a more consistent manifestation of at least two of the revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, or discerning of spirits.) plus prophecy"-Kenneth Hagin- P. 46 *The ministry gifts lessons*

   a. The three revelation gifts are:
   b. Any Spirit-filled believer might have occasional manifestations of these gifts as the Spirit wills and as the need arises.
   c. A prophet is one who has visions and revelations.
   d. There are three types of revelations and three types of visions.
   e. The word "revealed" is used in connection with the prophet's ministry.

1 Corinthians 14:29-32

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

   1) A prophet may speak forth his revelations through the gift of prophecy. This is on a higher level than simple prophecy.

   2) A prophet may also bring forth his revelation just by telling what the Holy Spirit is saying.

   3) Revelations are to be judged. Comments: It is scriptural for others to judge prophecy (1 Cor. 14:29). People who don't want their revelations - or prophecies - judged are wrong. And they could be into spiritual pride.

   f. Sometimes the prophet does operate in the place of a foreteller. This is the gift of the <u>word of wisdom</u> in operation through the prophet.

   1) Agabus. He stood up in the Antioch church and foretold a drought that was to come.

Acts 11:27-28

27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.
28 And there <u>stood up</u> one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

   2) Agabus also later foretold what would happen to Paul in Jerusalem. He used an illustration to prophecy to Paul and said "Thus says the Holy Spirit."

Acts 21:10-11

10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.
11 And when he was come unto us, <u>he took Paul's girdle</u>, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, <u>Thus saith the Holy Ghost</u>, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.

g. Some do not believe that personal prophecy is scriptural. They do not believe that a prophet may have a message for an individual.

1) Agabus did (Acts 21:10-11). He did not tell Paul not to go to Jerusalem. He merely told Paul what would happen to him there, and it came to pass.

2) God does show us things as He wills to prepare us and to get us ready for the future. But you cannot turn the ministry of the prophet on and off as you please. The gift only operates as the Spirit wills.

3) God can and does use people sometimes to personally minister a message to someone else. Then sometimes they think they can give everyone a message. Not true.

h. Some instructions for the prophets in the church

1 Corinthians 14:29-32
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31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1 Corinthians 14:39-40
39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.
40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

D. The Office of the prophet in the Old Testament

Amos 7:15-16
15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.
16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.

The Old Testament prophet was simply one who heard from God and proclaimed what God said to say. The N.T. Greek word literally means to "fore-tell" or to declare by revelation.

The Old Testament scripture is prophetic words spoken by holy men (prophets).

2 Peter 1:19-21
19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

Hebrews 1:1
God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers <u>by the prophets</u>,

1. The prophets of the Old Testament were called seers. They would see and know things supernaturally.

   1 Samuel 9:9 (KJV)
   9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he that is* now *called* a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

   a. Saul, as a young boy, was out looking for some of his father's donkeys that had strayed away (1 Sam. 9). When Saul inquired about them, someone suggested that he go to the prophet and ask him where to find the donkeys, for the prophet Samuel would know where they were.

2. From Dr. Sumrall's Study Guide- "The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit"

   a. The Bible lists 78 Prophets and prophetesses
      (Note some here could be those who prophesied but may not all be prophets)

   b. A few examples-

      1) Jacob-

         Genesis 49:1
         And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.

      2) Moses-wrote 475 verses of prophecy-

         Exodus 11:4-8 (KJV)
         4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:
         5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that *is* behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.
         6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.
         7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.
         8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

      3) Isaiah-

Isaiah 7:14-16
14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.
16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

4) David-wrote 385 verses of prophecy-

Psalm 22:18
They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

5) Groups of prophets-

a) 70 elders of Israel-

Numbers 11:24-25
[24] And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.
[25] And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

b) The school of the prophets-

1 Samuel 10:5-10
[5] After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where *is* the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:
[6] And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
[7] And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, *that* thou do as occasion serve thee; for God *is* with thee.
[8] And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.
[9] And it was *so*, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.
[10] And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

c) The sons of the prophets-

2 Kings 2:3
[3] And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

6) There were 16 Old Testament and 4 New Testament writing prophets-Peter, Paul, James, John and at least 4 others.

7) New Testament prophets-

   a) John the Baptist-

Matthew 3:11-13 (KJV)
11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:
12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

John 1:29-34
29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.
32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.
33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

   b) Zacharias-

Luke 1:67-79
67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:
71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,
74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.
76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,
78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

c) Simeon and Anna-

Luke 2:25-35
25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.
26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,
28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.
33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.
34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;
35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

d) Agabus- See also Acts 21:10-11

Acts 11:28
28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

e) Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius, and Manaen-

Acts 13:1-2
1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

f) Silas and Judas- At Antioch

Acts 15:32
32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed *them*.

8) Female prophets in the Bible-

a) Miriam-

Exodus 15:20 (KJV)
[20] And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

b) Deborah-

Judges 4:4
[4] And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

c) Huldah-

2 Kings 22:14
[14] So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

d) Nodiah-

Nehemiah 6:14
My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

e) Isaiah's wife-

Isaiah 8:3
And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

f) Anna-

Luke 2:36
And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

c. Prophets to different groups

1) Individuals- Acts 5:3, 9

Acts 5:3 (KJV)
[3] But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

Acts 5:9
Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of

the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

2) To a nation- OT prophets to Israel-
Hosea 9:1 (KJV)
[1] Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as *other* people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.

3) To the world-

Jeremiah 1:5
Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

3. Dr. Hagin's book "*He gave gifts unto men*."- Said about modern prophets who try to control:

Kenneth Hagin: "Actually, people who try to direct other people's lives through the office of the prophet are nothing more than fortune-tellers."[18]

E. Prophets in the New Testament: Under the New Covenant it is unscriptural to primarily seek guidance for the future through the ministry of the prophet.

Donald Gee- "Others simply think that a "prophet" has little to do but foretell the future. This also has an element of truth, but is very far indeed from the complete picture. Others again have unfortunately distorted the office by trying to make its chief function that of guidance in church or private affairs; and their exaggeration and abuse of the office on this line has only added confusion, and prejudiced people against the truth. Here also there has been an element of truth, in that the Holy Spirit *does* guide at times through this channel, when He so pleases in sovereign grace; but it is never "to order," and the New Testament gives no such all important place to prophets in the conduct of affairs."[19]

1. We have a better covenant-

Hebrews 8:6
[6] But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

2. We have the same Presence of God within us that was kept shut up in the Holy of Holies. He is living within us. Our bodies become the temple of God under the New Covenant -

[18] Dr. Hagin, Kenneth. He gave gifts unto men P. 112
[19] **Donald Gee**-P. 38-39

1 Corinthians 3:16
Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
1 Corinthians 6:19
What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
2 Corinthians 6:16
And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

3. He is within us to lead us.
   Romans 8:14
   For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

4. Every believer needs to learn to follow the Spirit of God for himself. He shouldn't have to go to anyone else for guidance.

   John 16:13 (KJV)
   13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

5. There are people who endeavor to control people's lives through personal prophecy. It is unscriptural. They think they have something new and really it's the spirit of deception, it is not the Holy Spirit at all. (This is the spirit of witchcraft-to control others)

6. Know in your own spirit that God is leading you. If whatever someone else says confirms what you have in your spirit, fine. If it doesn't, forget it.

F. How to recognize a false prophet

1. Just because it is supernatural doesn’t mean its God

2. Familiar spirits know some things, but God knows the heart of man

3. The devil can “foretell” with some accuracy just by predicting where people are heading.

   Acts 16:16-19
   16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
   17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.
   18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
   19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

4. They predict things that don't come to pass-

5. When the Holy Spirit is in manifestation, He always makes Jesus Lord. Is this person exalting Jesus or himself? Some NT prophets get in error because they prophecy out of God's Spirit and feel like they need to perform.

1 Corinthians 12:1-3
1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

G. Conclusion:-

Extra reading-Read personal experience on Pages 64-67 Of Kenneth Hagin's "*The Ministry Gifts 15 Lessons*"

Hagin-"If you do have a revelation, seek God for wisdom on how to handle it properly. Don't just blurt it out. It is possible to shipwreck people's lives and mess things up so that God won't give you further revelation." [20]

Romans 12:6-7
6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;
7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

[20] Hagin P.65

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LESSON 12

The gift of the Evangelist

Introduction: Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

Review: What constitutes the office of the prophet?

1 Corinthians 12:1-4

[1] Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
[2] Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
[3] Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
[4] Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit is in manifestation, He always makes Jesus Lord. He makes the Lord first and exalted. So when a person speaks prophetically is this person exalting Jesus or himself? Some NT prophets get in error because they prophecy out of God's Spirit and feel like they need to perform.

I. The ministry gift of the evangelist-

One who's office is to proclaim good news or a message of wellness. The word "evangelist" occurs only three times in the New Testament as a noun.

55 times as a verb but never translated as "evangelize." Rather "Preach the Gospel", or "Bring good tidings."

1. A ministry gift to the church

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

2. The Bible speaks of "Philip the evangelist."

Acts 21:8
And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him.

3. Paul told Timothy, who was the pastor of a New Testament church at the time, to "do the work of an evangelist."

2 Timothy 4:5
But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
The work of an evangelist is to preach the gospel of salvation to the lost.

A. The meaning of the word "evangelist" is: One who brings the evangel (the good news); a messenger of good tidings. Strong's concordance # 2099

"euangelistēs

Usage Notes:

English Words used in KJV:
evangelist 3
[Total Count: 3]

from <G2097> (euaggelizo); a *preacher* of the gospel :- evangelist."[21]

Vine's Concordance: *"Euangelistēs* Usage Notes: lit., "a messenger of good" (*eu*, "well," *angelos*, "a messenger"), denotes a "preacher of the Gospel," Acts 21:8; Eph. 4:11, which makes clear the distinctiveness of the function in the churches; 2 Tim. 4:5. Cp. *euangelizō*, "to proclaim glad tidings," and *euangelion*, "good news, gospel." Missionaries are "evangelists," as being essentially preachers of the Gospel."[22]

B. The evangelist brings the message of the redeeming grace of God.

C. The evangelist's favorite theme is salvation in its simplest form.

[21] James Strong, *Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary*, (Austin, TX: WORD*search* Corp., 2007), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "2099".
[22] William E. Vine, *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words*, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1940), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "Evangelist".

D. The only New Testament example we have of an evangelist is Philip. Philip's ministry is the model because it is the only one God gave us.

1. Philip had just one message, and that was Jesus Christ.

   a. Philip's message to Samaria:

      Acts 8:7
      For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

   b. Philip's message to the eunuch: Jesus

      Acts 8:35
      Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

   c. One notable characteristic of evangelists is this: No matter what scripture they begin with, they preach Jesus. That is their calling. That is their message.

E. The supernatural equipment accompanying the evangelist's ministry includes "miracles" and "gifts of healings."

1. The evangelist is plainly a direct endowment or ministry gift from the Lord (Eph. 4:11).

   Yet in 1 Corinthians 12:28, the evangelist is not mentioned by name in this list. (Neither is the pastor mentioned by name in this list. The apostle is. The prophet is. The teacher is. But the evangelist and the pastor are not.)

   1 Corinthians 12:28
   And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

2. Possibly the evangelist is mentioned in the 1 Corinthians 12:28 list when it says "miracles, then gifts of healings."

   a. Miracles and gifts of healings can also go with other offices, but we know from the only New Testament model, Philip, that they should accompany the evangelist's ministry.

      Acts 8:5-8 (KJV)
      5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
      6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
      7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with*

***them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.**
8 And there was great joy in that city.

1) Philip went somewhere-evangelist travel
2) He preached Christ
3) People respond
4) Miracles accompanied his gift
5) Deliverances also
6) Healings also
7) Great Joy came to a whole city

b. Healings followed the preaching of Christ. If, as the Scripture says, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses," one could not “preach Christ” in His fullness without preaching the healing part of our redemption also.

Psalm 103:1-3
1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

F. If the divine gift or endowment is within a person, the person will need no pleading to be an evangelist. There will be a divine urge burning within him or her.

1. Philip is first seen as a deacon (a helper) in the church (Acts 6:1-6).

It would be safe to say that the apostles ordained Philip as a deacon, but there is no record of his commission to evangelize. Yet we see him down in Samaria with this heavenly gift burning in his spirit, which urged him to preach the gospel with glorious results.

Acts 6:1-7
1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

2. Paul said, ". . . woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"
   1 Corinthians 9:16
   For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, <u>woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel</u>!

3. God told Jeremiah to prophesy against Israel. God also told Jeremiah no one would listen and that he wouldn't have any followers.

   Jeremiah grew weary and once said, in effect, "I'm not going to prophesy anymore unto this people. I'm not going to speak anymore in His Name." (We would say, "I'm not going to preach anymore.") Then Jeremiah said, ". . . But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones."

   Jeremiah 20:9
   9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

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1. Supernatural advertisement.

   a. There was something to see and hear in Philip's ministry: "And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, HEARING and SEEING the MIRACLES which he did."

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   b. Philip the evangelist was equipped with the particular spiritual gifts needed for his ministry - working of miracles and gifts of healings. The display of these spiritual gifts through him is the finest form of advertising there can be.

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   a. In the ministry of the evangelist, the preaching of the Word of God is essential.

   b. Divine power will draw a crowd. Miracles and healings arrest and compel people's attention. But it is in believing the Word that men are saved.

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12 But <u>when they believed</u> Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

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c. Paul told Timothy (and remember Paul also told Timothy to do the work of an evangelist), "Preach the Word."

2 Timothy 4:2
[2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:5
[5] But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

d. Only the preaching of the Word affects the will of the sinner.

