

Introducing THE FIVE FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS



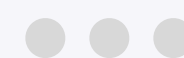
The Apostolic church is the pioneering, breakthrough church that Jesus had in mind when he died on the cross. There are only two points in the scripture where Paul is correcting a churches structure and that is Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12.



The Intent Of The 5-Fold

The reason why Paul had to correct the Church is because the Christians in these gatherings weren't functioning like they should be. They were living in sin, struggling and bound. They were not living the life that God intended. Interestingly enough, Paul doesn't correct the individual sin issue but he corrects the structure of their church. He reiterates the purpose of the structure of the body and the benefits of it. The reason Sound of Heaven is structured in the same Biblical pattern, is to benefit you and help you be everything God has made you to be. We are a 5-fold ministry filled with Apostolic people, which means we change whatever community we are in through prayer, fasting, and ACTION!

All About THE 5-FOLD MINISTRY



01

APOSTLE

Delegate, ambassador of the gospel (with miraculous powers), messenger, he that is sent

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PROPHET

A foreteller, to tell beforehand of what is to come. Speaks not of his own thoughts but which he receives from God.

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EVANGELIST

Preacher of the gospel. Travels from place to place to build the church body.

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PASTOR

A shepherd. caring for his flock. Watches over the welfare of the sheep.

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TEACHER

Instructor, doctor, master, teacher.



EPHESIANS 4:11-16



11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. **14** As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; **15** but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

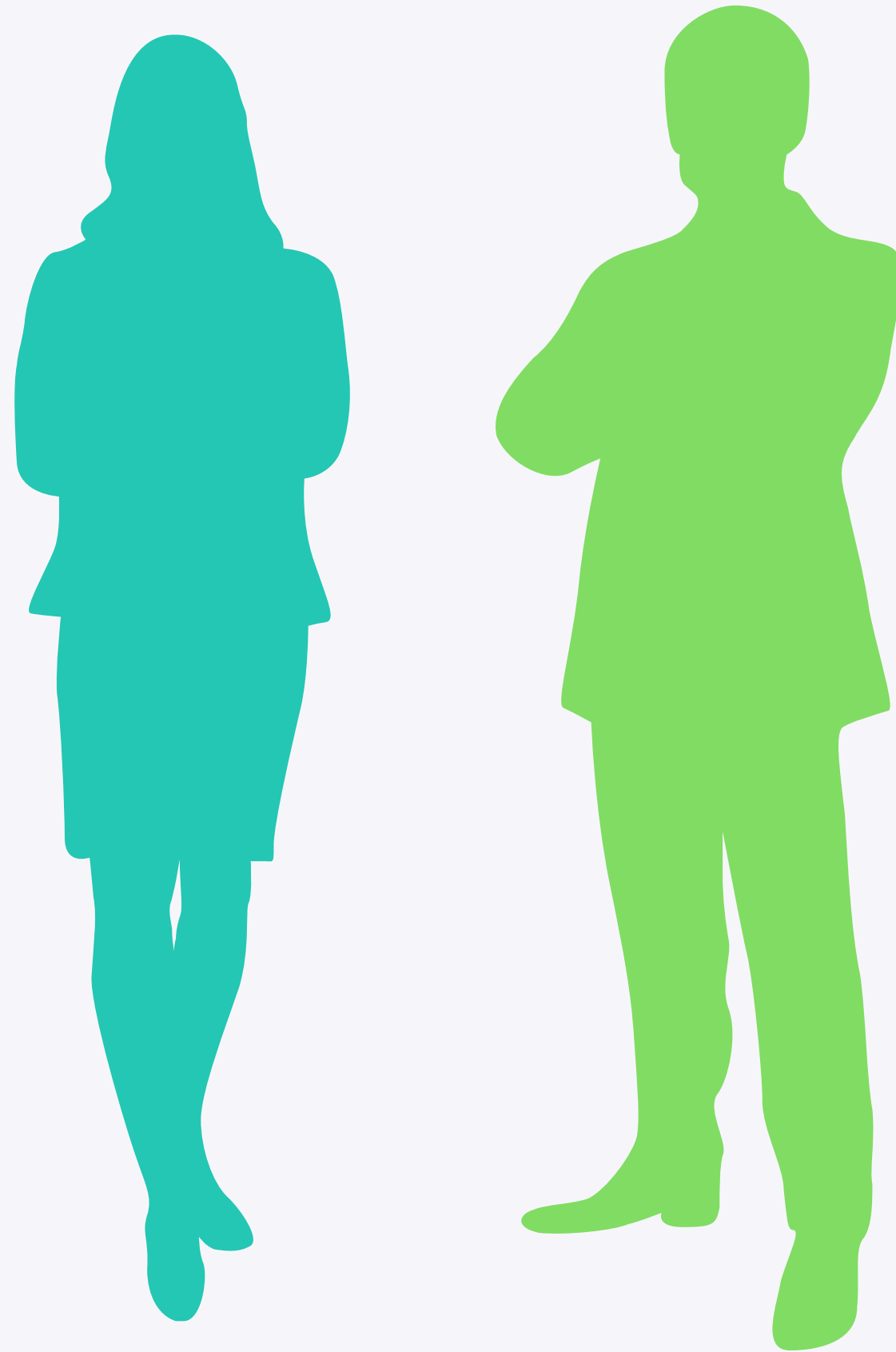
The Greek word Apostolos

Many people believe that the term “Apostle” started in the Bible. This is actually not the case. During the time of the ancient Greek orator Demosthenes (384-322 BC), the word apostolos was a naval term that described an admiral, the fleet of ships that traveled with him, and the specialized crew who accompanied and assisted the admiral.

