

Functional Use of the Five-Fold Ministry Gifts & the Holy Spirit Appointment of Elders

Five-Fold Ministry Gifts Definition & Function

*"And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of **the body** of Christ, . . ." Eph 4:11-12 NKJ*

Five-Fold Ministry Gifts

Five-Fold Gift	Greek Meaning	Functional Application
Apostle	a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders	it is a gift for marshaling the assets (<i>the body</i>) of the Lord within a particular geographic area (sphere) to bring alignment to God's purposes.
Prophet	one who speaks forth	it is a gift for the speaking out of encouragement and exhortation from the Lord to <i>the body</i> so the direction and pace of church growth is maintained.
Teacher	one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man	it is a gift for the explanation and comprehension of the scriptures for the fulfillment of their intended purpose by <i>the body</i> .
Pastor	a herdsman	is a gift for the nurturing, herding, admonishing and maturing <i>the body</i> .
Evangelist	a bringer of good tidings	it is a gift for instructing <i>the body</i> in the proclamation and apologetics of the Gospel of the Kingdom

Holy Spirit Appointment of Elders

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28

Elders

Appointed	Greek Meaning	Functional Responsibilities
Elders	a term of service among Christian assemblies (or churches) The NT uses the term bishop, elders, and presbyters interchangeably	one charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent of the gates to the City/County

Note: This document's contents were arrived at by a diverse group of people from the Sarasota/Bradenton area with numerous differing faith affiliations over the period of one year using God's Holy word as the guide.