3. Individual decision.

Acts 8:26-40 (KJV)
[26] And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
[27] And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,
[28] Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.
[29] Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.
[30] And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
[31] And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
[32] The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:
[33] In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.
[34] And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
[35] Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
[36] And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; <u>what doth hinder me to be baptized?</u>
[37] And Philip said, <u>If thou believest with all thine heart</u>, thou mayest. And he answered and said, <u>I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.</u>

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.
40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

a. Conversion is an individual matter. It is something personal between the human spirit and God.
b. God is trying to teach us when He records the mass conversions in Samaria, and then He finishes the chapter with the account of the evangelist and the Ethiopian - one person
c. The supreme gift of a real evangelist is the power to bring a person's soul to a decision for Christ.

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV)
30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

4. The evangelist's need for others.

a. The diversity of ministry gifts God has set in the Church are dependent upon one another for their fullest expression and most lasting results.

b. Sending Peter and John to Samaria is significant in this regard.

Acts 8:14 (KJV)
14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

1) As an evangelist, Philip had the ability to get people saved, but his ministry did not necessarily extend beyond bringing people into salvation.

2) Philip had no ability to establish a church, or to get people rooted and grounded in the Word, or to teach them.

3) He seemingly did not have the ministry to impart the baptism in the Holy Spirit that Peter and John had (vv. 14-17).

Acts 8:14-17 (HCSB)
14 When the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had welcomed God's message, they sent Peter and John to them.
15 After they went down there, they prayed for them, so the Samaritans might receive the Holy Spirit.
16 For He had not yet come down on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

4) Philip did his job in getting the people to God by preaching salvation through Jesus Christ. Then the apostles sent others to take them further in the Lord.

   a) One person will never be able to do everything. But God is not limited. That's why we need one another.

   b) **Howard Carter** was a great pioneer of the Pentecostal Movement. He founded the first Pentecostal Bible School in the world. It still exists in England. The revelation God gave him concerning the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit as recorded in First Corinthians 12 is regarded as fundamental truth today.

      Rev. Carter had a ministry of laying on of hands to get people filled with the Holy Spirit. But he would point people to his wife to lay hands on them for healing. He recognized his limitations and he recognized another's ministry.

      Not one of us is all-sufficient. We need one another.

I. The evangelist's ministry is more of a roving ministry, ministering to the unsaved. Acts 8:26, 40

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In a 1990 interview with PBS, **Billy Graham** himself stated his believe that only about 25% of those who come forward at one of his events actually became Christians. We don't know that number. In recent years, studies have shown that only 6% of people who "come forward" at an evangelistic crusade are any different in their beliefs or behavior one year later. Of course, it is estimated that Billy Graham preached to more than 215 million people, and 6% of 100 million (assuming half came forward) is still 6 million. That's significant.

III. Conclusion

A. Don't get the cart before the horse-

Acts 8:12 (HCSB)
[12] But when they believed Philip, as he preached the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Luke 9:1-6 (KJV)
[1] Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
[2] And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
[3] And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.
[4] And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.
[5] And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.
[6] And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

1. Two words for "preach" here:

   a. Vs 2- 2784 κηρύσσω kerusso- AV-preach 51, publish 5, proclaim 2, preached 2, preacher 1; 61 to be a herald, to officiate as a herald
   b. Vs 6- 2097 εὐαγγελίζω euaggelizo-means to bring good tidings, to evangelize

2. We go out to tell the good news and the effect of that is the verb evangelism (the message is Jesus).

3. We preach the good news about Christ Jesus, and then people are evangelized

B. We are all called to proclaim the good news-

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV)
[15] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
[16] He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
[17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
[18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
[19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
[20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)
[18] And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
[19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
[20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

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26 Categories of gifts listed

26 gifts listed			Pastor Larry Booth
Given by	**Jesus**	**Given by God**	**Given by the Holy Spirit**
5 Ministry/Office Gifts Ephesians 4:7-13	**5 Ministry/Office- 8 gifts listed (3 same +5) or 7 gifts-(5 same +2)** 1Corinthians 12:28-30	**7 Motivational or Serving gifts** Romans 12:1-8	**9 Manifestation/Charismatic Gifts** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
Apostle	Apostles- same		
Prophet	Prophets- same	Prophecy	Prophesying
		Exhortation/encouragement	Word of Knowledge
Teacher	Teachers- same	Teaching	Word of Wisdom
Evangelist	Miracles-evangelist possibly Gifts of Healing- evangelist possibly		Discerning of Spirits
Pastor	Governments-pastor/elder/bishop	Administration- leads with care	Miracles
	Helps- many areas /deacons	Serving	Gifts Healing
	Diversities of Tongues	Mercy Giving	Speaking in Tongues
			Interpretation of Tongues
			Faith-supernatural believing

II. The ministry gift of the pastor- Called as a shepherd of the local church

Ephesians 4:11 (KJV)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

A. The word "pastor" is used only once in the King James translation of the New Testament.

This seems strange when we realize that the office of pastor is probably the most widely recognized office in Christian ministry today.
There are many references to this "pastoral" office in the Bible.

B. The Greek word translated "pastor" literally means "shepherd."

Vine's: "Original Word: ποιμήν, *poimēn*
Usage Notes**:** "a shepherd, one who tends herds or flocks" (not merely one who feeds them), is used metaphorically of Christian "pastors," Eph. 4:11. "Pastors" guide as well as feed the flock; cp. Acts 20:28, which, with ver. 17, indicates that this was the service committed to elders (overseers or bishops); so also in 1 Pet. 5:1, 2, "tend the flock … exercising the oversight," RV; this involves tender care and vigilant superintendence."[23]

Acts 20:17 (KJV)
17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

Acts 20:28 (KJV)
28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

1 Peter 5:1-2 (KJV)
1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

1. Feed the flock (pastor/shepherd)
2. Take the oversight (Elder/bishop's position)
   (See also Hebrews 13:7 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12)

C. It also is translated referring to our Lord and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Great Example of a true pastor or shepherd:

1. The good shepherd
   John 10:11 (KJV)
   11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

2. That great shepherd

[23] William E. Vine, *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words*, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1940), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "Pastor".

Hebrews 13:20-21 (KJV)
[20] Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
[21] Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

3. Shepherd and bishop of your souls

1 Peter 2:25 (KJV)
[25] For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

4. The chief shepherd

1 Peter 5:4 (KJV)
[4] And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

D. Jesus is the Great Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd, of *all* God's sheep.

E. Jesus has under-shepherds. A pastor is an under-shepherd. A pastor is a shepherd of God's sheep in a local body (flock).

F. God calls men and equips them to shepherd, or pastor, a flock.

G. Shepherds are necessary for the maturing and equipping of the saints.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV)
[11] And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
[12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
[13] 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:
[14] 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;
[15] But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
[16] From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

1. In New Testament days, as believers began to gather together in recognized local churches, groups, or assemblies, they needed certain ones to exercise a position of loving oversight and care. That's the position of the pastor or the shepherd.
Revelation 2:1-2 (HCSB)
[1] "Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: "The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks among the seven gold lampstands says:
[2] I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil. You

have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars.

2. Jesus had compassion upon people "scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd".

Matthew 9:36-38 (KJV)
36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;
38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

a. Sheep without shepherds are scattered abroad - they go astray.
b. We see this in groups where there is no shepherd.
c. Pastors are laborers to help harvest people for Jesus (plant, cultivate, prune, grow)

H. This office is a more settled or stationary office.

1 Peter 5:1 (KJV)
1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

1 Peter 5:10 (KJV)
10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

1. Perfected- complete thoroughly
2. Stablish- to turn resolutely in a set direction, confirm
3. Strengthen- bodily vigor
4. Settle you- Lay a foundation

I. The shepherd (elder/pastor) has oversight of the flock.

Acts 20:28 (KJV)
28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Context: Here Paul goes to Ephesus to deliver his last message to the leadership. In vs. 1, he calls for the *elders* not per say the "pastors." This is proof that elders *are* the pastors and ministers of the local churches.

1. Jesus is the Great Shepherd. He is the Head, the Overseer, of the whole Church - the Body of Christ. The pastor is the under-shepherd. He is the head or the overseer of the local flock or group. The head governs. Therefore, the governing ability of the local body heads up in the pastoral or shepherd's office.

2. The office of pastor is not mentioned by name in 1 Corinthians 12:28. But "governments" is listed. It means to “steer” or “direct.” I believe in this list of ministry gifts that God has set in the Church, "governments" is the pastor's office.

   1 Corinthians 12:28-30 (KJV)
   [28] And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
   [29] *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
   [30] Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

3. Is it scriptural for deacon boards or boards of elders to run the local church? No, they are to assist the pastorate. Only in special conditions when there is no pastor should they govern a church.

   K. Hagin quote-“In the early days of the Church when the Church was in the babyhood stage of development, the assemblies were put in the charge of local elders until ministry gifts could develop. The Greek word translated "elder" simply means an older person. These elders were older people, fitted to a place of position and responsibility. The only ministries the Church had at first were the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. A novice could not be set in as a pastor or shepherd of the flock (1 Tim. 3:6). So until some of those newly saved converts were called into the ministry by God and had developed into pastors - and this takes time - older men with more maturity, both mentally and in character, were put in charge of the flock. We don't have this situation today. The Church is no longer in an infancy stage of development. Ministry gifts have already been developed in the Church.”[24]

4. Overseer. Originally in the Early Church, the term "elders" had special reference to age, maturity, and standing. Then as ministry gifts developed in the early Church, the more official title of "overseer" or "bishop" was used, which referred to those who were called and anointed by God to stand in the pastoral office.

   Both "overseer" and "bishop" are translated from the same Greek word, episkopos. It conveys a meaning of definite leadership and official position.

   a. The Greek word episkopos is translated "overseer" in Paul's admonition to the elders of the Church at Ephesus: Bishops appointed by the Holy Spirit to shepherd the flock.

      Acts 20:28 (HCSB)- to “feed in KJV is Gr. word “shepherd”
      [28] Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock that the Holy Spirit has appointed you to as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood.

   b. Two groups of leaders in the church mentioned-bishops (overseers/elders) and deacons-Philip. 1:1. Bishops are not all apostles. A “bishop” in scripture generally is a pastor. An elder or bishop can includes all the office gifts mentioned in Ephesians 4:11. Here it is specifically the pastors who have the oversight of the local churches.

[24] Hagin, Kenneth. The Ministry Gifts. P.48

Philippians 1:1 (HCSB)
[1] Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus: To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers (KJV "bishops"- episkopos or overseers) and deacons.

c. The word "elder" and "bishop" are used interchangeably- In Titus 1:4-7 they are the office ministry gifts (apostle, pastor, prophet, teacher, and evangelist-my opinion). Specifically pastors are what are to be ordained in every city here. A prophet or any other elder gift has no authority over other church except those whom he belongs to, as with any "elder." (see Acts 13:1). They should all be submitted to a local pastor who is the under-shepherd who is the overseer.

Titus 1:4-9 (KJV)
[4] To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.
[5] For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
[6] If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
[7] For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
[8] But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
[9] Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

The early church in Jerusalem had apostles and elders along with James being in charge probably as pastor. The elders here probably included all the gifts of ministry. Although it may only mean the pastors along with the apostles of the Lamb.

Acts 15:6 (KJV)
[6] And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

d. What an elder (apostle, prophet, teacher, evangelist, pastor) does:

We assume these qualifications include gifts other than the pastor gift, because there are no such separate qualification list for apostles, prophets, evangelists or teachers (however, there is one for deacons). But we know the New Testament church has these offices. My personal opinion is that "elder" mentioned here, probably included all the ministry gifts.

1 Peter 1:1 (KJV)
[1] Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KJV)
[1] The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
[2] Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
[3] Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, <u>ye shall receive a crown of glory</u> that fadeth not away.

1) Witness of Jesus (Note: the early church elders were those who witnessed the cross and sufferings of Jesus as Peter was but these men scattered around Asia where not necessarily those who had).
2) Partaker of glory to be reveled
3) One who feeds the flock like Peter was told to do.
4) One who takes oversight
5) Not as a career for money sake
6) One who will be rewarded a crown by Jesus Himself

e. Office of bishops or elder in the church today includes all the office gifts-Qualifications list includes good character-not a novice- not for money

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (KJV)
1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

f. "Office" of a deacon listed separately- 1 Tim 3:8-13 (See my "elders and Deacons Study Guide). Deacons fall under "ministry of helps" vs 8 says "in the same way."

1 Timothy 3:13 (KJV)
13 For they that have used <u>the office of a deacon</u> well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

5. How the early church worked- Acts 6, Acts 15

a. Acts 6:1-6- Apostles asked the disciples to choose first deacons

b. Acts 15:2, 6- Apostles and elders at Jerusalem were mentioned as leaders- <u>Apostles of the Lamb</u> were a special group separate from the elders at Jerusalem- Rev.21:19. They were the original 12 and only 12 historically. Many other apostles are mentioned but different from the 12. See prior lesson on apostles.

c. Acts 15:13, 19, James the brother of Jesus was the head pastor of the local church at Jerusalem and made the final decision with the dispute Paul brought to them.

d. With James' lead all the church was in agreement- Acts 15:22, 25

Acts 15:19 (HCSB)
[19] Therefore, in my judgment, we should not cause difficulties for those among the Gentiles who turn to God,

e. It appears that the "pastor" gift is in charge not the apostle gift, and makes the final decisions of importance in the local churches.

