

## 10. The Ministry Gifts – Part 1

*Spiritual Gifts—God's Way*

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All right. So this list in Ephesians four verses 11 through 12. So, again, the types of spiritual gifts. The first one is the motivation gifts. These are listed in Romans chapter 12 verses three through nine. We have covered all seven of those gifts now. Every believer has one of those seven gifts and you get that at the moment of salvation. Scripture is very plain in the Greek that it says, “He gives to every one severally as he will” and it talks about this particular Greek word for the motivation gifts, the ενεργηματα (en-erg’-ay-mah) gifts, the charisma gifts. Everyone gets one. That is what severally or individually means. You get one of those gifts.

So at the moment you became a Christian God decided which of those seven gifts best fit his purpose for you life in the body of Christ. And so for me that was the gift of teaching. And that was the thing that he wired me to do. For faith it was the gift of administration. That is what he wired her to do. And it is good if you know what your gift is, your motivation gift is.

Now that we have the ministry gifts which we are going to study today and there is two lists of these. One is found in Ephesians four and then there is another that we... the passage we just read. And then there is another group found in 1 Corinthians 12 verses 27 through 31.

Now, these gifts are a little different in that they are given by God and the church. In other words, to practice one of these ministry gifts listed in Ephesians four the church has to give you that opportunity for service. Some of those gifts like the gift for pastor and teacher, the church would confirm by ordination. That is where they bring you up. They question you. There is a counsel or a presbytery that questions you. They then would, if you pass the examination of the presbytery they then would probably anoint you with oil. They would lay hands on you. They would pray over you and ordain you to the ministry.

And so, you know, the pastor and I have both been ordained in that way. Deacons typically are ordained because that is a place of service within the church. And so we have these ministry gifts.

There is a second list of these gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 verses 27 to 31. And we are going to cover those next week.

But the Church provides this opportunity. Then there is the manifestation gifts. Now these are the ones that everybody goes cuckoo about and it gets a little nutsy about particularly in the charismatic world, in the sense that a lot of people strive to have these gifts because they don't understand the way the gifts work. God gives you one motivation gift at the moment you are saved. It is your gift for the rest of your life. The church gives you opportunities to serve in ministry and then as you use your motivation gift in the ministry and you are using whatever your gift is, the Holy Spirit working through you produces a result in somebody else's life, ok? And those are the manifestation gifts. So, for example, here I am. I am using my gift of teaching. I am in the ministry gift of pastor teacher and so as I teach something if you suddenly understand something you have never understood before, you just got the manifestation gift of the word of knowledge. That is what a word of knowledge is. Now the word of knowledge is not that guy on the TV that says, "Oh, there is someone watching me right now that has liver failure."

You know, that is not a word of knowledge. Now that may be what he calls it, but that is not the biblical gift of the word of knowledge. It is simply that you understand something about Scripture that you have never seen before. Maybe you get the word of faith. You hear me teach something and you say, "That is what God wants me to do in life." And you now have the faith to believe that you know what God wants to accomplish through your life and he calls you to a specific task or ministry or tells you that is the person you need to go witness to or whatever.

So we are going to talk about the manifestation gifts, but we need to keep them in a proper perspective. And then there is a third, a fourth category of gifts. I just call them miscellaneous gifts because there is one gift that is listed in 1 Peter four. It calls this gift all.... he calls it a spiritual gift, but it mentions hospitality. And hospitality is something we are all supposed to practice. And we really miss out on this gift today because in the days of the New Testament they didn't have hotels. They didn't have, you know, Motel Six and, you know, Hilton Garden Inn and these other things. And so what they did is when you went into a town you went and you met some Christians and you stayed in the home of some other Christians, probably a home you had never been in before and never met, but you have the opportunity to show them hospitality and hopefully they encouraged you and you encouraged them and maybe they stretched your mind a little bit you stretched their mind a little bit and it was a way of really fellowshiping when you were in someone else's town.

Now I think it is a kind of a sad thing that when most churches have what they call a revival, what that means is they invite a guest speaker to come speak for three or four days or a week and many times they just put them up in a hotel. And there are some revival speakers who want to be in a hotel, but I think, you know, one of the greatest privileges I had is when I have spoken at revivals I have often gotten to stay in the homes of people in the community and I learned a lot more about the needs of the community

that way and got to know some people who have become dear friends for the rest of my life because I spent the week in their home.

And so that is such a valuable thing to do. I think it is tragic that we don't show more of the gift of hospitality just inviting people over for dinner, getting to know them.

Now, the relationship, again, between the gifts. You have a motivation gift. The Church gives you an opportunity for service and then as you use that gift in service, then God works a manifestation in the life of another believer.

So let's look at the ministry gifts specifically and in 1 Corinthians 12:5 the phrase that refers to ministry gifts is where it says there are diversities of administrations. So the word "administrations" here is the word διακονια (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah) from which we get the word "deacon," Ok?

