

ORIENTATION AND OVERVIEW FOR THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

EAGLE WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

1. FIVE FOLD OFFICE GIFTS

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

a) Apostle mentioned 83 times in the New Testament

The office gift of Apostle is when God gives special ability and talent to a certain individual in the body of Christ to assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches, ministries or a denomination. This is one of the foundational gifts described in Ephesians 2:20 Many times this individual is given power and authority to plant, establish and build churches and generally oversee works and other leaders eg) pastor to pastors.

- is the wise Master builder – visionary – organize – birth – develop – establish government – Establishes covenant, leadership, servant with a strategy to hold the harvest
- ***Identifies gifts & properly places within the Church***

HAND

Apostle – the thumb - can teach all others / holds the harvest, completes the hand, full function and power.

Apostolic Signs & Wonders 2 Corinthians 12:12, Acts 4:33, Acts 5:12

There is the making of an Apostle; a molding of the man or woman by the Hand of God.

The Process is – first a disciple - Primary gifting – Graduated Promotion.
But in the releasing process there is usually a suddenly.

Much of the work has been completed in a way that others never see it is on the Inside.
If some call themselves an Apostle But their basic Christian walk is not in order I question the validity and there are fallen Pastors/Prophets and Apostles.

- 1) Missionary
- 2) Consecration/ Separation Romans 1:1
- 3) Signs and Wonders Hebrews 2:4; signs and wonders
Acts 19:11 done through Paul
Acts 2:43 wrought at the hands of the Apostles
- 4) Father's Heart 1 Cor 4: 14-15 \ Many teachers not many Fathers
Malachi: Hearts of Fathers to the Sons'
- 5) Revelation Led by the Spirit are Sons of God – Romans 8:14

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| 6) | Break through | Ephesians 1:17 Open the eyes of others
Ephesians 2:20 Apostolic prayer of Paul
1Cor 3:10-15 Birthing and Building upon
the Foundation
-upon their own foundation |
| 7) | Servant hood | Matt 10:41
So when you see them you will recognize them
when you recognize them you can receive them
when you receive them you can receive the
blessing released |

The Apostle Paul gave definition of the Apostolic to Authority, Anointing / Gifts of the Spirit and signs and wonders.

Hebrews 2:4

No matter what type of Apostle, signs of an Apostle shall accompany them.

Many people have an Apostolic Call but many go unanswered or unfulfilled by getting sidetracked with a lower calling, or a narrower vision. It's Kingdom vision.

Some ways to recognize the Apostle and what sort of things will they be involved in:

- Kingdom Vision – Almost always making decisions and commitments based on the Kingdom view. A Visionary.
- Cross over denominational lines.
- Focus on the harvest / outreach, burden for souls.
- Builder, Planter, Encourager.
- Pastor of Pastors.
- Aligns, Assigns, Imparts, Equips and Releases.
- Can usually see some of the other five fold in operation. Multi-denominational minister.
- Discern and set doctrine / Council / Peter to Cornelius.
- Pronounce judgment / Discern - Peter to Ananias and Sapphira – **Acts 5**
- Creative miracles – undeniable miracles taking place to shake the nations.

Junias woman Apostle – **Romans 16:7**

Apostle / Prophet

They probably didn't start out as Apostles

Apostle / Teacher

Their anointing will reign in the work and be

Apostle / Evangelist transferred to those who sit under the work or Covering.

Different Types: Apostolic/Prophet James to Paul to Peter to John

The Apostolic Team to birth and build

- Apostle – Establish a covenant, leadership/servant with a strategy to hold the harvest

Covering- overseer

b) **PROPHET** N/Test. 40-172 many of these refer to the prophets of old.

HAND

Prophet – index finger - points the way / minister of revelation, most closely related to the thumb works closely together. These are foundational ministries.

This office gift is also under the foundational ministries for building, directing, and developing churches and leaders. This individual, many times would have an extraordinarily powerful gift of Prophecy and people would sense a divinely anointed utterance and confirmation to the prophetic words that are spoken. They are gifted to receive and communicate the word, message and direction of the Lord to the body. Many times will be called upon to raise up other prophetic voices and will teach and preach with great revelation knowledge and insight from the Word of God.