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LESSON 15

The gift of the Pastor- part 2

I. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

II. The ministry gift of the pastor- Ephesians 4:11 Called as a Shepard of the local church

A. The word "pastor" is used only once in the King James translation of the New Testament.

B. The Greek word translated "pastor" literally means "shepherd."

C. It also is translated referring to our Lord and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Great Example of a true pastor or shepherd: John 10:11, Hebrews 13:20, 1 Peter 2:25, 1 Peter 5:4

D. Jesus is the Great Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd, of all God's sheep.

E. Jesus has under-shepherds. A pastor is an under-shepherd. A pastor is a shepherd of God's sheep in the local body.

F. God calls men and equips them to shepherd, or pastor, a flock.

G. Shepherds are necessary for the maturing and equipping of the saints.
Jesus had compassion upon people "scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36).

1. Sheep without shepherds are scattered abroad - they go astray.
2. We see this in groups where there is no shepherd.

H. This office is a more settled or stationary office.

I. The shepherd (pastor) has oversight of the flock.

How the early church worked- Acts 6, Acts 15

III. Quotes-

A. From "Spiritual Gift Test"

"The spiritual gift of pastor or pastor/shepherd is one that carries many different responsibilities. This gift is closely related to the spiritual gifts of leadership and teaching. The Greek word for pastor is *Poimen* and simply means shepherd or overseer. In the Biblical context, shepherds had several different responsibilities to their sheep and ultimately, to the owner of the sheep. They kept a lookout for predators and protected the sheep from attackers. They cared for wounded and sick sheep, nursing them back to health. They rescued them if they became lost or trapped. They spent enormous amounts of time with them guiding them to the places of nourishment and rest. The result was a trust and relationship that kept the sheep following the shepherd. The sheep were attuned to the shepherd's voice to the point that even if they were temporarily mixed with another herd, at the call of the shepherd they would separate and follow him.
Pastors are called shepherds because their calling and gifting are much like those who care for sheep. They are called and gifted to care for the spiritual well-being of a local body of God's people. Pastors are first and foremost servants. They are servants of God and servants of His bride, the church. They are given a mixture of abilities by grace that allows them to serve the needs of an entire community.

The goal of the pastor is to reveal the glory of God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to a people who need God's grace for life. The primary way the pastor will do this is by teaching the Word of God to the church. By teaching the Scriptures to the church, the pastor feeds the "sheep" of God."[25]

B. Kenneth Hagin-

"It is important that ministers should reach a certain age, and experience in ministry before they are ordained, because ordination is the act of officially recognizing that a minister has obtained to full eldership in the body of Christ. Eldership is not for those just starting out in ministry or for spiritual novices."[26]

C. Donald Gee-

"Let it be clearly kept before us, however, that pastoral ministry, to be successful, *does* demand a real gift from God. It requires some measure of gift in conducting meetings, especially to maintain all things "in the Spirit," so that the wrong or fanatical is detected and controlled, and the good and true given every encouragement and liberty, with everything

[25] https://spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gift-pastor-shepherd/
[26] Hagin, Kenneth P. 240

kept in a flow of blessing. It requires some measure of organizing ability (the gift of "governments"). It requires a large measure of tact and patience in dealing with the individual problems of the divers characters that make up every assembly. A transcendently important part of every true pastor's work is visitation (note Paul's "house to house"—Acts 20:20); but this also requires a real gift for mixing readily with all sorts of folk, and encouraging confidence. Then there is the ever present possibility of having to exercise discipline in the assembly, and this especially requires great grace. For all these things the great deep necessity at the root of all else, is a consuming *love* for God's sheep. A pastor needs to have a shepherd's *heart.* With this he is bound to succeed; without it he is bound to fail."[27]

IV. Different Pastor roles-adapted from Assessme.org[28]

A person with the gift of Pastor will express that gift differently based upon their God-given personality. See my study on *The Motivational gifts of God*.

A. Administrative Pastor

Most personality types that God generally calls into pastoral roles are people-people and so are typically weak strategic planners and system administrators. However, there exists a category of people who God does grant the gift of "Pastor", and yet while they do care for people, they are called to focus their service upon the systems and structures of the ministry. They possess strong administrative and planning abilities, and so are able to help other pastoral-types be less reactive in their ministry. The Administrative Pastor's ability to proactively plan and create ministry systems will enable other pastoral ministry types to be more effective. These same qualities are essential in establishing a broad-based lay-ministry within the Church. Administrative Pastors will seek to empower others and delegate responsibility.

B. Discipleship Pastor

The Discipleship Pastor is concerned about the Spiritual Formation of the people within their lives. They value working with people at every stage of spiritual development from Seeker to Leader.

C. Evangelistic Pastor

An Evangelistic Pastor generally has the gift of Evangelism as well as Pastor. The Evangelism Pastor is passionate about ministry to spiritual Seekers. Typically, the "Pastoral" aspect of their gifts and personality cause them to prefer relational verses programmed approaches to the work of Evangelism. If you feel led by God to serve others in this manner, please select the appropriate checkbox.

[27] Gee, Donald. (1930) The Ministry Gifts of Christ. (P. 58) Gospel Publishing House Springfield Mo.
[28] https://www.assessme.org/spiritual-gifts/pastor/

D. Nurturing (Pastoral care) Pastor

Pastoral care often involves nurturing and caring for the weak within the body. Typically, Nurturing Pastors prefer a one-on-one ministry. Visiting the sick, shut-ins, caring for a small group, or comforting those who suffer are all classic functions of a Nurturing Pastor. If you feel led by God to serve others in this manner, please select the appropriate checkbox.

E. Teaching Pastor- Jer. 3:15

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)
15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Teaching Pastors prefer to study the Word of God and expound it for others within the body. 2 Timothy 4:2 and 3 instruct Timothy, a Teaching Pastor, “Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine….”
1 Corinthians 4:6b instructs Pastoral Teachers: “Do not go beyond what is written”. James 3:1 states a warning to those who would presume to be a teacher within the Church: “Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly”

1 Corinthians 4:6 (HCSB)
6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the saying: “Nothing beyond what is written.” The purpose is that none of you will be inflated with pride in favor of one person over another.

James 3:1 (HCSB)
1 Not many should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive a stricter judgment,

V. From John Russell’s *Ephesians*-

A. New Testament words used for pastors:

1. *Presbyteros*—“elder", literally, "older person." Generally, elders were placed over the early New Testament churches—pastors take time to develop.

2. *Episkopos*—“bishop, overseer."

3. *Kubernesis*—"governments." This word included those who organize or administer; literally, "those who steer a ship" (1Cor. 12:28).

4. *Prohistemi*—"ruling." This word includes "those who preside, conduct, direct, or govern.” The literal meaning of the word is "put before" or "go before."

5. *Poimen*—"shepherd." This is the word from which we get our word, "pastor." It basically

means a shepherd. The Israelites were very familiar with the term, since they raised sheep. Sheep were defenseless and needed intensive care. The tasks of a Near Eastern shepherd were to:

B. Specifics- what shepherds do

1. Watch for enemies trying to attack the sheep.
2. Defend the sheep from attackers.
3. Heal the wounded and sick sheep.
4. Find and save lost or trapped sheep.
5. Love them, sharing their lives and so earning their trust. [29]
6. Instruct and feed the sheep (LB)

VI. 17 Qualifications of pastors- 1 Tim. 3:1-7 bishops must be:

As one of my pastor friends once said. "this is the gold standard."

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (KJV)
1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1. Blameless-be above reproach, Strong's-"unrebukeable."
2. Be married to only one wife. Not a polygamist.
3. Vigilant- which means to be calm, dispassionate, and circumspect (Vincent's) Be temperate in relation to drink, or self-controlled without any outside addictions.
4. Sober- Sober minded (Vine's) be "Safe in mind"- Strong's. Be prudent or make wise decisions. "Discreet… moderate as to opinion or passion"[30]
5. Good behavior, Respectable, Vine's-"orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest"[31] Thayer's "a man living with decorum, a well-ordered life[32]
6. Given to hospitality- fond of guest-
7. Able to teach or instructive

[29]Russell, John E. (2003-4 ebook), *Ephesians.* You may download this book free at http://BusterSoft.com/JRCM/.© John E. Russell 2003-2004.
[30] James Strong, *Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary*, (Austin, TX: WORD*search* Corp., 2007), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "4998".
[31] William E. Vine, *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words*, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1940), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "Modest".
[32] J. H. Thayer, trans., *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1889), s.v. "," WORD*search* CROSS e-book.

8. Not tarrying at wine to the point of being quarrelsome. Not be addicted to wine, (This would include other drugs today), with its effects, "brawler" RV.
9. Not a violent or combative person, Vincent's- "bully." Be uncontentious (not quarrelsome). Thayer's- "bruiser, ready with a blow." [33]
10. Not a lover money. Greedy, Thayer- "eager for base gain."
11. Be gentile and patient
12. No be a contentious person
13. Not wanting allot of things, but content-Heb. 13:5
14. One who manages his own household well- else how can he manage the church?
15. Having children (more than one) who are obedient.

Randal House Bible Commentary: "A bishop's family life is of the utmost significance. He should be **one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity**. This qualification suggests that the bishop will ordinarily be married and have a family, but, as mentioned earlier, it does not mean that it is an absolute necessity. If he is not married, his suitability for leading the church must be discerned in other ways. But if he is married, his homelife supplies a very realistic test of his leadership ability. The word translated "ruleth" (Greek *proistemi*) literally means "to stand before" as one in authority. This meaning places strong emphasis on the importance of example, not just commandment. The word "house" means his "household." It includes everything and everyone in his household, especially his children. He should do this ruling, this leading both by precept and example, well: that is, he should do it in the right manner and the visible result should testify to his success.

This desired result is seen in his **having his children in subjection**.
This does not mean that the pastor's children have to be perfect. If that were the requirement, we would have no pastors. It does mean that he should be able to control his children, that, when he gives orders, they submit to his command.
What the bishop has to do to bring his children into subjection is also important.
Commentators disagree widely on the application of the final phrase of v. 4, **with all gravity**. Some want to apply it to the manner of the children's subjection, to their sincerity and graciousness (Alford 323). Others feel that it is best applied to the bishops themselves, to their manner in controlling their children (White 113). Bernard aptly remarks that gravity "is hardly a grace of childhood" (55). The adjective form of the same word is used of the deacons in 3:11. In addition to this, the order of the words in the original are: "children having in subjection with all gravity." Paul purposely places the phrase "with all gravity" immediately after the statement "having in subjection." Consequently, the phrase seems to logically apply to the manner of the pastor's control over his children. He should be able to control his children with dignity. He should not have to constantly threaten and scold his children to obtain their obedience. Neither should he beg or bribe them into submission.

[33] J. H. Thayer, trans., *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1889), s.v. "," WORD*search* CROSS e-book.

The pastor's children should render obedience readily in public as a result of the teaching, discipline, and example they have received at home. Hendriksen says that this authority should be exercised in such a manner "that the father's *firmness* makes it *advisable for* a child to obey, that his *wisdom* makes it *natural for* a child to obey, and that his *love* makes it a *pleasure* for a child to obey" (127).

Every local church is made up of homes and families. In other words, each family represents the church in miniature. With this reasoning Paul declares, **For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?** The same principle of faithfulness was taught by Christ Himself in Lk. 16:10, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." The home is the proving ground for leadership in potential church officers."[34]

1 Timothy 3:5 (KJV)
5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

16. Not be a new convert (cf. 1 Tim. 5:22). Because he might be caught up in pride.

17. A good reputation in the community- so he does not disgrace himself and the church (a trick of the Devil)

"The word translated "good report" (Greek *marturia*) relates more to a testimony about personal character. A similar word used in 2:6 (Greek *marturion*) referred to factual testimony, proof, or evidence. Paul regularly refers to the unsaved community where a church is located as "them which are without" (see 1 Cor. 5:12; Col. 4:5; 1 Th. 4:12). Those who have not yet been saved are still on the outside of God's kingdom. Christ Himself is the door (Jn. 10:9) as well as the way (Jn. 14:6) into this great kingdom. If the pastor is ever to be effective in winning those on the outside to Christ, they must think well of him with regard to matters of genuineness, honesty, and integrity. A church destroys its evangelistic ministry by calling a pastor who has a bad reputation in the community. No matter how good his preaching may be, if his daily life in the community does not measure up, his testimony will be ineffective."[35]

1 Timothy 3:7 (HCSB)
7 Furthermore, he must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the Devil's trap.

[34] Robert E. Picirilli and W. Stanley Outlaw, *1 Thessalonians-Philemon*, (Nashville, TN: Randall House, 1990), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, 220-221.
[35] Robert E. Picirilli and W. Stanley Outlaw, *1 Thessalonians-Philemon*, (Nashville, TN: Randall House, 1990), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, 223.

VII. Jeremiah's description of pastors- Below is taken from Dake's notes[36]

"Literally, shepherds, although used in Jeremiah of kings, priests, and prophets who were guides of the people (Jer. 3:15; 2:8; 10:21; 12:10; 23:1-4; 25:24-38).

Twenty-four Qualifications of Pastors:

1. To be men after God's own heart (Jer. 3:15).

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)
15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

2. To feed the flock with knowledge and understanding (Jer. 3:15; 23:4).

Jeremiah 23:4 (KJV)
4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

3. To know God and teach His law (Jer. 2:8).

4. To live free from sin.

5. To walk after things that profit.

6. To be sensitive and reasonable (Jer. 10:21).

Jeremiah 10:21 (KJV)
21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

7. To be seekers of God (Jer. 10:21).

8. To shepherd the flock.

9. To protect and nourish the vineyard (Jer. 12:10).

10. To protect and gather the sheep (Jer. 23:1).

11. To visit the sheep (Jer. 23:2).

Jeremiah 23:2 (KJV)
2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have

[36] Finis Jennings Dake, Dake's Annotated Reference Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized or King James Version Text, (Lawrenceville, GA: Dake Bible Sales, Inc., 1997), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "Jeremiah Chapter 3:15".

scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

12. To comfort them in fear (Jer. 23:4).

13. To supply their needs.

14. To be morally clean (Jer. 23:14).

Jeremiah 23:14 (KJV)
14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15. To be honest and truthful (Jer. 23:14,25).