And so we find these gifts, we see the word διακονια (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah) used in two key passages, one in 1 Corinthians 12 and the other here in Ephesians chapter four. And so let's... you see the Scripture again, Ephesians 4:8-12, that in this particular passage he is going to say, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."<sup>1</sup>

Now, by the way, the word "pastors and teachers" in Greek is more like... you know what a player is, right? You know what a coach is, right? Ok, have you ever heard of a player coach? You know, that is somebody that has played the game, may even be playing the game, but he is coaching the game, too. And so we combine two words to kind of make one term, a player coach.

In Greek the word "pastor and teacher" here is really kind of put together into one office. It is the pastor teacher. In other words it is a pastor whose job is to teach the Word of God.

Now, some interesting phrases leading up to this in Ephesians 4:8. It says that he "led captivity captive."<sup>2</sup>

And maybe you don't know what this is. Let me explain a little bit about what happened before Christ was resurrected. In the Old Testament, of course, we didn't have Jesus Christ, but we did have the second person of the godhead. He was known by another name then. It was Yahweh and, of course, it was called the tetragrammaton which is a fancy word that means a word that has four letters, a four letter word. Ok?

There was a holy tetragrammaton long before there were the unholy tetragrammaton, if you know what I mean. Ok? And so if we were to spell it out, Hebrew, by the way, has

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<sup>1</sup> Ephesians 4:11.

<sup>2</sup> Ephesians 4:7.

no vowels, just consonants. And so it only has 22 letters in their alphabet and it is Y H W H, ok, would be the way you spell it.

The interesting thing is, though, of course they have vowel sounds and so nobody... when they are reading the Scriptures and they got to the word for Yahweh, they wouldn't even pronounce it. They would just substitute another word. They were so scared to mispronounce the name of God and they had such reverence for the things of God which is something I think we have lost today.

I wrote a recent blog article that is on our website if you are interested in my thoughts on that. But we have such little reverence for God today that, you know, we casually talk about him as the man upstairs. Well, a Jew would have never done that. He wouldn't even pronounce the name of God for fear of mispronouncing it. So he would get to the tetragrammaton and he would say Adonai, which is the Hebrew word for Lord. Well, at some point they took the vowel sounds—because you remember they have no vowels—but they took the sounds from Adonai and they put those vowel sounds under the tetragrammaton and it came out sounding like Yehovah which is where we get Jehovah, ok? So when you hear Jehovah it is referring to the second person of the godhead in the Old Testament and the second person of the godhead is Jesus Christ. Remember, Jesus Christ, even though he had a birth on earth, he is eternal. He has been around since eternity.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”<sup>3</sup>

“Before Abraham was, I am.”<sup>4</sup>

Ok, so if he is the eternal God, he just became incarnate, that is clothed in human flesh when he entered that manger in Bethlehem, ok?

Now, all the Old Testament saints that worshipped Jehovah and they were repentant and they took their sin sacrifices to the temple or the tabernacle or wherever they had to that were following God with all their hearts, when they died they went to a particular place of death called sheol, S H E O L. So you might want to write that down if you are not familiar with it.

If you read the psalms you will actually see numerous references to a place called sheol.

Now the Jews understood that within sheol there were two compartments and later as the Jews became Hellenized, that means they became familiar with the Greek language and what not, they developed some Greek names for these two compartments. One of the compartments inside sheol was... went by the Greek word hades which is what we popularly call hell, ok? And it is still hell. There are still people there in hades. But there was hades, ok?

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<sup>3</sup> Hebrews 13:8.

<sup>4</sup> John 8:58.

The other word what it became known was paradiso or paradise, ok, and that is where those who were the Old Testament saints and those who died before Jesus Christ rose from the dead, when they died they went to paradise.

What did Jesus say to the thief on the cross who was repentant?

“To day shalt thou be with me...”<sup>5</sup> he didn’t say in heaven, did he? You will be with me where? In paradise, because he was going to that compartment.

Now when Jesus died, he went down into sheol, the place of the dead and he visited both compartments. In 1 Peter it says that he descended into hell and if you have ever read the Apostles’ Creed or, you know, in a church that said that, you know, it said he died and that he descended into hell and on the third day he rose again. Well, they get that from Scripture because it tells us that in 1 Peter.

But it says very plainly in 1 Peter that when he went there, he announced. There is two different words for preached. There is, you know, and this is the word καταγγελλω (kat-ang-gel’-lo), not the word ευαγγελιζω (yoo-ang-ghel-id’-zo) which means to preach the gospel, but the word καταγγελλω (kat-ang-gel’-lo) which means to make a proclamation. He went and visited the fallen spirits in hell because, guess what? The book of Jude tells us that in the days of the flood there was something weird going on between angels and men and I don’t have time to explain all that today, nor am I sure I am capable of doing so, but there was something weird going and God took some angels and bound them in prison and bound them in chains and they are there in hell and will be kept there until they are released for a brief period of time before the final great white throne judgment of God.