Prophet: Gives direction – visionary – evangelistic – encourager – company of prophetic voices

Eg: Junias woman Apostle

Apostle / Prophet They probably didn't start out as Apostles

Part of the Apostolic Team, to birth and build.

Prophetic and Evangelistic team to draw a crowd – servants with outreach on their hearts

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Let's look at Acts 26:19

When Paul was called before King Agrippa, he said he was not disobedient to the Vision, the call on his life!!

Paul testified of Christ. He confronted sin---Did the work of an evangelist

He announced the Kingdom

- The prophet will be accountable to God not just for his ministry but his life & his ways, he who much is given much is required
- What is he saying now – prosperity, war – raise up an army, equip, empower
- Call SIN- SIN!

c) **Evangelist** 3 x's in NT**Hand**

Evangelist – Middle finger - extends out past the rest, outreach - Goes before

All of us in the body are called to win souls, but this is an individual that holds an office in the church and has an extraordinary hunger for souls. Most times this individual will be involved in developing outreach programs that help others to participate in soul-winning endeavors. They will have a great passion to preach God's Word of salvation. Most times will themselves have a great fear of the Lord and the anointing on their lives will draw people in large numbers, to hear the truth proclaimed publicly and privately.

d) **TEACHER****Hand**

Teacher – Little finger - Bringing balance to the hand, smallest but very much needed.

The gift of teaching is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn. This individual will be apt to teach.

Apostolic team to birth and build

- Teachers – office gift & team members
- Teacher comes in after body building/foundations and structure

2 Tim. 3:10

1. THE PURPOSE of teaching is to produce Disciples. Vs. 3:13-15

2. THE FUNCTION of the Teacher is to apply truth V.13-15 – 13

While James 3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

It's a serious thing to teach. Your life has to back up your message

Teacher 13 x's in New Testament

James 3:1

My brethren, let not many of you become **teachers**, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false **teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

Able to teach Godly Biblical truths in simple ways that the body of Christ will understand and be able to use

e) **PASTOR****Hand**

Pastor – Ring finger - is married to the saints, covenant relationship.

The gift of the Pastor is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers. This

individual will clearly have the heart of a Shepherd. They will care for the people the Lord has given them in a very personal way. Many times getting involved in their spiritual growth, counseling, bringing guidance, comfort and strength in times of personal hardship, exhorting them in their personal life to reach their God-given goals and utilize their gifts.

In larger church settings, the pastor will develop a care team to work with individuals, some of their duties will include home and hospital visitation, organizing and structuring church services and programs at the local church levels.

In Eph. 4:11 Greek word for pastor *poimen* means "one to tends sheep or cares for flocks"

Elsewhere in the New Testament, other words are used: "shepherd", "elder" and "overseer"

PASTOR – shepherd – Father's heart – to organize – gifts of mercy, teaching, love, compassion, patience

- I can only teach what I know
- I can only lead where I've been
- I'll bear fruit after like kind

2. CHURCH LEADERSHIP GIFTS

In the biblical structure for church given to us by the apostle Paul, he spoke specifically of these 3 leadership categories; Bishop, Deacon and Elder.

1. Bishop Greek : *episkopos*

- 1) to look upon, inspect, oversee, look after, care for
 - a) of the care of the church which rested upon the elders
 - b) to look carefully, beware

an overseer

- a) a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent
- b) the superintendent, elder, or overseer of a Christian church

The office of the Bishop is described as a spiritual overseer of one or more churches or ministries. Many times a Bishop will not only oversee and pastor the pastors, but also will preside over special services and events relating to the spiritual network that he or she oversees. Many times in a network of ministries, the Bishop will sit on the presbyter board that certifies, credentials or ordains ministers.

1 Peter 2:25

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer^[a] of your souls.