Jeremiah 23:25 (KJV)
25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

16. To discourage evildoers (Jer. 23:14).

17. To turn from wickedness.

18. To speak for God (not self; Jer. 23:16).

19. To stand in God's counsel (Jer. 23:22).

20. To give God's words to the people.

21. To turn men from evil ways.

22. To be free from deceit (Jer. 23:26).

23. To cause people to remember God (Jer. 23:27).

24. To speak God's Word faithfully (Jer. 23:28)."

Jeremiah 12:10 (KJV)
10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

VIII. Respecting the elder's office- 1 Timothy 5

Sometimes we are challenged to honor the office a man stands in and not so much the man himself because he is not living above reproach. We are still called to be respectful and not rash in our judgments against an leading pastor/elder.

1. Rebuke not an elder (older men in the church) but treat him like a father- V.1

2. Paying a ruling elder- Those who manage the church are worthy of double pay especially those who preach the word and doctrine. V.17-18

1 Timothy 5:18 (HCSB)
18 For the Scripture says: Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain, and, the worker is worthy of his wages.

3. Don't accept an accusation against an elder unless its supported by 2 or 3 witnesses- V19
4. Publically rebuke elders who openly sin so that the rest will be afraid- V20
5. Be on guard doing these things and don't be partial- V21
6. Don't be too quick to ordain elders- V22

"As far as humanly possible, and with much prayer and God's help, we must exercise the greatest of care in examining and ordaining our church leaders. It is much easier to refuse to ordain a person who is obviously not qualified for a leadership role in the church, whether as a minister or a deacon, than it is to deal with the problems that are bound to arise when we ordain such a person too hastily."[37]

IX. Conclusion- To have the desire to pastor is a good thing

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (KJV)
1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

A. God does not change His mind- Gifts and Callings are without repentance

Don't run from the call. God knows how to equip you for ministry. Spend time growing and learning from older pastors, don't rush into a pastorate. Despise not small beginnings.

Romans 11:29 (KJV)
29 For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

Matthew 22:14 (KJV)
14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

Many are called but few are chosen? This verse is not about ministry gifts but of the salvation call to the Jews. "This third parable focuses on their rejection of God's invitation to His Son's celebration."[38] The only scenario that fits this phrase deals with those at the end of the

[37] Robert E. Picirilli and W. Stanley Outlaw, *1 Thessalonians-Philemon*, (Nashville, TN: Randall House, 1990), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, 270.
[38] Jeffrey A. Crabtree, *Matthew*, (NASHVILLE, TN: Randall House, 2015), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, 362.

Tribulation period who are God's chosen people coming to the feast and one comes in without salvation garments and is rejected.

B. Faithfulness- Matt 24:45-47 Faithful and wise

Matthew 24:45-51 (KJV)
45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
46 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,
51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matt. 25:21- Faithful in the little, ruler over much

Matthew 25:21 (KJV)
21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

C. Proving your gift or calling-

Those who are called by God must have a season or seasons of proving their ministry. When we do this we sharpen the call on our life by growing in the specific area that Jesus has gifted or graced us with. Young ministers should have a time to be "fathered" by older proven ministers.

Romans 12:7 (KJV)
7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Galatians 6:3-4 (KJV)
3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

We are not tested so much as by others, but we are set out to test *ourselves*. This is something *we do* to find strength in what we may think God has called us to. In this process comes promotion of the Lord and reward in ourselves.

If you want to lead somebody one day, then learn to serve them first. Jesus taught us this principle.

D. Approval- We want the Lords approval-study

2 Corinthians 10:16-18 (HCSB)
16 so that we may proclaim the good news to the regions beyond you, not boasting about what has already been done in someone else's area [of ministry].
17 So the one who boasts must boast in the Lord.
18 For it is not the one commending himself who is approved, but the one the Lord commends.

The Lord promotes a young minister not man. If you want the Lord's approval then don't be lazy in the study of the word.

2 Tim. 2:15 (NLT)
15 (Study) Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

E. Brutish pastors- Don't be mean

Jeremiah 10:21 (HCSB)
21 For the shepherds are stupid (KJV- brutish) **: they don't seek the LORD. Therefore they have not prospered, and their whole flock is scattered.**

Jeremiah 12:10 (HCSB)
10 Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard; they have trampled My plot of land. They have turned My desirable plot into a desolate wasteland.

1 Peter 5:3 (HCSB)
3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

We are not bosses but servants of the most high. Our job is not to control other's lives but to love and take care of the flock of God entrusted to us.

F. My experience-

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)
15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Be ready to answer, spend time now while you have the time. Your calling will unfold in time as you develop your gift. I didn't call myself a musician for years, even after I traveled with a band and wrote many songs. Only after years of work and practice with experience did I.

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LESSON 16

The gift of the Teacher

TEXT: **1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-6, 1 Peter 4:10-Ephesians 4:7-16**

I. Introduction:

Romans 12:6 (KJV)
6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

Three areas of gifts-

Serving/motivational gifts- Supernatural/manifestation gifts- Office/ministry gifts

Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" found in Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

II. The ministry gift of the teacher- Ephesians 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:28, Rom. 12:6-8

Teachers emphasize accuracy of words and love to study; they delight in research to validate truth. The New Testament word translated "**teacher**" is *didaskalos*, from *didasko*, "...to give instruction," therefore, "one who gives instruction".[39]

A. Jesus used the word "teacher" to describe himself:

Matthew 23:8 KJV
But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master [guide/Teacher], [even] Christ; and all ye are brethren.

B. Jesus is the role model for the teacher.

[39] William E. Vine, *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words*, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1940), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "Teach" P.1134-1135.

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Matthew 9:35 (KJV)
35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

C. Luke lists five men that he classifies as prophets and teachers—this included Paul and Barnabas:

Acts 13:1-2 (KJV)
1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

1. Barnabas and Paul were teachers- Teachers who travelled to many churches

   Acts 11:22-26 (KJV)
   22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.
   23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.
   24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.
   25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:
   26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

2. Paul was ordained by God in the ministry gifts of a preacher (possibly here specifically *evangelist* because this gifts could be a "preacher"), apostle, and a teacher-

   Galatians 1:9-12 (KJV)
   9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
   10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.
   11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
   12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

   1 Timothy 2:7 (KJV)
   7 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.

   Was Paul the Apostle a prophet?

- He was listed with the prophets and teachers at Antioch. Definitely Saul/Paul was a teacher here, but may also have operated in a prophetic gift (ie. "prophesied" see Romans 12:6; 1 Cor. 13:2.9). This does not mean he stood in the office gift of "prophet." He never specifically called himself a prophet.

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<u>The ordination of "preacher"?</u>

- What is interesting here is that Paul said he was <u>ordained as a preacher</u> which is not usually considered as an office gift (See also 2 Tim. 1:11). This may have been an entry level ordination to preach the gospel much like the ministry today. This would be a recognition by others that he was truly called by God into the ministry, but to what *specific* calling it was not revealed yet. The other possibility was that this "preacher ordination" started him off as an evangelist. Most certainly Paul evangelized in his ministry.

  "Paul claims first that he was called to be **a preacher** (Greek *kerux*). The word refers to <u>one who makes official announcements to the public</u>, often in the name and authority of the king… A "preacher" is one who publicly, authoritatively, officially, and boldly proclaims the good news of salvation. The word "preacher" only occurs two other times in the N. T. (<u>2 Tim. 1:11</u>; <u>2 Pet. 2:5</u>), but "preaching" (Greek *kerugma*) and "preach" (Greek *kerusso*) are both used a number of times."[40]

3. Both Barnabus and Paul became apostles at Antioch when they were separated out and sent by God on a specific mission in Acts 13:2. Acts 14:8-28 confirms this calling, being after the Antioch call. Notice here the supernatural gifts of healing operated in Paul.

   Acts 14:8-15 (KJV)
   8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:
   9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,
   10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.
   11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.
   12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.
   13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.
   14 *Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard *of*, <u>they rent their clothes</u>, and ran in

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among the people, crying out,
15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

D. Pastors have settled ministries, whereas other gift ministries generally have traveling ministries.

A teacher usually travels from church to church, unless his ministry is combined with pastor or prophet gifts. Other exceptions are a teacher in a Bible college and a teacher who uses mass media.

Pastors and others should be able to teach, but not all teachers are pastors-

1 Timothy 3:2 (HCSB)
2 An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher,

III. The Teacher—A Divine ministry gift

A. The great Commission commands us to teach- Matt. 28:18-20

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)
18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

B. Some people have a natural ability to organize knowledge and impart it to others.

They may or may not have a calling to teach. Much like most Sunday school teachers. Sinners certainly cannot fulfill a call until they are saved.

1 Corinthians 8:1 (KJV)
1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

C. The office ministry gift of teaching is a gift and calling from God.

This gift should be developed and exercised like the other four gifts. Personal examples.

IV. The Teacher—A Waterer and Builder

A. Apollos is a New Testament example:

Acts 18:24-28 (KJV)
24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, *and* mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.
25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.
26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:
28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, *and that* publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:12 (KJV)
12 As touching *our* brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

Titus 3:13 (HCSB)
13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey, so that they will lack nothing.

B. Paul planted the seed, Apollos watered- Teaching is watering the Word

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1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (KJV)
6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.
8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.
9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

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An evangelist lays the foundation, using the figure of a house builder. Paul did the work of an apostle (including evangelist) and Apollos did the work of a teacher. A teacher builds the superstructure upon the foundation laid by an apostle.

V. The Teacher—A Vital Member of the Ministry Team-

James 3:1 (KJV)
[1] My brethren, be not many masters (Gk.-teachers), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation (Gk.-a Stricter judgment).

James say that the teacher office gift will come under greater scrutiny at judgment than other ministry gifts because they are ordained to teach and explain biblical truth. What if a teacher is lazy and doesn't study? Or worse yet, he falls into false doctrine and teaches believers contrary to God's word? A teacher must be a studier, a researcher, and a prayerful minister who does not take lightly the task at hand.

A. Teachers stabilize new Christians.

He or she must teach the word of God accurately, according to his gift from the Head of the Church (Jesus). Then the saints will be properly grounded, refreshed, revived and will flourish.

"When the watering process - that is, the teaching of the Word of God – is carried out by a spiritual gift because one is called and endowed to teach, it leaves people refreshed and revived, just as watering a plant leaves it revived and fresh. If teaching does not leave people refreshed, it simply is not being executed and carried out in the power of the Holy Spirit."[43]-**Dr. Kenneth Hagin**

"How true it is that teachers are probably more responsible than any other class of ministers for the divisions that harass the body of Christ."[44]-**Donald Gee**

Luke said that Apollos "**helped them much**" Acts 18:27. Teaching should be a help to those saved by grace.

Acts 18:27 (HCSB)
[27] When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers wrote to the disciples urging them to welcome him. After he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace.

B. New Testament teaching unites Christians.

[43] Hagin P.60
[44] Gee, Donald. The Ministry Gifts of Christ. P.63

The church is bound together—proper believing does this. We are to learn the basics of Christianity and then build on them. We are to go beyond the "milk" and learn the "meat" of the Word of God: foundations- The teaching gift is responsible for laying foundations.

Hebrews 6:1-2 (HCSB)
[1] Therefore, leaving the elementary message about the Messiah, let us go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, faith in God,
[2] teaching about ritual washings, laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

C. True Teachers will not teach doctrinal error that causes splits in the church, and always should be teachable.

1 Corinthians 3:8-11 (KJV)
[8] Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.
[9] For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
[10] According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
[11] For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

D. New Testament teaching will divide the flock from those who reject the fundamental truths about Jesus.

Matthew 10:34-36 (KJV)
[34] Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
[35] For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
[36] And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.

E. Teaching by revelation of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:6-13 (KJV)
[6] Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
[7] But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
[8] Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
[9] But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
[10] But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
[11] For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Gee- "His work is to build up the body, not to divide it. But for such a ministry to be accomplished in real power he requires more than natural gifts, even though sanctified. He needs a special grace from God and those foremost gifts of the Spirit which are as essentially supernatural in their real character, when rightly understood, as even diversities of tongues or gifts of healing. His dependence will be utterly on the anointing of the Spirit, even though his appeal will be made to the logical faculties of his hearers, and operate through the logical and reasoning faculties of his own understanding enlightened by the Holy Ghost."[45]

VI. The Holy Spirit is the great teacher- John teaches

John 14:26 (KJV)
26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

1 John 2:27 (KJV)
27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

[45] Gee. P.64-65

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LESSON 18

Other offices

TEXT: **1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-6, 1 Peter 4:10-Ephesians 4:7-16,**

Introduction: The gifts of Christ

I. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30- We now see 5 plus 2. Ten that are listed are most probably seven office gifts.

Ephesians 4:7-13 (KJV)
7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
11 And he gave some, <u>apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;</u>
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 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:

It could be five, seven, or ten total gifts. Depends how you look at it. Ephesians 4 really only list four. Pastor/teacher is one there.