So here you have got these fallen spirits and he goes and basically says, “Hey, I whooped your master. You know, death, not a problem any more. Sin, not a problem any more. I paid for the sins, I rose again from the dead. By the way, I am going next door over here to paradise and I am taking all those that have been captive there and I am leading them away.”

So after he announced to the fallen spirits in prison, he went over to paradise. By the way, if you want to see this distinction between hades and paradise, read Luke 19 where it says:

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and

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<sup>5</sup> Luke 23:43.

seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.<sup>6</sup>

So one thing we know about hades or hell, it is full of flame.

And, by the way, Jesus was not telling this as a parable. He didn't say it is like unto and start some fictional story. Jesus is telling us for a real deal. It is a real story. It really happened.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.<sup>7</sup>

You know, we can't cross over. There is an inseparable barrier here.

And finally when the man says, "You know, well, could you just send him to my brethren and tell them."

He says, "I am sorry. If they don't hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe, will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead," ok?

And that Jesus went into paradise after announcing to the prisons he had beat sin and death and hell. And it says in Ephesians four he carried away captivity captive. It means he took all the saints in paradise and he took them to heaven. Now why couldn't they go to heaven before? Because Jesus had to be the first born from the dead. There was no resurrection until Jesus had paid for our sins and risen himself. So until he was risen, nobody else could be.

So now sheol still exists. But it is missing one compartment because captivity has been carried away captive. The people in paradise are now living in the presence of God in heaven.

And, by the way, it is biblically incorrect. I know we all say it and I know it is even in our doctrinal statement, but it is biblically incorrect to tell people that they will spend eternity in hell if they don't receive Jesus Christ. How do I know that? The Bible says:

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every

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<sup>6</sup> Luke 16:19-24.

<sup>7</sup> Luke 16:25-26.

man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.<sup>8</sup>

So if you want to be nit picky, which I love being nit picky, people will spend eternity in the lake of fire. At least people in hell have one thing to look forward to. They are going to get out long enough to take a breath or two while the judgment is going on. People in the lake of fire have nothing to look forward to. So this is a, you know, a tragic thing, ok?

Now one other thing that happened after Jesus took these people in paradise up to heaven it says he gave gifts to men. That is, he gave spiritual gifts to those who were in the church. And ever since to those who have been born again he has given them a spiritual gift to practice but he also has given the Church, certain gifts. And so he gave spiritual gifts for the work of the ministry.

So let's look at these four gifts here and the first gift is that gift of apostles. So what do we know about an apostle? Well, first of all, the word apostle comes from the Greek word  $\alpha\pi\sigma\tau\epsilon\lambda\lambda\omega$  (ap-os-tel'-lo) which just simply means the sent one.

So in the strict biblical sense, there was what we will call the office of the apostle and then we will talk about the gift of the apostle. But in the strict biblical sense, an apostle, a person who had the office of apostle had to have a couple of things. One is he had to be sent by God and the other is he had to have seen the resurrected Jesus Christ. And that pretty well narrows things down.

By the way, that narrows things down so much that Mormons have a problem, because Mormons believe that they still have 12 apostles that sit up therein Salt Lake at the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and they are apostles. No they are not. I mean, you can put whatever title you want on them, but they are just deluded people that are on their way to hell because they don't know the real truth of Jesus Christ.

And, you know, there are no more new apostles. So what are those?

By the way, how many apostles? So who knows this? How many apostles do we have in the Bible? My family knows because they have heard me before. All right. Let's hear the non Rohlin family guesses.

Ok, 14. Anybody else have a guess? Ok, so Judy tell them how many it is.

It is 17, ok? So let's look and see where these 17 folks are so you don't think I am just making it up. So first of all, Matthew chapter 10 it says:

Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and

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<sup>8</sup> Revelation 20:13-14.

Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite.<sup>9</sup>

So there is 11. Notice who is not mentioned, ok? Judas Iscariot, of course, is not mentioned for obvious reason.

Then in Acts chapter one and verse 26 it says, “And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.”<sup>10</sup>

Now what they did is they made a decision. They said, “For us to pick somebody to fill Judas’ place, he has to have been with us since the baptism of John and he has to have seen the resurrected Jesus Christ. So we are still holding our qualifications there.”

Then in Acts chapter 14 and verse 14 it says, “Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out.”<sup>11</sup>

But so we all know Paul was an apostle, but so was Barnabas. By the way, his real name was Joses, J O S E S, Barnabas was his nickname. It meant in Hebrew the adopted son of smiling because he made a very large donation to the church that made all the apostles smile. So they called him the adopted son of smiling. And the name stuck. Ok?

And then in Romans 16:7 it says, Paul says, “Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.”<sup>12</sup>

And the Greek construction there says that he is calling them apostles. They are not just with the apostles. They are among the people who would be listed as apostles.

Now who is the greatest apostle of all? Jesus. We don’t think of him as being an apostle, do we? But Hebrews 3:1 says, “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.”<sup>13</sup>

Was Christ sent? Yeah. Did he see himself raised? Ok, so he is an apostle. He fills the qualifications.

