

LEADERSHIP GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:11-13

Introduction: The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not given in an order of priority except perhaps, the first four which are leadership gifts.

The Holy Spirit selects the gift or gifts for each believer.

The believer is to discover and use his/her gift (s) for the benefit of the entire Church Family. To fail to do so is to sin. So, what are the gifts of leadership within God's Church?

I. THE GIFT OF APOSTLESHIP (One sent with a commission)

1. The gift of Apostleship refers to the small and special group of men as the 12 with Paul.
2. Apostles are messengers sent on particular errands from one Church to another.
3. A general sense of the word is that every believer is an apostle in that of being sent into the world to share the Gospel. (*Matthew 28:19-20*)

II. THE GIFT OF PROPHECY (Public Expounder)

1. A supernatural gift of communicating words from God to people.
2. It includes edifying, instructing, consoling and exhorting believers in local congregations. (*1 Corinthians 14:3*)
3. The gift of prophecy often included foretelling or predicting events.
4. The test of a true prophet in the Bible was that he had to be 100% accurate all the time.

III. THE GIFT OF EVANGELISM (One who announces the good news of Jesus)

1. Only three times does the word "evangelist" appear in the New Testament:
Acts 21:8; Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 4:5
2. The "evangelist" is a messenger, a deliverer of the good news. (The death, burial, resurrection of Jesus Christ, His coming again, and the need for all to repent and believe).
3. Often non-"ordained" have been given this gift. (Phillip was).

IV. THE GIFT OF PASTOR-TEACHER (The role of a Shepherd)

1. The most commonly preferred designation for the ordained clergy.
2. Jesus is the CHIEF Shepherd and calls men to counsel, guide, warn and guard His flock, the Church.

3. After the gospel is received and new Christians are born, they must be taught. (*Matthew 28:19-20*)
4. It is the gift of the ability to build Christians into the likeness of Jesus Christ.
5. 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus letters were given so that Pastors would know how to watch over Jesus Christ's flock.

CONCLUSION:

1. Christian, is God calling YOU to be an Evangelist or a Pastor-Teacher?
2. The Church is to support those whom God has called to be an Evangelist or Pastor-teacher.
3. The Church is to follow and learn from those whom God has given the unique gifts or evangelism and pastor-teacher.