

“The Five-Fold Ministry”
Agape Christian Church International
~Pastor A. L. Moss, Sr., MTh.
Ephesians 2:20; 4:11-13

The job of the Five-Fold Ministry is not to do all of the work of the church, (not even all the public speaking, teaching, witnessing, or decision making), but to equip the people of the congregation so that all of them find places of service and together everyone works to build up the body of Christ. So, the Five-Fold Ministry is to edify the body, train the body for leaders and spread the responsibility of the work to the congregants. Also, no one person has all five of these gifts except Jesus Himself. He was called an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher. When it comes to us, He only gave some!

Apostle
Ephesians 2:20

The word “Apostle” means someone who is sent and received a commission from The Lord. Apostles are pioneers who provide foundation to the ministry. They also bring order where there’s disorder. Apostles are organized people; you’ll usually find administrators in this office. Apostles see things organizationally and they cannot stand chaos.

Prophet
Ephesians 2:20

A Prophet speaks on God’s behalf in a variety of situations. Prophets give encouragement, warnings and guidance. Prophets discern the seasons of God. The Prophet speaks the Rhema of God. Rhema is the spoken Word of God taken out of the eternal world and used in the present moment. Prophets are sometimes perceived as weird and very sensitive. They feel things in the spirit and they have a ‘to the point’ personality. They do not have the ability to sugarcoat.

Evangelist
Matthew 28:19

The Evangelist focuses on preaching and proclaiming the gospel to the lost. Some are traveling preachers and some remain in an area indefinitely, partnering with other ministries to win souls and engage in all types of outreach. Evangelists will give a hard word to break ground. The word of the Evangelist reaches the fallow area inside of you. Evangelists break down barriers in those who feel they have been set off from the local church and Christ; they draw in the unsaved. Evangelists are warriors, and want to fight a lot of the time. Breaking ground requires their tenacity.

Pastor

Jeremiah 3:13

The Pastor is the one who nurtures, builds up, feeds the flock and watches over the sheep and gives an account of them. Pastors find it difficult to say hard things. They want to love everybody most of the time. They will exhibit patient and not walk away when everyone else does. The Pastor usually knows the name of everyone as well as their family members names. Pastors are married to the church, and cares for the people like a good parent would care for their children.

Teacher

Matthew 28:20

The Teacher equips the church to live in the season of God through thoughtful and careful study of God's Word. The Teacher is dedicated to earnest reading and careful study of God's Word. They are faithful students of God's Word and very teachable. When they present His Word, they want you to get it and understand it. Teachers sometime have an impatient personality. Their anointing engrosses them in The Word of God.

The Hand



Thumb = Apostle
Pointer = Prophet
Middle = Evangelist
Ring = Pastor
Pinky = Teacher

The Five-Fold Ministry in the Old Testament

Genesis Apostle – Foundation
Exodus Prophet – Speaks on behalf of God
Leviticus Evangelist – Proclaiming gospel to the lost
Numbers Pastor – Married to the church
Deuteronomy Teacher – The book of instruction

The Attacks That Move Against the Five-Fold Ministry

Apostolic Gifting: The Spirit of Tradition or The Spirit of Religion! This spirit wants to get inside of people and set up camp. It takes an Apostolic Gifting to destroy the spirit of religion/tradition.

Prophetic Gifting: The Spirit of Jezebel! This spirit seeks to castrate the prophet by completely removing the prophet's authority. This attack is manifested through secondary authority; it will never come directly against the prophet. Jezebel must have an Ahab to work through! This spirit makes you doubt who you are in God if you give way to it! *Example – John in Prison*

Evangelist Gifting: The Spirit of Witchcraft and Sorcery! Witchcraft is simply tapping into the spirit world apart from the Will of God! Sorcery occurs when someone comes on the scene from the occult to curse you! As you step up in spiritual warfare, the enemy will step up!

Pastoral Gifting: The Spirit of Absalom! Absalom sought to draw others to himself. They want to control you, and they like being honored and praised. These people want kingdom without the responsibility of serving our King Jesus! These people will manipulate your congregation. *Examples – ‘We have a great Pastor but...’, or They start a personal Bible Study in lieu of the one with the church.*

Teaching Gifting: The Spirit of Dullness of Hearing! This is a spirit that will come against you, and you will hear the audible Word, but will not be able to transfer it to understanding. The enemy seeks to draw out and confuse your mind. You struggle to bring your mind under control!

I pray that this helps you all understand God's pattern on how He wants to build His Church!