

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

Five-Fold Ministry Function

A gift may bare a title, but it is imperative that that the gift bare fruit or the title is undeserved. After all Jesus said "by their fruit you will know them".

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 (the body) 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 the body 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 the body.
Pastor	a herdsman	is a gift for the nurturing, herding, admonishing and maturing the body.
Evangelist	a bringer of good tidings	it is a gift for instructing the body 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
Elder	a term of rank or office among the Christians, those who cared for the assemblies (or churches) The NT uses the term bishop, elders, and presbyters interchangeably	a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent

To fulfill the command given to the church in Mt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8 & Eph 4:11-16.