1 Timothy 3:2

A **bishop** then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

Titus 1:7

For a **bishop** must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

2. Deacon – Greek *diakoneō* translated 37 x in NT]

Paul described the office of the deacon in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 which mainly talks about the character qualities of a deacon. In Acts 6, the apostles selected 7 deacons which included Stephen and Philip to do the daily ministry work. This position is many times a practical ministry experience. They spoke of serving, waiting on tables, meeting the needs of widows. Shortly thereafter in Acts 7, we see where Stephen went out and began to preach, confronted spiritual leaders at that time and ultimately became the first Christian martyr. In Acts 8, Philip began to evangelize, bringing a great move of the spirit to the city of Samaria, moving in signs, wonders and miracles and preaching with great power. Deacons may also participate in baptism as Philip did to the Ethiopian leader. In Acts 21, the same Philip, along with his 4 daughters who were prophetic, hosted Paul and his entire company in Caesarea, utilizing his gift of hospitality.

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (same word) as Deacon, and to give his life a ransom for many

- to be a servant, attendant, domestic, to serve, wait upon
- 1 to minister to one, render ministering offices to
 - 2 to wait at a table and offer food and drink to the guests,
 - 3 of women preparing food
 - 4 to minister i.e. supply food and necessities of life
 - 5 to relieve one's necessities (e.g. by collecting alms), to provide take care of, distribute, the things necessary to sustain life
 - 6 to take care of the poor and the sick, who administer the office of a deacon
 - 7 in Christian churches to serve as deacons
 - 8 to attend to anything, that may serve another's interests

3. ELDER - Greek: *Presbyteros*

Paul described elders in 1 Timothy 5:17-22. Some of them will be five-fold ministers, some will have rule and authority over others, some will labor in the Word and in doctrine. Paul also tells us that elders are laborers worthy of their reward and should not be accused lightly and without multiple confirmations.

Peter, in 1 Peter, addressed this chapter to the elders and considered himself an elder. He exhorted them to feed the flock, to provide oversight, to be Christian examples and shepherds in submission to the Chief Shepherd.

1. Term of Rank or Office among the Christians, those who presided over the assemblies (or churches). The NT uses the term bishop, elders, and presbyters interchangeably

in the Christian churches. Those who, being raised up and qualified by the work of the Holy Spirit, were appointed to have the spiritual care of, and to exercise oversight over, the churches. To these the term "bishops," *episkopoi*, or "overseers," is applied (see [Acts 20:17, 28](#) and [Titus 1:5, 7](#)), the latter term indicating the nature of their work, *presbuteroi* their maturity of spiritual experience.

James 5:14

Is anyone among you sick? 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.

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the **eldership**.

3. 9 SIGNATURE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Ministry Gifts)

These gifts are outlined in Paul's teaching beginning in 1 Corinthians 12:1 where he states "Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I would not have you be ignorant..." and he completes his teaching on the gifts and their operation in 1 Corinthians 14:31, where he exhorts us to utilize these gifts decently and in order. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to all believers to be used for the edification of the body, not restricted in any way to those who hold the leadership role or office.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 Demonstrations/so we don't believe in wisdom of Man

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Diversity of gifts/administration and operation to profit all

The same God works all of these in all men for the common good.

A. RELEVATORY GIFTS

f) Gift of Prophecy –

The gift of prophecy is when God drops a message into the heart of an individual, allowing him to receive and communicate this message to others individually or to the body of Christ at large, at times over cities or nations. Not everyone who has the gift of prophecy is in the Office of the Prophet, however, every Prophet will have a very special gift of Prophecy. The New Testament model of prophecy is in 1 Corinthians 14:3, where the gift is to be used to exhort, encourage and edify. **Acts 21: 9-11**

g) Word of Knowledge -

This gift is when God sovereignly drops into the spirit of a believer a word of knowledge or information, not previously known to the individual in the natural, that will allow them to bring counsel, direction, or divine insight that will have a special effect on the person receiving that information. An example is when the Lord ministered to the woman at the well about her personal relationships, brought her to repentance and the acknowledgement that He was from God. **Acts 5 - Ananias & Sapphira, 1 Corinthians 12:8**

h) Word of Wisdom –

This gift is when God sovereignly drops into the spirit of a believer divine wisdom that will help them minister, give counsel or direction to another believer or the body of Christ at large, sometimes

a word of wisdom can be dropped into the spirit of a believer to be used to preach or teach, guidance, direction and change into the body of Christ and to give insight into how given knowledge may be applied.