So there is such a thing as we need to help distinguish between the office of an apostle and the gift. So the office, strictly speaking someone had seen the risen Savior, was sent by God. Only 17 people have ever fulfilled that particular office. There has not been anyone since then. However, there is a ministry gift of apostle as well and the Latin word for apostle is the word *missio* from which we get missionary.

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<sup>9</sup> Matthew 10:2-4.

<sup>10</sup> Acts 1:26.

<sup>11</sup> Acts 14:14.

<sup>12</sup> Romans 16:7.

<sup>13</sup> Hebrews 3:1.



I believe it takes a special gift of God to be called to go to another country and, you know, it could be another state, but especially when it takes, I think it takes a gift to go to another country with another culture and another language and to live in that place and to learn the language, learn the culture, get into the culture and understand and then minister to the people who are there. I think that is a special calling from God. I don't think it is the same thing as just, you know, saying, "I feel like God has called me to be a pastor."

So they pioneer new fields. They start new works. They lay a foundation and very often once they have laid a foundation there to start one church, they will move on to start another church. There are businesses in planting churches and helping spread the gospel.

Paul said in Romans 15:20, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation."<sup>14</sup>

Paul said that for his ministry his job wasn't to go where there were already a church on every street corner and start another church. His job was to go to where nobody had heard about Christ, teach them about Christ, plant a church and then help it replicate and then move on and go somewhere else that had never heard about Christ and do it all over again. That is the ministry gift of an apostle.

So we look at the ministry gift of the prophet. Ok? And the office of a prophet, this is somebody that was appointed by God to go tell forth, that means to proclaim and to forth tell, because there is a sense in which Old Testament prophets spoke what they knew from God about something that had not yet happened, but was going to happen. So that is the idea of foretelling, ok, God's Word. So this person spoke as a mouthpiece of God. And, by the way, a true prophet was never wrong when he spoke in his office. And Deuteronomy 18 said if he is wrong take him to a rock concert. What do I mean by that? Stone him to death. Ok? Because if he is wrong he is a false prophet, you know, stone him to death.

And he often communicated judgment and his office ended, this office ended with the completion of the Word of God. We don't need people going around today in this old capacity of a prophet saying, "I have heard from God."

Now I hear TV preachers all the time claiming that they got a revelation in their dream last night oar a revelation, you know, watch, you know, you know, after they have had a burger with too many onions last night and they got this new vision from the Lord.

Let me tell you something. If you tell me anything you can't back up in the Word of God, it doesn't matter. If it doesn't agree with everything between Genesis and Revelation, then I don't care what dream you had. I don't care how many onions you had on you burger, it is just not the Word of God. Once the Word of God was complete, we don't need people giving us extra biblical revelation. God gave us all the revelation that we need there, ok?

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<sup>14</sup> Romans 15:20.

So Deuteronomy 18 says this.

“But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.”<sup>15</sup>

A pretty serious thing when you are a prophet and your prophecy doesn't come true.

By the way, how would Harold Camping fare if we were going to put this little verse into practice when he predicted the rapture that didn't come? Ok? He shouldn't have ever done that. If he had really studied Scripture he would have known he was wrong and, as it was, he wouldn't admit he was wrong. He would just postpone things till October, ok?

And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.<sup>16</sup>

In other words don't be afraid of the prophet. Just take him out to the rock concert, ok?

Now, there is a ministry gift of prophet, though, and this is someone who tells forth the Word of God as revealed in Scripture. The word here means to break forth under sudden impulse and lofty discourse of praise to the divine counsels or under like prompting to teach, refute, reprove, admonish, comfort others, to act as a prophet or to discharge the prophetic office.

So in other words, it means someone who is felt led of the Spirit, given a particular set of circumstances or a particular situation to speak out and boldly proclaim what the will of God is.

Now we need to look at the qualifications for the prophet and I am going to tell you right now some of you are going to be shocked by these, ok? I determined a long time ago that I would not make, I would not force my view of things on the Bible. I wanted the Bible to change my view of things, ok? And what I am about to tell you may be un-Baptist in a lot of circles. Ok? It may not be conservative in a lot of circles, but I just want to show you what the Bible says about this gift and then you are going to have to draw your own conclusions and if you have an argument it is going to be with the Bible and not me, ok? Because I got to tell you some of these Bible verses kind of challenged my way of thinking about this gift and, you know, in ways, I guess, it makes a little uncomfortable.

So let's look at what some of the answers are. First of all, who can exercise this gift? Well, it is not limited to a preacher or a pastor. You don't have to be. And Scripture gives us examples of that.

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<sup>15</sup> Deuteronomy 18:20.

<sup>16</sup> Deuteronomy 18:21-22.

Acts chapter eight and verse 35 it says, “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”<sup>17</sup>

Philip was a deacon. He wasn't a pastor. He was a deacon. But he preached, proclaimed and the Word here is the word that he prophesied, basically, about Jesus.