The fleet would be sent out to sea on a mission to locate territories where civilization was nonexistent. Once an uncivilized region was identified, the admiral (called the apostolos) — along with his specialized crew and all their cargo and belongings — would disembark, settle down, and work as a team to establish a new community. Then they would begin the process of transforming a strange land into a replica of life as they believed it should be. Within this special fleet of ships were both the personnel and the cargo required to establish a new culture, a new life, and a new community. When that fleet pulled up to shore, it contained workers trained to build. Once the job was completed, a majority of the team members got back on the ships and launched out to sea again to find another uncivilized area and repeat the entire colonization process all over again. The word apostolos was so closely associated with the idea of traveling that it also eventually became synonymous with a passport or a travel document. This legal document was called an apostolos — the same word translated “apostle.” The document guaranteed the right of passage and the ability to move freely from one place to another.

The word Apostle literally means to send off, sent one, sent with authority. Apostles are sent with a mission and message to build and bring transformation. The revelation that God was giving was that the Apostles gave us a spiritual right or passport to the heavenlies. We can see and partake in what God was doing. Since God is always doing new things, God will continue to raise up Apostles as he continues to do new things. These Apostles will pioneer new movements that will bring healing, repentance and deliverance to all people.

Question: What would the need be for The Apostolic Gift?



