

“UNDERSTANDING THE FIVE FUNCTIONAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH - Part 4”

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INTRO: Jesus gave 5 functional gifts to the church to equip the saints for ministry and maturity (Eph. 4:11-12).

LOCAL CHURCH DISTINCIVES

1. Any of the 5 functional gifts can effectively lead a church.
2. The gift will largely determine the church’s vision & focus.
3. Each of these gifts has common strengths & weaknesses.
4. Each local church and believer should be influenced by and reflect all five giftings, but not necessarily equally.
5. Each believer has a corresponding gifting to 1 of the 5.
6. Every church needs believers with each of the 5 giftings.

The Equipping of the Saints for the Work of Ministry:

1. Teacher – all saints should be able to make disciples.
2. Pastor – all saints should be able to care for others.
3. Evangelist – all saints should be able to share their faith.
4. Prophet – all should be able to move in spiritual gifts.
5. Apostle – all should be involved in kingdom expansion.

The Five Functional Gifts Reflected in the Market Place:

1. Teachers – education, training, tec.
2. Pastors – human resources, counseling, health care, etc.
3. Evangelists – sales, marketing, etc.
4. Prophets – creative arts, justice pursuits, etc.
5. Apostles – entrepreneurs, CEO’s, etc.

Apostolic & Prophetic vs. Pastoral Foundation (review):

- The church as a boot camp vs. the church as a hospital.

THREE CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (see handout)

I. The 5 Functional Gifts (Eph. 4:11-12) – to equip saints.

II. The 7 Motivational Gifts (Rom. 12:4-8) – our personality.

III. The 9 Manifestation Gifts (1Cor. 12:8-10) – Spiritual gifts.

Additional Gifts: Craftmanship [artisan] (Ex. 31:1-11; 2Chron. 34:11); Helps & Administration (1Cor. 12:28); Hospitality (Rom. 12:13; 1Pet. 4:9); Bishops/Overseers (Phil. 1:1; 1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:7; 1Pet. 5:2-3); etc.

CONCLUSION: You have gifts God wants to use to bless your church family and community! Use them!