Also the gift, this is where it is going to start blowing your mind is not limited to men, ok? And this is where, you know, Baptists have a lot of problem with this. Ah, it should just be men. But look. Luke chapter two verse 36.

“And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity.”<sup>18</sup>

If that is not enough, 1 Corinthians 11, a very controversial passage among home schooling families because they get all off focus and think about whether or not they should be wearing a head covering. And I could talk a whole length of time about that. But it is just:

“Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.”<sup>19</sup>

And what he is saying here, of course, in that culture, the Corinthians women typically wore head coverings. Men did not. And if you saw a woman walking around Corinth who wasn't wearing a head covering, she was, undoubtedly, a temple prostitute at one of the pagan temples there. And they often shaved their head as well. So you saw a woman didn't have a head covering on and she had shorn her hair, cut her hair, then she was a temple prostitute.

Now, by the way, don't get all hung up on the whole little piece of cloth over there. If you want to do that, that is fine. I respect it. It is a beautiful symbol and I think it is an awesome thing to do. But the Bible also says in 1 Corinthians that a woman's hair is her covering, ok? So your hair, to be feminine, to be... to please your authorities is your covering, ok?

But look what it says.

“But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head.”<sup>20</sup>

In other words, not a shame to prophesy if you are a woman. It is a shame to do it when you are out from under biblical authority. When you are basically dressing like a prostitute.

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<sup>17</sup> Acts 8:35.

<sup>18</sup> Luke 2:36.

<sup>19</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:4.

<sup>20</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:5.

He says:

For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.<sup>21</sup>

He goes on, though. He says:

For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.<sup>22</sup>

So here is the thing. If God moves on you to say something from his Word about a particular situation, if he... and if the Church has given you that privilege, remember, minister gifts are given by the Church. Can a woman... can a church give a woman an opportunity to speak? Absolutely.

So this particular week I think it is the day after tomorrow you have a marvelous opportunity to meet one of the greatest modern Christians that I know and her name is Elizabeth Elliot. And of those of you not familiar with her, she went down to the region around Quito, Ecuador and she and was part of four couples that were trying to reach a tribe of cannibals there. I forget the original name of the tribe. We call them the Alka Indians, but they don't like to be known as that anymore. It is another name they like to go by and they were basically head hunters. And so her husband Jim and there were several others. They found a way using a plane. They would lower objects in a bucket. They would put the plane in a circle and a deep bank and they found out it was kind of like centrifugal force. Have you ever done that thing when you were a kid? You had a bucket with a rope and you spun around and you noticed that you could stay in the middle and the bucket would fly up, but you could still keep water in the bucket even though it is up in the air? Well, they did the reverse of centrifugal force. They spun the plain around and kept the bucket still and the cannibals would come out and they would see these little things and they would take them back to their villages. They did that several times. And so, ok, it is time for us to make contact. And so they land on the beach and they are immediately... all these men are killed.

A fascinating thing is that these women went back to...

By the way, that bucket technique is significant because the United States air force learned from those four missionaries how to put a C-130 Hercules plane in a deep bank and keep a gatling gun trained on a target on the ground. The air force learned that from the missionaries, a little factoid that is interesting to know.

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<sup>21</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:6-7.

<sup>22</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:8-10.

So these ladies, though, rather than just go back and cry and mourn, they decided to stay there and win that tribe to the Lord and they did. And Elizabeth has been married twice since then. She lost her next husband through death, also. She is currently married again.

And one of the fascinating things, if you ever get to speak her speak and she is getting to where she can't speak anymore. This is just kind of a formal come and go. If you ever wanted to go tell Elizabeth Elliot what a blessing her books are or talk to her, you really ought to go to Dallas Ministry Center this week and do it. She is an awesome lady. And I... Every time I have heard he speak I have gotten something out of it. I have learned something from it. If somebody told me that it wasn't biblical for Elizabeth Elliot to speak, I would tell him to take a long walk off a short pier, ok? Because I have gotten a lot out of it.

Now here is the thing. Every time she speaks, though, her husband sits in a chair on the stage and she makes it plain that is teaching under his authority. She is under authority when she is up there teaching. And her husband is there and he has the right to call her down any time that he wants to and she makes that plain.

Not only that, but she is under the authority of a church when she speaks in a church. The church has to invite her. She doesn't come in a church and say, "Hi, I am here. Would you like me to speak?" Ok. She is a very humble lady as well.

And so I just want to impress on you that a woman that is going to feel led of this, she needs to be given the opportunity by biblical authority, that would be in the church. It is ok if a church wants to invite a woman to speak on a subject. We are free to do that biblically speaking. The role of prophet is not limited just to men.

Now that is an uncomfortable thing for a lot of folks, but, you know, Scripture makes me uncomfortable in a lot of ways.

Now in Acts chapter 21 verses eight through nine it says:

And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.<sup>23</sup>

You know, here is Philip the evangelist. He has four daughters which are prophets. Something right was happening in this family, an amazing thing.