Given by	Jesus
5 Ministry/Office Gifts Ephesians 4:7-13	**5 more Ministry/Offices- 8 gifts listed (3 same +5)** **or** **7 gifts total -(5 same +2)** 1Corinthians 12:28-30
Apostle	Apostles- same
Prophet	Prophets- same
Teacher	Teachers- same
Evangelist	Miracles-specifically evangelist but all can have this ministry Gifts of Healing- specifically evangelist but all can have this ministry
Pastor	Governments-pastor/elder/bishop
	Helps- many areas /elders, deacons
	Diversities of Tongues (different ministries of tongues)

II. Many different ways to stand in a ministry gift of Christ

A. Romans 12:4-8- We are many members (parts of one body) but all members have not the same OFFICE.

Romans 12:4-8 (KJV)
4 For as we have many members in one body, and <u>all members have not the same office</u>: (Gk- "practice", deed, work, or office)
5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;
7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Cor. 12:29-30- Are all apostles? Do all speak with tongues? These are ministry/office gifts. The answer is: "of course not," because these are specific callings and office gifts here and not manifestation gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 (KJV)
28 And <u>God hath set some in the church</u>, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, <u>after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.</u>
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

What is the Church?

God has placed these in *the Church*. "Church" here is *ekklesia* in the Greek language. It comes from *ekklaleo* which is derived from two Greek words: *ek* and *kaleo.* The word *Ek* means "out" and *kaleo* means "called." We are the church, the "called out" ones. "Chosen" is another way to say this. Ephesians 1:4 says we were "chosen" before the foundations of the world. This is the same Greek word ekkaleo. We the church are called out of the world, being chosen by God and given certain "graces" or gifts as the Church.

God placed these gifts in the Church (1 Peter 4:10-11). Ephesians 4:11 says that **Jesus** gave some of these gifts when He ascended.

You see ultimately God overall has given all gifts to the body of Christ and set them for use. He does this through Christ and the Holy Spirit as they indwell and baptize the believer. While all gifts come from God, the gifts we are studying specifically, the *ministry calling gifts* are gifted by God through Christ, as He chooses to call us.

B. Taken together our two list above represents at least 7 categories and possibly 10.

Some would say that this second list is a mixed group of offices *and* supernatural gifts of the Spirit. However, all seem to be *ministries* and/or what particular ministries do. Also, some teachers try to shove all of these gifts listed in 1 Cor. 12:28-30 into the traditional five-fold ministry gifts listed in Ephesians 4:11. This is what Donald Gee and Kenneth Hagin do, although they do add in their books that other ministry gifts do exist. While Governments could be speaking directly of the *pastor* gift it could include other administrative gifts in the body of Christ. As with the fact that evangelist gift is not mentioned here also, and may be covered by "the gifts of healing" and "miracles." But, "helps" and "diversity of tongues" are somewhat different and help to include many other callings into the ministry that may not specifically be in the five-fold ministry definitions.

C. Five other offices mentioned are specifically mentioned: miracles, gifts of healing, governments, helps, and diversity of tongues

1. "Miracles" and "gifts of healing" usually operate in the evangelist office but are by no means confined to the evangelist office. So they could be office gifts separately, i.e. The *ministry* of miracles and various *ministries* of the gifts of healing. These ministries would probably be travelling ministries although you might have a local pastor who operates with these ministries.

2. "Governments" is definitely the pastor office, but it has at times included the eldership office separate from pastor/bishop office. (explanation below)

3. "Helps" and "diversity of tongues" are two ministry gifts that seem to stick out separate from the five original. They possibly still can and do join with other gifts like "pastor" or "Apostles and prophets." But should be distinguished as separate because they are listed separate.

4. "Diversity of tongues" and "Do all speak in tongues?'" is referring to *this* ministry gift of Christ and not the simple gift of "tongues," which is the supernatural gift of the Spirit found in 1 Cor. 12:10. Everybody should have this supernatural gift (1 Cor. 14:5), but not everyone has a *ministry/office* operating in the gift of tongues (more explained later).

III. Governments- 1 Cor. 12:28

A. Definition of governments: One who directs or steers, this is not deacons.

Strong's # 2941-kybernēsis **Root:** from kubernao (of Latin origin, to *steer*); *pilotage*, i.e. (figurative) *directorship* (in the church) :- government.

B. In context it is the pastor office specifically.

It may include bishops and elders who are obviously pastors and also under-shepherds and elders where they are left in charge until a pastor is called.

IV. The office of Elder- 2 classes of New Testament "elders"

The calling of elder is another distinction we should look at. Elders are all the ministry gifts that have oversite in the church.

A. Two groups of leaders in the church at Philippi mentioned-

Bishops (overseers or elders) and deacons-

Philippians 1:1 (KJV)
1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Bishops are not all apostles. Today's definition and designation of "bishop" generally makes him an apostle over a church or group of churches. This could be true in Scripture but generally meant one who is an overseer of *a single* church. A bishop could be a pastor, and more likely means that in many cases. In Philippians 1:1 it is speaking of the pastors and elders. An elder or bishop designation includes all the office gifts mentioned in Ephesians 4:11.

Ephesians 4:11 (KJV)
[11] And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

B. The word "elder" and "bishop" are used interchangeably-

They are the office ministry gifts (apostle, pastor, prophet, teacher, and evangelist) but once again Paul is probably speaking of the pastor gift here. While ordaining elders *could* mean to recognize any matured ministry gift in the Church, a bishop seems to refer to a specific overseer like the head pastor of a church. So Titus was sent by Paul as his representative to ordain ministers and overseers in every city here. How does one go about in ordaining a prophet? You would think that ordaining *eldership* would be the initial recognition of the call to ministry. It may also include "elder boards" of older mature believers that worked to secure the ministry at churches until a pastor gift arose among them.

Titus 1:4-7 (KJV)
[4] To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.
[5] For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
[6] If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
[7] For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

1. Elders are listed separate with the Apostles of the Lamb-Pastor James the brother of Jesus, (the chief "elder" pastor) decided what should be done over all suggestions including the Apostles. Peter was the head of the Apostles, and James the head of the elders.

   Acts 15:1-7 (HCSB)
   [1] Some men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom prescribed by Moses, you cannot be saved!"
   [2] But after Paul and Barnabas had engaged them in serious argument and debate, the church arranged for Paul and Barnabas and some others of them to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem concerning this controversy.
   [3] When they had been sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, explaining in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and they created great joy among all the brothers.
   [4] When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church, the apostles, and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.
   [5] But some of the believers from the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses!"
   [6] Then the apostles and the elders assembled to consider this matter.
   [7] After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them: "Brothers, you are aware

that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the gospel message and believe.

Acts 15:13 (HCSB)
13 After they stopped speaking, James responded: "Brothers, listen to me!

Acts 15:19 (HCSB)
19 Therefore, in my judgment, (KJV- my sentence is) **we should not cause difficulties for those among the Gentiles who turn to God,**

2. What an elder (apostle, prophet, teacher, evangelist, pastor) does-Peter said he is an elder not *was* an elder. Thus, Eldership included the Apostles.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KJV)
1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

C. 1 Tim 3:1-7-The office of bishops or elders in the church includes all the office gifts- requirements includes good character-not a novice- not for money

1. The word "office" is used of both bishops (pastors) and deacons:

   a. Office of a bishop (elder overseer) includes all the office gifts- 1 Tim 3:1

   1 Timothy 3:1 (KJV)
   1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

   Thayer defines bishop-"Inspection or visitation…Vulgate *episcopatus*: Acts 1:20, from Psalm 108:8 (Psalm 109:8); specifically, the office of a bishop (the overseer or presiding officer of a Christian church): 1 Timothy 3:1, and in ecclesiastical writings*"[46]

   b. "Office" of a deacon- Office here is not in Greek. 1 Tim 3:13, falls under the ministry of helps. They are chosen by the congregation and not a calling gift.

   1 Timothy 3:13 (KJV)
   13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

[46] J. H. Thayer, trans., *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1889), s.v. "," WORD*search* CROSS e-book.

2. Apostles and elders at Jerusalem are mentioned separately in the young church at Jerusalem- Apostles of the Lamb were a special group separate from the elders at Jerusalem- Acts 15:6. They were the 12 and only 12 historically. Many other apostles are mentioned but different from these 12.

3. James the brother of Jesus (not one of the twelve) was the head pastor it seems of the local church at Jerusalem and made the final decision with the dispute Paul brought to them (Acts 15:19). In Acts 12 we see around 44 AD, James the son of Zebedee the brother of John, was killed by Herod- V.1. But in verse 17 another James the brother of Jesus is mentioned separately with the "brethren" for Peter to go show himself to. This James seems to be the leader of the church at this time.

4. 17 Specific qualifications for bishops (overseers probably pastors here)- 1 Timothy 3:1-7 (see also page 99)

    1. Above reproach- #1 below
    2. The husband of only one wife- this does not mean divorced or it would read that way. It is referring to polygamy- #2 below.
    3. Vigilant- sober in reference to drink, also means to be calm, dispassionate, and circumspect (Vincent's). Be temperate or self-controlled without any outside addiction.
    4. Sober- Sober minded (Vine's) be "Safe in mind"- Strong's. Be prudent or make wise decisions. "discreet… moderate as to opinion or passion"[47] - # 12 below.
    5. Good behavior, Respectable, Vine's-"orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest"[48] Thayer's "a man living with decorum, a well-ordered life[49]
    6. Given to hospitality- fond of guest- #10 below.
    7. Able to teach or instructive
    8. Not tarrying at wine to the point of being quarrelsome. Not be addicted to wine, (This would include other drugs today), with its effects, "brawler" RV. - #7 below.
    9. Not a violent or combative person, Vincent's- "bully." Be uncontentious (not quarrelsome). Thayer's- "bruiser, ready with a blow." [50]
    10. Not given to greed- Not a lover money. Greedy, Thayer's- "eager for base gain."
    11. Be gentile and patient
    12. No be a contentious person
    13. Not wanting allot of things, but content-Heb. 13:5
    14. Manages his household well- else how can he manage the church? #3 below
    15. Having children (more than one) who are obedient
    16. Not a new convert- Because he might be caught up in pride.

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[47] James Strong, *Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary*, (Austin, TX: WORD*search* Corp., 2007), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "4998".

[48] William E. Vine, *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words*, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1940), WORD*search* CROSS e-book, Under: "Modest".

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17. A good reputation in the community- so he does not disgrace himself and the church (a trick of the Devil)

3. 18 Specific qualifications for elders/bishops- Titus 1:5-16

    1. Above reproach
    2. The husband of only one wife
    3. Having faithful/ believing children who are not accused of wildness or rebellion (HCSB)
    4. Above reproach mentioned again specifically for bishops possibly in specific conjunction with the discussion of family prior
    5. Not dominated by self-interest- arrogantly inserts his own will (Vine's)
    6. Not prone to anger- hot tempered
    7. Not addicted to wine, not tarrying at wine to the point of brawling
    8. Not a combative person (Vincent's) bully
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    13. Upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God (Thayer's)
    14. Holy- undefiled by sin
    15. A master of self-control (Thayer's)
    16. Care for or adhere to the faithful words you have been taught so that you might encourage others with sound teaching,
    17. Rebuke sharply vain talkers, deceivers and others who contradict sound teaching.
    18. Not giving head to Jewish fables and commandments of men that turn from the truth

D. "Eldership" in the beginning of the church age and how it has developed now.

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1 Timothy 5:17 (KJV)
17 Let <u>the elders that rule</u> well be counted worthy of double honour, especially <u>they who labour in the word and doctrine.</u>

<u>Possibly two types of elders in the church today</u> although most Biblical descriptions of this word lean toward #2 definition:

1. Older mature believers who help the pastor and give advice (board chosen by the pastor)

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2. Ministers on staff who are connected to a local church, called into ministry and make up the ministry calling gifts- All are to operate out of the local church and should be submitted to a pastor.

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Other offices- part 2

Elders, Helps, Tongues

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-6, 1 Peter 4:10-Ephesians 4:7-16,

Introduction: The gifts of Christ

I. Ten categories of ministry office Gifts - "*domata*" Ephesians 4:7-13- 1 Corinthians 12:28-30- We now see 5 plus 2. Ten is most probably seven office gifts.

Given by	Jesus
5 Ministry/Office Gifts Ephesians 4:7-13	**5 Ministry/Office- 8 gifts listed (3 same +5)** **or 7 gifts-(5 same +2)** 1Corinthians 12:28-30
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Prophet	Prophets- same
Teacher	Teachers- same
Evangelist	Miracles-evangelist possibly Gifts of Healing- evangelist possibly
Pastor-teacher	Governments-pastor/elder/bishop
	Helps- many areas /elders, deacons
	Diversities of Tongues

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8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Acts 20:17-20 (KJV)
17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

20 *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

5. To hold fast the faithful words as he has been taught
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I. Apostle Paul’s departing for good to be martyred and writes these last words to elders: Acts 20

1. Statements about himself

   a. You know my lifestyle among you vs. 18

b. I served with humility, tears and temptations vs. 19
c. I kept nothing back from you but taught you publicly and privately vs 20
d. Testifying to Jews and Greeks alike repentance and faith towards God vs. 21
e. I don't know my future except that prophetically I am told I will stay bound vs. 22-23
f. I stay unmoved and will finish the course vs. 24
g. Now I know I will not see you again vs. 25
h. You can record this day that I was pure from all men's blood vs. 26

2. Apostle Paul's last advice to the elders- Acts 20:27-35

a. I have declared ALL the counsel of God to you
b. Watch over yourself and the flock of God
c. The Holy Ghost has given you the over site of the flock
d. Feed the flock
e. After I die wolves will enter in among you, going after the flock
f. Out of the eldership false teachers will arise making disciples
g. Watch and remember I warned you for three years with tears
h. I commend you to God and the word of His grace
i. It will build you up and give you an inheritance among the sanctified
j. I showed you how I supported myself and others by working hard.
k. By your labor you should support the week
l. Remember Jesus' words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

V. The ministry gift of Helps-

A. Definition of Helps: Greek- *antilepsis*: to help, aid, succor, reliever

This ministry can be literally *any ministry* in the church called to help the church accomplish its ministry to others. It allows the pastor to spend his time studying and praying in order to minister more effectively.