In the same encounter with the woman at the well, Christ gave the woman a bit of wisdom that God was looking for worshippers that would worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

1 Timothy 4:1-7,8, James 1:5,6; Acts 6:3, 10

i) Discerning of Spirits

The gift of discerning of spirits is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human, or Satanic. **Acts 5 – Ananias & Sapphira, Acts 8:24; Simon the Sorcerer 1 Corinthians 12:10**

j) Tongues

The gift of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ (a) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (b) to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they have never learned. **1 Corinthians 12:10,28**

k) Interpretation

The gift of interpretation is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ. To make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:10,30; 1 Corinthians 14:13

B. POWER GIFTS

l) Gift of Faith

The gift of faith is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for His work.

Acts 3:4-5 – Faith to believe for the unbelievable.

m) Working of Miracles

The gift of miracles is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

Acts 8:5,6,7 – Gold dust, oil, new teeth/organs.

n) Gifts of Healing

The gift of healing is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means.

Acts 3:4-6; Acts 5:15-16

4. SERVANTHOOD GIFTS

These categories of gifts are given to individuals who play a strong supporting role in ministering to the body, mainly in church and para-church ministries. Many times these gifts are used to support the pastoral work of the church in a practical ministry application.

o) Exhortation

The gift of exhortation is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the body in such a way that they feel helped and healed. 1 Corinthians 14:3, Romans 12:8

p) Giving

The gift of giving is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness. **Romans 12:8** says that this gift be exercised in a certain attitude. The giving is to be done generously, liberally, with singleness of purpose – With no strings attached. This person does not give expecting praise. They give for the sheer pleasure of ministering this way.

q) Helps

The gift of Helps is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the body, thus enabling those others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts. These people are willing to work behind the scenes at those necessary but unglamorous tasks. 1 Corinthians 12:28

r) Mercy

The gift of mercy is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals (both Christian and non-Christian) who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds which reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering. They focus on the needs of others. **Romans 12:8** says "...he who shows mercy with cheerfulness..."

s) Hospitality

The gift of hospitality is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to provide an open house and a warm welcome to those in need of food and lodging.

Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 1:9

t) Leadership

The gift of leadership is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God. **Romans 12:8** says that he who leads should lead with diligence.

Hebrews 13:17

u) Intercession

The gift of intercession is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian. A person

with this gift will pray for others, will have a Christ-like walk, will see and experience the fruitfulness of their prayers.

Acts 12:1-7

v) Service

The gift of service is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired results; a gift to perform a task which benefits others, meets practical needs (physical, mental or spiritual) and brings joy to the one serving.

Romans 12:7

w) Administration

The gift of administration is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the body of Christ and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals; to manage the affairs of the church, to make plans and decisions, launch projects and give directions to others and to meet the needs of the people. This person likes to organize people for more effective ministry and finds great satisfaction in developing effective plans for a church ministry.

1 Corinthians 12:28

5. SPECIAL GIFTS

x) Celibacy

The gift of celibacy is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to remain single and enjoy it; to be unmarried and not suffer undue sexual temptations. Sometimes, by the grace of God, we can receive this gift on a temporary basis while we are awaiting our God-given mate. The Word of God clearly tells us that man should not be forbidden to marry by another man; however, some people are called of God and ordained to do so. This should never be a choice of man, but only by the call of God. **1 Corinthians 7:7, Matthew 19:12**

y) Martyrdom

The gift of martyrdom is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to undergo suffering for the faith even to the point of death, while consistently displaying a joyous and victorious attitude which brings glory to God. **Acts 7:52-60, 1 Corinthians 13:3**

z) Love

The gift of Love is the special ability God gives to certain members of the body of Christ. All of **1 Corinthians 13**. Verses 1-3 tell us that the gifts of prophecy, faith, tongue, knowledge and sacrifice are all worthless without the additional spiritual gift of love.