Acts chapter two verses 16 through 18. And, of course, this was a prophecy about the end times. Some of this is a quote from the book of Joel. But it says here:

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all

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<sup>23</sup> Acts 21:8.

flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:<sup>24</sup>

So let me just encourage you. Well, let me give you these things and then I will say something else.

When you exercise the ministry gift of prophecy one thing is it must edify the whole body. Now in Corinth they had a problem. People were standing up. They were speaking in tongues. Nobody really knew what they said most of the time because it was babble. It wasn't the spiritual gift of tongues that they had in Acts chapter two that was known dialects of existing languages. It was just babbling, glossalalia they call it. It is a technique that is still taught today. It has a very powerful psychological effect. And if you ever want to read really what that kind of practice of the gift of tongues can do to Christians, you should get a book by Merrill Unger who used to be president of Dallas of Theological Seminary and it is called *What Demons do to Christians*. You really ought to read that book. It will kind of blow your mind what happens to a lot of charismatic Christians because of this practice.

But here is the thing. It ought... it has to edify the whole body. If it doesn't edify the whole body, then keep your mouth shut, ok?

And then it requires special faith from the Lord and this word for, in the Greek, it means to cause to shine. It means to make God's truth shine, not give your own opinions, not just tell people what you think is right, but to shine forth the Word of God.

So here is my thing. Ladies, before any of you can ever practice the gift of prophecy, first of all you have to be given the invitation by those in scriptural authority to do so, but secondly, you need to have something worth saying and it needs to be based on the Word of God and you need to be teaching God's Word and not your own opinions. So there is the caution.

And, by the way, that goes true for me, too. When I stand up here, I shouldn't teach my own opinions. I need to teach the Word of God and everything needs to be backed by this scripture which is why I like putting the Scriptures on screen so you can see that I am just not making up all this stuff.

So let's look at the ministry gift of an evangelist and the thing about being an evangelist is that every one of us has this responsibility. All of us are supposed to tell people about Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28, of course, the Great Commission. We are to go into all the world and actually in Greek it says while you are going. So, in other words, while you are about going to the gas station, you are going to the grocery store, you are taking care of

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<sup>24</sup> Acts 2:16-18.

business. Whatever your business is, while you are going, it says in the Greek, you are to make disciples. And how do you do that? You teach all men whatsoever things I have commanded thee. So you teach Christ's commandments. And so he gave us 49 commandments. We ought to be teaching the world what Christ says about how to live life. And we will make disciples when we do that.

And so that is how we are supposed to be practicing. While we are going we are to make disciples. And then we are to bring them to the church after we have made them a disciple. Why? So they can be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Why? So that then they can go into all the world and do the same thing. Ok? And that is God's plan.

So we all have that as a responsibility for ourselves. However, there are some people that have a special gift and a special calling from God that the one thing God wires them to do is just bring people in to a relationship with Jesus Christ. And I will tell you that is not my gift. You know, my gift is teaching. It is equipping the saints. It is teaching those who are already saved. It doesn't relieve me of the burden of telling people about Jesus Christ, but it simply means that it is not my main calling from God. But I have brethren in the ministry and good friends whose full time ministry is just meeting people and teaching them about Jesus Christ. It is leading people to Christ. It is leading to that relationship.

And when they go and speak at conferences, they have got one goal in their mind, getting people to come to Jesus Christ. And to them it is not about revival in the sense of taking a church that is asleep and in the doldrums and waking them up again. It is just getting the lost saved. That is what they are about and that is what their passion is.

And so that is the gift of an evangelist. And so they make that a priority.

Philip is called in the book of Acts, as we just read a moment ago, they call him Philip the evangelist. And so this, by the way, it is not restricted to preachers and it is not just restricted to people who, you know, hope crusades or revival meetings and women can have this gift, too. They can have a gift that that is what they are... they feel like their main passion in life is sharing with other women about Jesus Christ, leading women to Christ, ok? So that is an important thing.

Now the ministry gift of a pastor teacher in Ephesians 4:11 the word pastor teacher, as I mentioned earlier, is better hyphenated and just call this the pastor teacher gift. A lot of different words in Scripture for pastor. Pastor, shepherd, overseer, helmsman, bishop. Interestingly enough, one of the words for pastor in the book of Acts is cheer leader. That is not the King James word, but that is the translation of the Greek word. So we are to be cheer leaders to a certain extent in terms of encouraging you in the game of life, ok?

And what is this function? Well, he is responsible to Christ. He has to answer to Jesus. That is his real authority. And, by the way, I don't... I don't hold with the kind of the ecclesiology that says that I have to be responsible to an ecclesiastical authority above the church. And so you will find some organizations, for example, where people are, you

know, the preachers are put there by a synod or by a bishop and then the bishops answer to some... maybe an archbishop who answers to somebody else. Now we believe that God calls pastors and God moves on the hearts of churches to call a certain pastor and the pastor is there until God moves him. And that is when he should leave, but only then.