Vines Expository Dictionary says,"…rendering assistance, perhaps especially of help ministered to the week and needy."

Rev. Buddy Bell stated in his book, *The Ministry of Helps Handbook*,

> Bell: "*helps* is a supernatural ministry with its own supernatural anointing to serve God by serving His pastors and His people. The definition of *helps* literally is "one who gives assistance."

B. Helps in the Old Testament- Numbers 11:10-17

Numbers 11:10-17 (KJV)
10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent:

and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.
11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?
12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?
13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.
14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.
15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.
16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.
17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

Moses could no longer help the people individually. The number had grown too large. He cried out to God about "the burden of all the people upon him." (Vs 11) God answered and said to pick 70 elders of the people and bring them before Him.

1. Moses chose men who were already leaders of the people
2. God took of the anointing on Moses and shared it with them Vs 17
3. The elders shared in the burden of the people
4. "The 70 elders were given a supernatural ability to share the load of caring for God's people." -B. Bell

C. Helps in the New Testament- Jesus made great use of the ministry of helps

"The New testament is full of helps. The word "helps" in Acts 27:17 speaks of a rope-like cable that wrapped around ships to hold them together during a storm." Dr. Lester Sumrall- P. 58 *The Ministries of the Holy Spirit*

Acts 27:17 (KJV)
17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

Helps: The concept of reaching around and girding the ship.

1. The disciples as a group with Jesus- sent to help preach-Matthew 10:5-8
2. Feeding of 5000- who distributed the food? Matthew 14:15-21
3. Matthew 8:23-26- Jesus slept being exhausted while they rowed.
4. Mark 14:12-16- The last supper was prepared by others
5. Mark 15:40-41- Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James, Joses, and Salome "followed him and ministered unto him."

D. Helps in the church- Deacons, elders and others- Acts 6:1-7

Acts 6:1-7 (KJV)
1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and .
5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.
7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

1. The word of God increased after the ministry of helps was instituted
2. The apostles laid hands on them to anoint them to the ministry of helps or some type of governing board. We call them deacons now because it seems to be implied.
3. The purpose was to give the vocal gifts time to study and pray (lit. the deaconship- *diakonia* of the Word.
4. The church grew as a result

E. We flow with the pastors anointing and God's vision when we help serve in the church- Ex 24:13

Exodus 24:13 (KJV)
13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

Joshua was chosen to minister to Moses and was to help Moses in all of the menial task to do. Joshua was the only one allowed to go up to Mt Sinai and see all the things God did. He was also chosen later to lead Israel into the promise land and to succeed Moses.

Examples are greeters, ushers, sound techs, lights, janitors, visitation, office work, giving and teachers and many others.

F. The ministry of music is generally *helps*- 2 Kings 3:15-16, Ephesians 5:19-20- "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns…."

2 Kings 3:14-15 (KJV)
14 And Elisha said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.
15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

VI. The Office of Deacon could fall into the category of *helps*- 1 Tim 3:8-13

A. Greek word: *diakonos* means "to serve" or "minister"

Probably from an obsolete **diako** (to *run* on errands; an *attendant*, i.e. (genitive) a *waiter* (at table or in other menial duties). Minister, One who executes the command of another.

B. Stephen did more than wait tables-

Acts 6:8 (KJV)
8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

He is the only one that is mentioned later and suggest they continued in *helps.*

C. The deacons ministry in the early days of the church

"It was especially connected with having charge of the alms of the assembly and being an overseer of the poor and the sick." –Hagin P.67

D. Phebe in Rom. 16:1-2 was one of these deacon "helps."

Romans 16:1-2 (KJV)
1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:
2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

A deaconess- Vs 1, "Servant" is the same word as deacon in the Greek. It says she was "a succourer of many." Once again the Greek word is suggestive, it means "one standing before," a shielder, a protector. Even Paul the apostle had been shielded from suffering at some time or other by this faithful sister in the assembly at Cenchrea.

E. Pastors Priscilla and Aquila who were Paul's *"helpers* in Christ Jesus" Romans 16:3-5

Romans 16:3-5 (KJV)
3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
5 Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

Quote: "They had even risked their lives in shielding him. A beautiful example of their ministry of help is also shown in Acts 18:26, where they take Apollos and "explain unto him the way of God more perfectly"—leading that already gifted teacher into the full 'blessings of Pentecost. Then Apollos went on his way with new power to "help" others (v. 27)"- **Donald Gee** in ***The Ministry Gifts of Christ***

F. 10 Qualifications for deacons- Acts 6:3, 5-6; 1 Timothy 3:8-12

1. Full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom
2. Worthy of respect
3. Sincere/ not hypocritical
4. Not drinker of much wine
5. Not greedy for money/ dishonest gain
6. Keeping hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience
7. First tested with the view to approve (Vines) and found blameless
8. Married/ or their/the women who are deaconesses, must be worthy of respect, not slanderers, self-controlled, and faithful in everything- see Romans 16:1-2
9. Husbands of one wife (not a polygamist) who:
10. Manages their household and children well.

    Note: This could imply deacons should be married and have more than one child.

VII. Ministry of diversity of tongues- 1 Cor. 12:28-30

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 (KJV)
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

This verse could mean that in the church there may be an office gift of different kinds of languages and interpretation of them. Of course we know there is a gift of the Spirit that does this supernaturally, but could there be a separate office gift that does this? Some would say this falls under the pastor's role like gifts of healing fall under the evangelist's role.

A. Definition of: Ministry of different kinds of languages

B. "Being filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance in the private prayer life of the believer is not the same as a *ministry of tongues*."- K. Hagin- pg. 113

C. Vs 28- is speaking of *ministering to others* through tongues and interpreting of tongues.

1. For instance apostles, prophets and teachers mentioned first are *ministries to others*, not necessarily something to bless and helps those ministers personally. They are callings and ministries.

2. Diversity of tongues is listed with other ministry offices and is to be ministered in the public assembly in order to bless and help others. This ministry is not for the laymen but a specific calling and ministry.

3. It can operate throughout a message as a minister speaks in tongues and interprets as he goes.

4. It can operate in other countries or areas where the language is unknown to the speaker but God supernaturally uses him to minister in this language unknown to him but known to the hearers.

D. When a believer is baptized into the Holy Spirit and receives the gift of tongues this is for their private use and individual edification and prayer life. It is not for others.

1. 1 Cor. 14:2-5- Speaking in tongues is primarily for personal devotion- From you to God. Paul said, "I desire that you all spoke in tongues."

   1 Corinthians 14:2-5 (KJV)
   2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.
   3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.
   4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.
   5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather (Gk.-also) **that ye prophesied: for greater *is* he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.**

2. 1 Cor. 14:18- Paul says, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all," showing it was for personal use.

   1 Corinthians 14:18 (KJV)
   18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

E. All tongues in essence are the same, but in purpose and use they are different.

They are known and unknown languages. The simple *supernatural* gift of tongues generally comes with the baptism of the Holt Spirit and is for every believer to use in their prayer time.

Tongues and interpretation of tongues is a public way God uses this gift in the church. Another way, God may use someone speaking in tongues to others in another country in a language unknown to them but known to the hearers. Finally, God may want to use those with this gift in a consistent ministry to the saints. In scripture tongues operate in so many different ways. But some have a ministry of this and stand in the office of Tongues.

F. V.30- <u>Only a few</u> of those who are Spirit filled and speak in tongues will be used in the public *ministry* of tongues and interpretation in the church

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 (KJV)
27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? <u>do all speak with tongues?</u> do all interpret?
31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1. 1 Cor. 12:27-31- This is why Paul ask, "Do all speak with tongues?" The answer is obviously "No."

2. Some take verse 30 out of context by stating that not everybody should speak in tongues, but, it is clear Paul is speaking of the *ministry of tongues* or *diversity of tongues*, not the simple gift of tongues.

3. Both Jesus and Paul stated all believers should have the personal gift of tongues. Mark 16:17

   Mark 16:17 (KJV)
   17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

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LESSON 20

Church Government

I. Church Government

Some churches have deacon boards who rule the church, even over the pastor. This is unscriptural. Never in scripture is it mentioned that a voted deacon board or church board dictates to the pastor his role. They are to help the pastor. The head of the church is a pastor called by God. Bob Yandian in his out of print 1987 book *Decently and in Order* by Whitaker House, gave an excellent description of current forms of Church government in chapter two.

A. Episcopalian Church Government-

Comes from the Greek word *episkopos* which means overseer and translated as "Bishop" in Scripture. In this form of government the bishop has the authority and the pastor is under him. This form is used in many types of churches: The Roman Catholic, Anglican, Episcopalian, Methodist, Lutheran, and the Churches of God. Roman Catholic line of authority: The Catholic form:

Pope-highest ranking bishop
Cardinal- Cardinal bishop
Archbishop
Bishop
Local bishop
Priest or Pastor

B. Presbyterian Church Government-

Comes from the Greek word *presbuteros* and means elder group, and is translated as "elders."

1 Timothy 4:14 (KJV)
14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of <u>the presbytery</u>.

In this form the authority for the local church rest in a group of elders. This type of government is found in the Presbyterian Church, Pentecostal Holiness, the Friends, and many

non-denominational churches. The church is governed by a group of elders. Traditionally they are 7, 10, or 12.

Bob Yandian: "In this form of government the elder are over the pastor, or the elders and the pastor have equal authority. But in God's word, who chooses the pastors? The Lord Jesus. Who should choose elders? The pastor. Does it sound right that the ones the pastor chooses should exert authority over him? Should the ones chosen by men rule the one chosen by God?" P. 27-28. (Note: Yandian does not define eldership/bishop primarily as I do).

"The Word of God does talk about bishops, elders, and deacons, but they are never listed with the ministry gifts which are called by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." P.15

"We see that elders are appointed by men in ministry offices and are under their authority" P.20

He says about bishops using 1 Tim. 3:1- "This office does not come as a divine call from God. It is something to which a man aspires. It is something he desires to be. It is said to be a good work, but it is not something that can be equated with the call of God to the full ministry." P. 21

C. Congregational Church Government

Here the congregation has the authority. Voting is the means in which most decisions are made. Groups that use this form is: The Baptist, Assemblies of God, Churches of Christ, and Congregationalist. Apparently this form rose about the time of the United States becoming a nation. Yandian states: "Apparently it was presumed that if we have a nation run by the will of the people, then we should have churches run by the will of the people. The authority rest with the congregation. Is this the proper form of church government? No, not according to the Word of God." P.28
"Democracy does not make the church possible; the church makes democracy possible." P. 29

How God established the nation of Israel:
He established one head over all. Then He divided the nation into smaller groups (tribes) with overseers under the authority of the head (Moses or a king). There were men responsible over tens, hundreds, and thousands under him. But they all still came under Moses and were submitted to his authority (Exodus 18).

Yandian: "The reason some of these forms of church government came into being was out of an abuse of authority by the pastor." P.29

The Presbyterian form of church came into being because a pastor was not fulfilling his office properly. A group of men (elders) arose and exercised authority over the pastor to protect the congregation. When the elders began to abuse authority, the congregation as a whole decided to take authority over them. But even this form of government is subject to being

swayed by one person. Many attempts are made by men at preventing abuse but they still occur. God's choice is to have one man as the head of the church: the pastor.

D. Independent Church Government

In this form of church government, the church is governed by much like a corporate business. The pastor is like the president and the elders are like vice-presidents. Nevertheless, there is only one head to the organization, the pastor (president) of the church.

Yandian: "The independent form of church government is the closest to the precedent set in God's word." P.30

James 5:14 (KJV)
14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Apostles Paul and Barnabas:

Acts 14:23 (HCSB)
23 When they had appointed elders in every church and prayed with fasting, they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

According to Yandian: "In the local church, there can be a number of elders (Acts 14:23). But who chooses the elders? The pastor does." P.30

In Acts 20:17-28 Yandian comments about the "elders" at Ephesus and calls them pastors (not bishops, although v.28 uses "bishop" as elders).
Generally Yandian says that the independent model has a pastor who is in charge but has a church advisory board who is mostly business men/women who advise the pastor. The bishops are overseers of elders who rule and teach. The elders are a separate group who teach and rule but are appointed by the pastor. Bishops are overseers who have been promoted by the pastor of men/women who oversee different areas of ministry. Below Jesus is the pastor, then bishops, then elders. Finally, below them are the deacons (P.67). Neither deacons, elders, nor bishops are called office gifts chosen by Jesus. He says they are all chosen by men therefore they do not have the authority of the pastor (P. 14, 21).

In my opinion, Yandian tries hard to minimalize the words bishop and elder in Scripture. He sees them as appointments by men only. But where Scripture uses these words for ministry offices, he basically states that pastors have stood in all of the lower offices so those verses that apply to elders and bishops are just pastors who have held those positions. I understand the abuse of the word bishop in denominations and charismatic churches today, although to me it relates to the apostle gift who stands in the office of bishop. Yandian adds another group in the church that isn't found in scripture called the "advisory board." Although they do not stand in the office of elder they should be looked at like elders, he says (P.55).

He states the pastor chooses these people and they are to protect the congregation and step in if the pastor abuses his call or errs in doctrine. The obvious problem with this is that these folks are chosen by the pastor. I can see the benefits of this kind of board to the pastor and am not against it. I would say that this is one of the roles of an elder board to balance the abuses of the pastorate. The advisory board should advise of financial matters. I do believe there is precedent set in Scripture to have elders who are not in ministry gifts to be the board to watch over the pastorate. They over time have been placed there by the congregation and pastors as older mature believers who love the church and watch over it. This is based off of the Jewish model of elders. They are in many churches today what deacons are. Deacons should be a separate group though, in my opinion. Because of error they have been elevated to the office of elder in churches today.