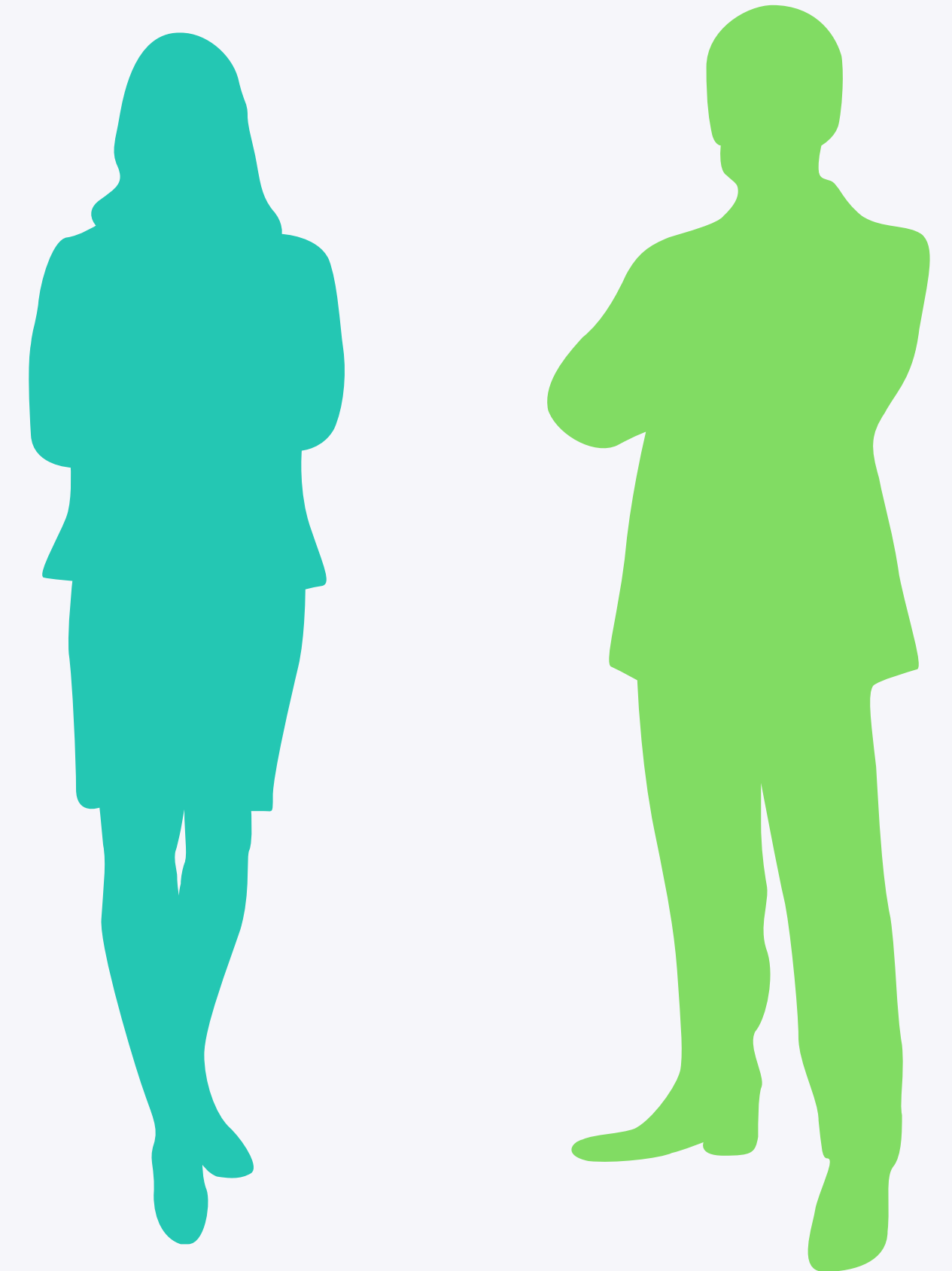
The Greek word Profetés

1 Corinthians 14:5- Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy;

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21- do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

One thing that is so important in the body is the prophetic. God's heart for us is that we all would prophesy, or better put, hear from God and speak His voice. In general, we should be doing this in every part of our lives. We should be hearing God for our marriages, children, jobs and/or career, church etc. How can we possibly know the will of God, when we are not communicating with Him? Also, when it comes to His body, many times He will use you to help His will be done on the earth... through Word and deed. There are many ways God will use a person to communicate. Some times it's through words, song, spoken word, dance, art etc.

Then there are times when God puts a mandate on someone's life to be "a prophet" over a specific person/thing. For example, you should be the one hearing from God about your spouse and children. No one should hear from God about your family more than you. You are the Prophet of your home. There can be times when God places a mandate on someone to have that calling for specific person, nation, church or ministry. That is where the term "seated" prophet comes in.



Question: What are ways the prophetic ministry can be used?

EVANGELIST



The Greek word Euaggelistés

2 Timothy 4:5- But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The Greek word for Evangelist is “a bringer of good tidings or good news”. To announce glad tidings; of the joyful tidings of God’s kindness. To break it down even more, the word is broken down into two words. The first being yü’ which means to be well off, fare well, prosper, acting well. It’s to send away better than you came. The second part of the word is aggelos which means a messenger, an envoy, an angel, to lead, to take with one, to lead by accompanying. And to go one step deeper, the root word agelē means a herd or company.

An Evangelist is one that heralds good news. The message that he brings should be good or great news/tidings to all that hear. We as Christians have a solution to the world’s problems. His name is Jesus! The way He loved people, conducted Himself and sacrificed His life for the better of the world. His message was not one of hatred, but genuine love. When you truly understand the Gospel and it’s message then you will know exactly why this message is the answer.



Question: Why do you feel people are scared to or don’t share their faith? How do we fix that?

We Care About You

PASTOR/SHEPHERD



The Greek word Poimén

Luke 2:18- And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the *shepherds*.

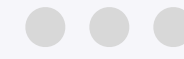
Here is the definition of this word Poimen, it means one who tends to the flock or takes care of the people of the Lord. Bible Hub goes even a bit further with their explanation which is “a shepherd; hence met: of the feeder, protector, and ruler of a flock of men.”

So often today in modern day Church structures we see the Pastor at the top, assistant or associate Pastors beneath him and then a board, Elders, Deacons, helps etc etc. Oftentimes this is not the way the gift of the Pastor is used in scripture. Again, we need to think of these words not as titles, but functions. How one is operating? The Shepherds and Elders were always a group of people that were left in the local assemblies to take care of the people in the gatherings.



Question: What is the downside of a Pastor heavy church?

TEACHER



The Greek word Didaskalos

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

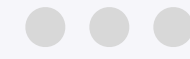
Have you ever met someone who can just teach something, anything, with such a gifting you think to yourself, “Wow, how does he get this?” This is someone with the gifting of a teacher. The teacher gifting in the body is often overlooked believe it or not. Too many times people want to teach their own revelation, instead of the Word of God. The functional teacher in the Word is able to teach it in a way where it is easily digestible.

The reason why this role is vital is because the preaching will encourage you, but it's the teaching that grounds you. Encouragement comes and goes, which is why you need it often...but it's the teaching of the truth that will always remain.



Question: What is something you were “taught” that never left you? Why? How did you use it?

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31



12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 But now there are many members, but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; 23 and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, 24 whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, 25 so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. 29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? 30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? 31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.



EXPECTATION

*That you would understand the difference between a Pastoral Church
and an Apostolic Church*

Review:

- 1- What are traits of a Pastoral Church?
- 2- What are the traits of an Apostolic Church?
- 3- Why should all of the functions be active?
- 4- What could be the issue if they all are not?
- 5- What are the results of a properly functioning “Church body”?



Homework For Next Week

Read John 3