But he says you are to be responsible not only to Christ, but to the needs of the body. You are not to be their boss. You are to be kind of a player coach. You equip the body for service and your focus is primarily on one congregation that God has called you to.

And, by the way, never make the mistake and a lot of preachers made this mistake, but I am going to help you not make it. And that is never make the mistake of assuming that if the church is small it is because the pastor is second rate and that is why he is there because he is a second rate pastor that if he would really improve he could get a bigger church.

Let me tell you something. If you are where God has planted you, regardless of the size of congregation, you are in the highest calling of God for your life. There is no higher privilege in my estimation than being a pastor and if he puts you somewhere you bloom where he puts you, ok? And that is important. So it doesn't mean that a pastor of a church that has got 20,000 is somehow theologically superior or superior in his homiletical ability to preach than somebody that is in a congregation that only runs 80 on Sunday morning, ok? So you need to get the world's methods out of your head.

Now this gift, this office, this ministry gift is limited to men only. Now this is not popular. There is probably going to be some people that are going to watch this lesson on the internet later and think I am speaking heresy, so let me just give you biblical reasons, not my own opinions.

1 Timothy 3:1-7. It says:

“This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife.”<sup>25</sup>

The last time I checked, husbands were male, wives were female, ok?

“...vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous.”<sup>26</sup>

A lot of qualifications, but one of them is he is a husband of one wife. That means he is a one man woman and always has been. That is the qualifications.

Now some people say, “Well, that is just culture. We need to take all of the gender out of the Bible.”

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<sup>25</sup> 1 Timothy 3:1-2.

<sup>26</sup> 1 Timothy 3:2-3.



Listen. When you start taking stuff out of the Bible to fit the culture, where are you going to stop? You just can't stop.

By the way, he goes on.

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.<sup>27</sup>

Ok? So a little Methodist Church in Tyler that my mom sometimes goes to that has a woman pastor. I am sorry, she is not biblically qualified. Joyce Meyers, very popular speaker, writes a lot of books sold in every Christian bookstore. I am sorry. She is not biblically qualified to be a pastor. Why? Because I am taking the Bible at face value here. You have got to decide whether you want your way and the feminist way or you want the Bible way. Figure it out. Ok? But the Bible is very clear.

Also God designed for man to be the head of the house, but a woman to be the heart of the home. And so, in other words, husbands have the power of authority, but a woman has the power of influence. And, by the way, ladies, this is not a second class place. In fact, you have the greater power, because think, about it. Kings Xerxes or King Ahasuerus, whichever name you choose to call him by, evil man. I mean, this is the guy one time when somebody says, "All of my sons are in the military. Can't you just leave one of my sons home so that he can take care of me?"

And, by the way, he says, "I am willing to finance your entire political campaign. I will give you the money to finance your campaign. Just let me have one son at home."

Ahasuerus had this guy cut right down the middle and had one half of his body mounted on a pole on each side of the road and made his troops march between the two halves of the man's body. This is not a nice guy. So if you see that movie *One Night with the King*, Hollywood makes this guy look like, yeah, he is pagan, but he is a pretty decent fellow. No, he is not decent at all. Cutting people in half and putting them on stakes on either side of the road, marching your army through. This is not a nice man. He has never read the book of Esther, ok?

Now think about this, though. Here we have, you know, this evil, evil man, but who has the real power in the book of Esther? It is this godly woman who comes with an attitude of submission, but tenderness and kindness and she changes the course of history. The power and influence is a greater power than the power of authority. So that is impressed.

And, by the way, ladies, there is another reason and that is that women can be more easily deceived by their emotions than men. Some of you tell us that we don't have any

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<sup>27</sup> 1 Timothy 3:4-7.

emotions, you know, or that we have, you know, two emotions, on and off, ok? That is pretty much it. But the reality is that the Bible says in 1 Timothy, Paul says, “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”<sup>28</sup>

He is talking about the Garden of Eden. Adam was not deceived, Eve was. So guess what? Eve doesn't get the blame because she was genuinely fooled. Adam just flat out knew he was doing wrong and so guess what? The sin nature passes through which one, the father or the mother? The father. You ladies are off the hook.

That is why Jesus, by the way, did not have a sin nature because he did not have a human father. He did have a human mother, but he didn't have a sin nature.

So next time your little kids are acting like wicked little sinners, look at daddy and say, “It is your fault.” Ok.

So now. A pastor also... something else you need to think about. Boy, I started some fights, didn't I?

Women also have a higher calling than men. Now you may not know this, but it says something interesting in 1 Timothy that most people don't understand when it is talking about whether or not a woman should teach in the church and what not. It says this about a woman.

“Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they [that is talking about the children] continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”<sup>29</sup>

Now you need to understand how the apostle Paul used the word “saved.” He did not use that word just to talk about somebody asking Jesus in their heart. Let me prove it to you.