There is great error when these boards rules over the pastorate. They are to support and advise the pastor and along with the other ministry gifts recognized in the church. So there are two groups of elders in the church: The older wiser men and women over 40 who have the respect of the congregation to be so, to support and look after the church, and second, the ministers of the church. When there is no pastor the church elders do the ministry until God calls a new pastor. I personally believe the retiring pastor should help pick the new pastor or appoint him. The ministry elders are other under pastors and ministry called office gifts who work with the pastor. The new pastor has the right to choose new ministry gifts to help him in ministry and in time help choose more church elders. Both should be relational to the size of the church. This model looks like this:

Jesus
Pastor- bishop
Elders
Ministry Elders
Congregation
Deacons

Now when multiple churches are connected together it is usually seen in Scripture to be overseen by an apostle who is the bishop over those churches. While he is an overseer he still cannot exercise authority over each congregation. He has to oversee the pastors and in some cases the other ministry elders. When an apostle wrongly exercises his office gift over a local pastor and effects the congregation, this is where abuse usually happens. While that apostle may have started that church it should be left in the hands of the pastor to be over. A great example is Peter in Jerusalem with James the brother of Jesus. Peter most certainly began the church in Jerusalem. The apostles had great authority there but James had more concerning the church. James in Jerusalem seemed to be the pastor of pastors over all the Christian churches associated with Jerusalem. An apostle should be submitted to a pastor also.

Multiple church model

Jesus
Pastor
Apostle- Bishop (overseer of submitted pastors)

Pastor Pastor Pastor

As you see I agree mostly with the independent church model because I believe the local church has that right. However, I am not against versions of some of the other forms as long as the ministry gifts are understood properly. There are apostles and bishops today. It is my conviction that the local church can and should have multiple influences over it, this is eldership. All ministry offices are elders. This is why we can have multiple pastors in a single congregation but only one Sr. pastor. As long as the pastor is over the congregation, all other ministry gifts who are local or travel to the church are Scriptural and should be utilized.

I personally have in my personal circle of influence pastors, apostles, evangelist, prophets and teachers. From time to time I invite these folks to come minister to my congregation. In the local church, we are to raise up, train, and ordain these gifts and send them out to the world.

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This study guide is a completion of years of research and study and the call the Lord laid on Larry's heart years ago to accomplish. Larry is also in the final stages of completing many of his teachings materials on the seven foundations found in Hebrews 6 and other subjects including the Rapture, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Virtues, and Our Spiritual Weapons. He continues to study and write as the Lord directs his studies.

Larry's tireless, comprehensive search for the truth in the scriptures makes this a "must have" for any student who wishes to understand our Christian Foundations. Thousands of hours of study and research for over one year went into this study guide.

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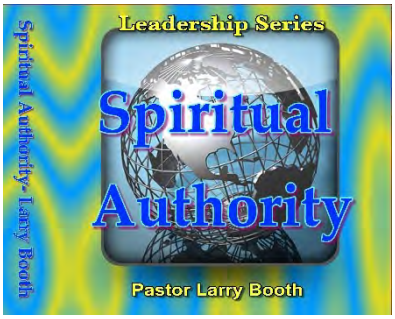


1. Spiritual Authority- The basis for leadership (11 Lessons)

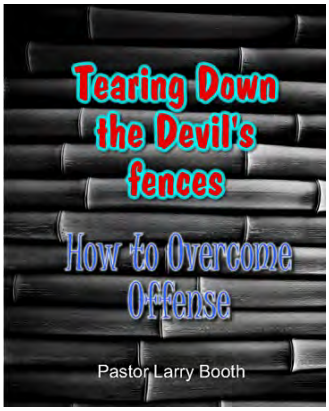
   This is an older series for leaders I preached some time ago and needs to be updated. Some of this comes from Watchmen Nee's book on spiritual Authority and teaches levels of authority delegated by God in the church. To have authority we must be under authority. NO STUDY GUIDE

2. Lessons on the Blood-

   "There is life in the blood... Through the precious blood of Jesus we have access to the very throne of God... A better way with better promises! We need to unlock the power of Jesus blood shed for all the world!" This set of classic messages was preached years ago after pastor Larry spent many years of studying the Blood covenant in Scriptures. In the church, the body of Christ, the blood flows through the veins of love bringing LIFE to all its parts. One of the ways we are changed into His image is through each other's words. We must declare the effective work of the blood on our behalf. NO STUDY GUIDE-Lessons

3. Keeping Communion Strong- Being a Koinonia church (4 Lessons)

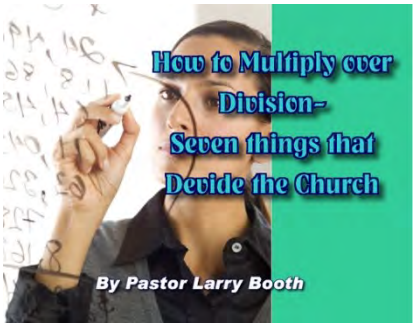
   What is missing in our modern churches today? In many churches the symbolism of Communion is practiced but the spiritual act of Koinonia or fellowship is missing. This series teaches about true communion principles and how to enact them in our churches. We must be a people connected together by the blood of Jesus and true fellowship. Just joining the church does not cause this process to happen. I John 1:1-7 teaches that Koinonia is communion of life to one another in the body of Christ healing it's parts. Study with Pastor Larry as he follows the path of fellowship in Scripture and be blessed along the way!



4. Overcoming Offence- Tearing down the Devil's fences (11 Lessons)

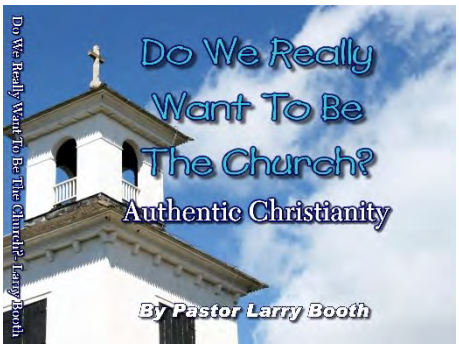
   Song of Solomon 2:15 declares that it is the little foxes that spoil the vine because the vines have tender grapes. Offence is a word that the church is familiar with. The effects of this one word has literally destroyed churches, nations, kingdoms, and families. Offences are the fences we allow the Devil to build around us. We as a church must learn to not be so "tender" that we are offended so easily, and be ready to forgive each other as Christ has commanded us. Join with Pastor Larry as he teaches the Biblical path to overcoming offence.

5. How to Multiply over Division- 7 Things that divide the church (4 Lessons)



Matthew 12:25 says that every Kingdom, city, or house divided against itself cannot stand. How does God look at division? The very word means "Two-visions" or double sighted. Are there times when God uses division in our lives? Are there Biblical instances when He did? Take a look at seven things that divide and choose for yourself. This study will challenge you to move beyond division and use it for good to multiply God's blessings in your life.

6. Do We Really Want To Be The Church? Authentic Christianity (7 Lessons)

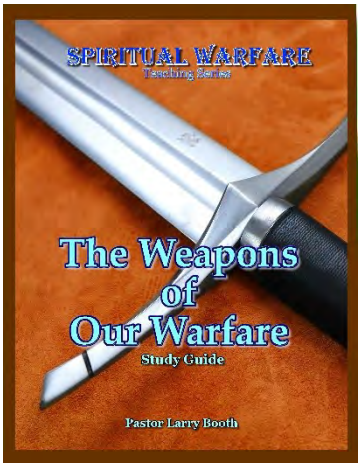


Matthew 16:18 says "... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." God has declared that not even hell itself will ever prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. So why are we such a lousy example of it? This series is a collection of messages that relate to authentic Christianity. Titles such as: "I will accept no Bull," and "How not to become Roadkill," and "Confessing Christ Out loud," gives us a clue to what Pastor Larry teaches in this series. There is real religion, but God wants relationship. Pastor Larry states, "Dead religion is the practice of church without God's presence." Relationship is what brings God's presence into the church.

7. Finding Purpose-What Jesus told us to do (4 Lessons)

Exodus 13:17 in the Amplified Bible says, "When Pharaoh let the people go, God led them not by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God said, lest the people change their purpose when they see war and return to Egypt." God has created a purpose for all of us. There is a plan for the church of God already outlined in Scripture. This series takes a look at those purposes. It will challenge the believers to step out of their comfort zones and to continue the work that Jesus begun on Earth. We can discover our purpose, even after we have failed and lost it. Join with Pastor Larry in this series in finding God's purpose for the church and the individual in Christ!

8. The Weapons of Our Warfare-Teaching the Church to fight the good warfare (25 Lessons- FULL STUDY GUIDE)



2 Corinthians 10:4-6 In the Amplified Bible it says "For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the

Messiah, the Anointed One), Being in readiness to punish every [insubordinate for his] disobedience, when your own submission and obedience [as a church] are fully secured and complete." It is when the church finally submits and obeys the Lord fully, that it finds itself in full battle with Satan. There are mighty weapons available to us to fight the good fight. Join with Pastor Larry in this study of the weapons of warfare that have been given to the church for the "overthrow and destruction of strongholds."- INCLUDES FULL STUDY GUIDE

9. Friendship- Building proper relationships

James 4:4 says, "... Whoever chooses to be a friend with the world takes his stand as an enemy of God." God didn't say for believers to hermit themselves away from the world, but He did say that we are not to *associate* with them. There is a difference, He said we should not make them our friends or our companions. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, "Evil communications corrupt good manners." God is very interested in who we commune with, and who we give our hearts to. We are even told not to associate with believers who have chosen to follow ungodliness- 1 Corinthians 5:9. In this series Pastor Larry looks into some of the practical aspects of building proper relationships with peers, and some of the pitfalls that we should steer around. These messages were preached to youth and are sure to be a blessing to you as you look at this important issue of FRIENDSHIP.

10. Growing up Spiritual- Lessons on growing up as children of God

Pastor Larry declares, "It's time we stop acting like babies and grow up, and begin to walk into our place as sons of God... Formula's are for babies, but the leading of the Spirit is for believers who are mature in their walk with God." The Word of God commands us to "Walk as He walked," and as we look more into the mirror of the Word, we will more and more look and act as He did. We need to be mature agents of God's love in this world. Join Pastor Larry in this study into growing up as mature Christians and entering the deeper walk.

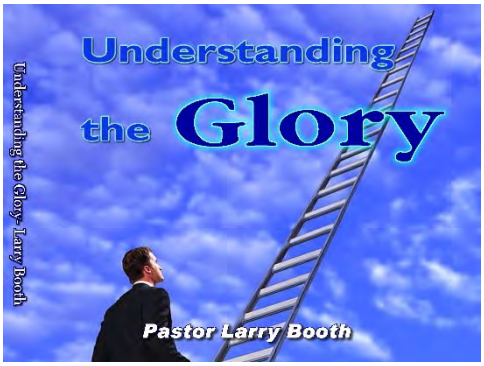
11. Training our Youth/Hitting the Mark- Raising Godly Children (3 Lessons)

Psalms 127:1-4 says "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman wakes but in vain... Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth." The Bible proclaims, "as arrows are," meaning that our youth given the proper training, can become weapons of war against the Devil. As parents, we must raise them in the Lord. The Scriptures also teach that our youth can be the example of the believers. Enjoy this teaching with Pastor Larry as he touches on hitting our mark, by raising up Godly children unto the Lord. The Bible is full of practical wisdom for our
youth today.

12. The Acts of Revival-How to get on fire (Youth series)

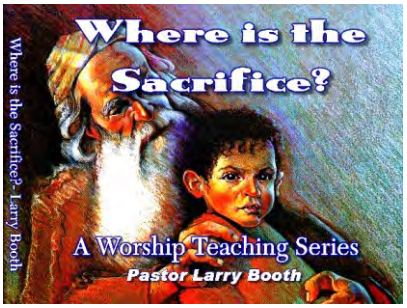
Somebody speaking of revival once said, "Get on fire and they will come to watch you burn." How true this is! Another person said, "You don't have to advertise a fire." If we would return to our first love and seek out God's presence, our efforts to evangelize would be much more productive. In a world that thrives on excitement and carnality, we suppose they will just come running to our churches to hear our 1700's hymns and see our stained glass windows. How we are missing it! God wants to be the center of our excitement in our churches. He longs to be sought after and found among His people. It's time we realize that some changes need to be made, we need God's fire more than ever. It's time He comes to clean the church so that we may represent His heart to a lost and dying world. This series was preached in different settings with different audiences, and will challenge you to renew your walk with the Lord.

13. Understanding the Glory-Classic sermons on the Glory



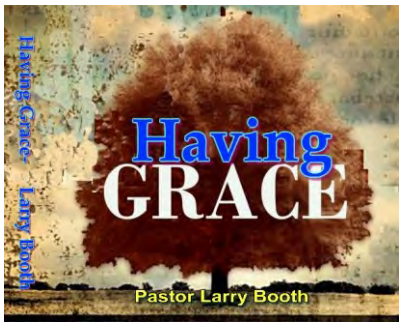
This set of classic messages was preached years ago after pastor Larry spent many years of studying the Glory in Scriptures. The glory of God is literally God's tangible presence. It is His Spirit, according to Romans. Nothing in itself is glorious except the Spirit of God exist in it. The earth has a glorious appearance because God has declared that even his handy work would show His glory. Man's glory is only borrowed from God his creator. Even Jesus, who was glorified on the cross will one day give back all the glory to the father. Join with Pastor Larry in this study into the glory of God. You will be blessed and challenged to enter God's glory here and now, living a Spirit filled life.

14. Where is the Sacrifice? Worship teaching series



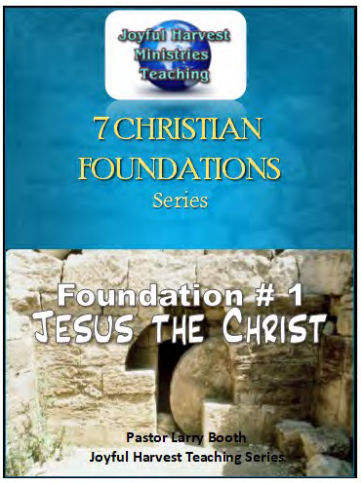
Genesis 22:7 says, "And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son," And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" God is asking us: "You say you have the fire, but where is the sacrifice?" Where are the saints who are willing to sacrifice, and to offer themselves as a living sacrifice? God wants US! More than any other offering, He wants us. Our purpose is to offer up spiritual sacrifices in our temple; giving place to the Lord and to what is rightfully His: us, our love, our praise, and our offerings. God demanded that sacrifice cost us something. This is the principle that pleases Him, but it is also the thing that we try to avoid. The ingredient that is missing in our sacrifice to God is US. Laying down ourselves. Something has to die. It's not the *offering* of praise, but the *sacrifice* of praise. Furthermore, it is not a sacrifice until it has been touched by the principle of the cross. Join with Pastor Larry as he teaches this important principle of how to get ourselves into the presence of God in a more intimate way.

15. Having Grace- Hebrews 12- FULL STUDY GUIDE



Hebrews 12:28 says, " Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:" The definition of grace is: "unmerited, unearned favor." God gives this to all mankind and gloriously saves those who receive His grace. He expects us to do the same. This study comes from the entire chapter of Hebrews 12, and speaks to how we deal with others who persecute us, how we should live, and how we treat others. We must have grace and show grace if we are going to represent God's kingdom and the gospel well.

16. Foundation #1- Jesus the Christ- FULL STUDY GUIDE



“EVERYONE WHO believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) is a born-again child of God; and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him” 1 John 5:1 AMP - This is the first foundation mentioned in Hebrews 6 that is the beginning of a good Christian walk and understanding. It is what the church is built upon, and without an understanding that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God there is no foundation. The church will crumble.

17. Foundation #2-Repentance from Dead Works (3 Lessons)

It appears that the Bible talks about two kinds of dead works:
1. Those works we do before we are saved as a means to try to please God (e.g. filthy rags as in Isaiah 64:6) 2. Those works we do after we are saved that are not pleasing to God (e.g. wood, hay, and stubble as in 1 Corinthians 3:11-12). This study relates to these two areas in our lives.

18. Foundation #3-Faith (12 Lessons- STUDY GUIDE UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

This series is the third foundation found in Hebrews 6. It covers most aspects of Faith. What faith is, how it comes, and how it grows? We also cover subjects like faith for healing and keeping your confession.

19. The Three Baptisms of the Believer- Foundation #4- (18 Lessons) FULL STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 3:11 (KJV)
[11] I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

Water baptism is not the only baptism the Word of God speaks of. Did you know that there are more than one kind of baptism that the believer should know about and have? This study is a continuation of our Christian foundations found in Hebrews 6:1. There will be seven foundations covered with other study guides.
John's statement above must have shocked those around him as he spoke it. The disciples must have thought "What is this other baptism that John has spoken of, and who is it that he is speaking of that will baptize us?" We understand that *water* baptism is important for the believer to do, and it signifies our conversion experience, but what of this "baptism" into the Holy Spirit? As a young man I was taught what this baptism was, and want to teach you in this study series, all of the three baptisms the believer should have and understand. Most people join two of them together as if they were one, but they are distinctly different.
Maybe something is missing in your walk with the Lord and you need fresh power to live the Christian life and to witness. This baptism that John foretold of is exactly for this power to be realized in your life. In fact even the salvation experience we will learn is a *baptism* into Christ, the Scriptures declare.
I hope this study blesses you and allows you to discover some things that are needed in your life. Don't miss out on any gift that God may have in store for you in your walk with Him!

20. Limiting Our Liberties-(Lessons but no study guide)

I Corinthians 8:9 Amplified- "Only be careful that this power of choice (this permission and liberty to do as you please) which is yours, does not [somehow] become a hindrance (cause of stumbling) to the weak or over scrupulous [giving them an impulse to sin]." WHY is the believer taught to limit his liberties?"- To stay out of bondage- to not be a stumbling block- and so that we build others up and not tear them down.

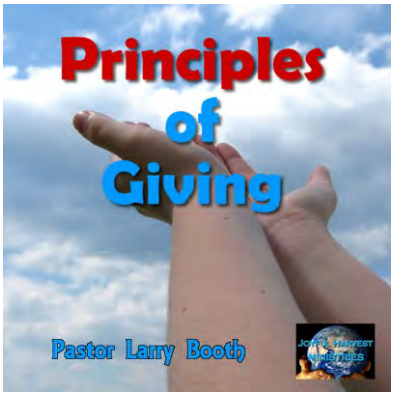
21. Foundation #5- Laying on of Hands (3 Lessons)

Laying on of Hands is a means of contact to confer a blessing or impartation from one person to another. There is an identification with the object/person through the contact whereby the anointed hands becomes a way to impart to another.

22. Foundation #6- Resurrection (Lessons STUDY GUIDE UNDER CONSTUCTION)

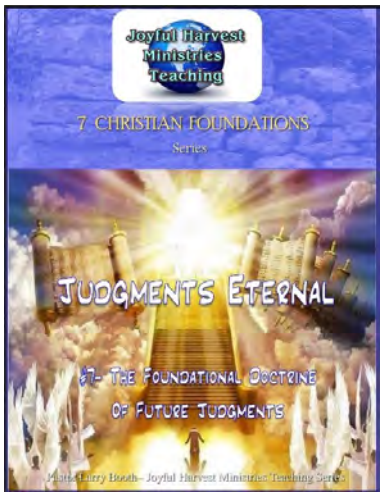
The most startling characteristic of the first Christian preaching is its emphasis on the resurrection. The first preachers were sure that Christ had risen, and sure, in consequence, that believers would in due course rise also. It was taught as a physical event and a Spiritual one. To be saved one must believe in the resurrection. This study looks at many aspects of the doctrine of resurrection and how even now it applies to our lives.

23. Principles of Giving- Lessons



1 Chronicles 16:23-34 (KJV)
[29] Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. As the same in Psalm 96:8, NAS-Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts. 9 Worship the LORD in holy attire; MONEY- How does money affect you? Money is a subject with which all of us struggle. For some it is lack of money. For some it is the desire for money. For some it is wrong use of money. For some it is poor investment of money. This is a study of Biblical principles that revolve around giving.

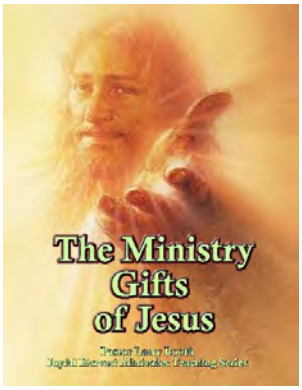
24. Foundation #7- The Foundation of Judgments Eternal- FULL STUDY GUIDE



This study for me took well over a year and continues to this day. In fact God began leading me deeper some 19 years ago. I grew up thinking one way because we learn from others what we believe. Sometimes as we dig out a subject, our understanding changes a bit. I believe this study becomes foundational to our understanding of what lies in our future as a human race and as a Christian people. To understand end times and the future of all created beings we must have a grasp on the judgments eternal. While we will cover most of the past judgments like the flood in another volume, but this study concerns itself with the future judgments. We understand God's plan for the ages by mapping out His future judgments and where they lie in time. I pray this study is a blessing to you in your spiritual growth and understanding of the future.

Fundamentally we must ask: "Is man accountable to God?" Though man tries to free himself from judgment, he rages on toward it weather he likes it or not. We all will be made accountable sometime or another. Better now than later.

25. The Gifts of Jesus- Ministry callings and office gifts- FULL STUDY GUIDE



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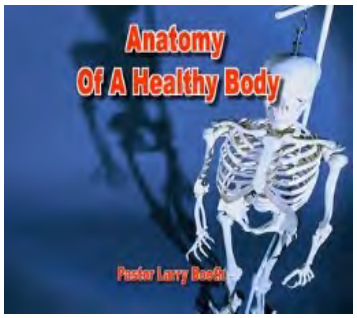
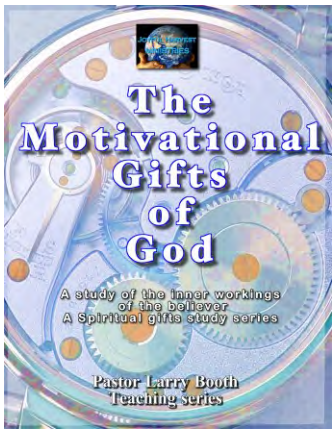
26. Anatomy of a Healthy Body (2 Lessons)



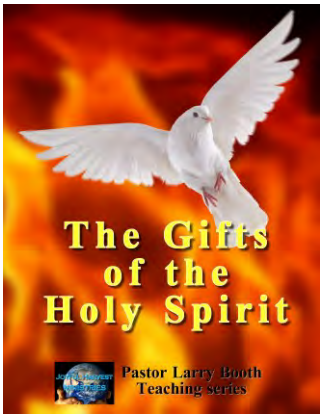
1 Corinthians 12:12-31 states that we are many members of one body – each has a gift and a function. A healthy body needs many things to strengthen it. The church is the body of Christ and to function properly in this world, it need some things like: well balance meals, a healthy mind, a strong backbone, exercise, and understanding of its parts and functions.

27. The Gifts of God- Inner workings or motivational gifts that every believer is equipped with full study guide (18 Lessons)



The motivational gifts serve to reveal the personality of God. These gifts are practical in nature. They describe the inner motivations of the Christian servant. The most basic parts of the Body of Christ are functions, not roles! There are seven distinctly different functions. These functions, found in Romans 12:1-8, are prophecy (or perception), ministry (or serving), teaching, exhorting, giving, ruling (or administration) and showing mercy. While God has chosen to call individuals to greatly differing roles and levels of influence, He has gifted everyone with different profiles and intensities of the same, seven foundational motivations. Our uniqueness (giftedness) is expressed through whatever role we are called to function in. In reality, the motivational gifts are not to be considered as something we have. They are actually who we are. We are members of Christ's Body–the Church. As members, we are parts. We do not "have a part", rather we are a part. The motivations are like the operating system God has placed in our "innermost computer."

28. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit- The supernatural Gifts of the Holy Spirit- (24 Lessons and full study guide)

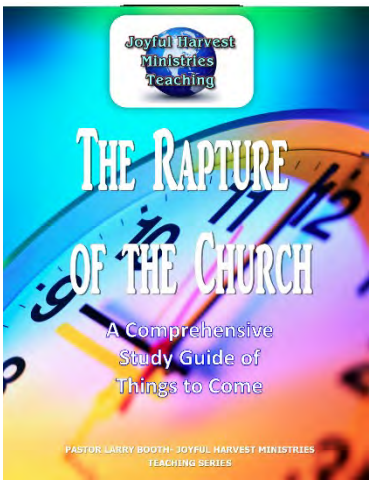


Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to baptize and equip His church with power and spiritual gifts so that His disciples could continue to carry out His ministry in the Earth. These supernatural gifts given by the Holy Spirit will lead the church into victory with powerful weapons to use in the church and the world. It was the Lord's wish that all be baptized with the Holy Spirit and have His gifts poured out on them. This study is not about the fruit of the Spirit but supernatural manifestations in the life of the believer after Spirit baptism.

29. Living a life of Excellence- Adding to your faith (18 Lessons- STUDY GUIDE UNDER CONSTUCTION)

What happens after one believes? We must grow and move on to excellence. Peter taught the church that there are steps of growth we take toward maturity. Bible.org put it this way-"In keeping with the biblical goal of spiritual growth and greater levels of maturity, we often find in Scripture the call to abound or excel in Christian character, especially in the various ways we can express love to one another. Spiritual maturity is a quest for character for which there will be little progress without the pursuit of excellence."

30. The Rapture of the Church- 40 audios 500 page FULL STUDY GUIDE



Since I was 14 years old the Lord has been teaching me about the Rapture of the Church. I've always felt that it was a subject that the Lord would use me to teach the church. My very first sermon was about the end times. To me this subject is a great puzzle that we piece together one part at a time to get a clear and focused understanding of it. So many have lost their way because of something someone has said about a verse misrepresenting it.
There are answers to your questions about verses you don't understand. I hope this study guide along with the recorded audio messages help you put these pieces together. While this is for anybody wishing to study the Rapture of the Church, when I was putting this together I had in mind all of the pastors and Bible college students who need this study to help their congregations. I've done the research for you so you can spend your time in one resource and not have to purchase all the books I have acquired in my library.
My recent audio series took 13 months to preach and at least another 6 months to put into the form you're reading right now. We hope it blesses you and helps you defend what you believe. This is my study and not someone else's rewritten.

31. Magnets or Maggots- (4 Lessons)

One attracts and the other consumes- Outreach is not just harvesting it's SOWING too. Albert Barnes- "Seek first his kingdom; seek first to be righteous, and to become interested in his favour, and all necessary things will be added to you. God has control over all things, and he can give you that which you need. He *will* give you that which *he* deems best for you."

32. How to Resolve Conflict- Practical lessons on resolution (3 Lessons)

One of the most important tools in life is how to resolve a conflict and how to restore a strained and broken relationship. If you run from conflict you won't be happy in life. Work, marriage, parenting, friend's, community, church, everywhere in life we need this skill. Nobody teaches this in school. How do you restore a broken relationship?

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Spiritual Gifts– The Gifts of Jesus Study Guide

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