In Romans chapter five he says, “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son [that is asking Jesus into your heart], much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”<sup>30</sup>

So Paul says, “I already have a relationship with Jesus Christ. My ticket is already punched. I am already going to heaven. But I shall be saved.”

So what does that mean? In Psalm eight and also in the book of Hebrews which quotes from Psalm eight it says that men have been made a little lower than the angels. Why? Because we have sinned. But it also tells us in 1 Corinthians chapter six and three that we will one day judge or rule over the angels. What is happening?

When my salvation is complete God is going to restore me to be everything that he originally created man to be. And guess what? Man was God's highest creation. We are

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<sup>28</sup> 1 Timothy 2:14.

<sup>29</sup> 1 Timothy 2:15.

<sup>30</sup> Romans 5:10.

under the angels now, but that is not how Adam and Eve were created. We will soon be put back to our place.

So what is he saying when he used the word “saved” here? He says the ultimate fulfillment for a woman in life—and, yes, I know I am going to get hate mail on the internet about this—but the ultimate fulfillment that a woman can have is not in a career. It is in raising godly children to the Lord. And there is nothing more fulfilling. And I am going to just give all the hate mail to my wife and let her answer them because she can answer to that quite well.

All right. Malachi chapter two verses 14 through 15. Just this principle. He says, first of all, “You must treat your wife with...” he calls her the wife of his covenant. You have to treat her with honor and respect and fidelity. She is the key to raising a godly seed.

“Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one?”<sup>31</sup>

He is talking about people wanting to get a divorce. He says, “Didn’t I make you one? You are supposed to be one?”

And then he says, “Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one?”<sup>32</sup>

Why is the marriage? What he is saying here is why is the marriage union such a big hairy deal? Here is why.

“That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.”<sup>33</sup>

One of the purposes for marriage is raising a godly seed to the Lord.

Now, not every couple has that ability. Some couples have to adopt. Not every couple has the ability to have 10 kids, ok? But the fact is that is one of the purposes of marriage is that you raise a godly seed.

Now, finally another reason a pastor must be a man is that women need to motivate men to become the spiritual leaders of their homes and they do that by seeking answers to spiritual questions from their husbands.

So let me tell you something. You ladies come up and ask me a question and you happen to be married and you ask me a question about the Bible, my first response is going to be to say, “Well, why don’t you go ask your husband?”

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<sup>31</sup> Malachi 2:14-15.

<sup>32</sup> Malachi 2:15.

<sup>33</sup> Ibid.

And I have done this before. And there was a lady in a congregation where I was and she complained that her husband wasn't a spiritual leader and so one day she came and she asked me a question and I said, "Why don't you go ask your husband."

She said, "Well, brother Robert, he is not going to know that."

I said, "It doesn't matter. He is your spiritual leader. If you go ask him the question, he might start acting like a spiritual leader. Try it and see what happens."

So she went home. She asked her husband the question. A few days later the husband called me on the phone and says, "Pastor, I have been wondering something." And then he asked the same question that his wife had asked.

Well, I was more than happy to explain it to him and then he went back to his wife and expounded to her the answer to her question.

She came back to me a couple of weeks after that and she says, "That was the most amazing thing I have ever seen happen. He started leading in family devotions after that."

I said, "Well, he was just waiting for you to treat him like the spiritual leader that God called him to be."

So we need to treat men like spiritual leaders. Now if you are the woman pastor of a church and your husband is a member of the church, you have just defeated that. You have just torn down your house with your own hands. So while the Bible doesn't prohibit a woman from speaking under proper scriptural authority in church, it does prohibit her from teaching her husband.

In fact, just look at this. 1 Timothy, a very clear passage. It says, "Let the woman..." Look at the word "the" there.

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.<sup>34</sup>

Now in Greek when it says "the woman" and "the man" it actually means the husband and the wife. It is not just any old woman or any man. It is the woman and the man, the husband, the wife.

So what is he really saying? He says, "A woman should never teach her husband."

Does that mean Elizabeth Elliot can't speak to a group of men? No, but she better not go home and say, "Lars, I need to explain to you what God wants for your life."

No. Lars is the spiritual leader there. He needs to figure it out, not Elizabeth Elliot. So

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<sup>34</sup> 1 Timothy 2:11.

that is why she is always under his authority when they are out in public and I admire that about them.

Ok?

It is... so finally in 1 Timothy three our this is... or this verse. It says, "A wife who becomes her husband's spiritual teacher is foolish and tears down her own house."

Proverbs 14:1 says it this way.

"Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."<sup>35</sup>

You star being the spiritual leader, ladies, you will destroy your husband and you will destroy your family.

So here is the summary. Apostle, there is only 17 people that ever held the office, but today we have the gift of missionaries. Prophets, that is someone who proclaims God's truth and under proper biblical and ecclesiastical, that is church authority, not limited to men. Evangelist, we are all charged with this, but there is some people that have the special gift of winning people to the Lord. And pastor teacher, only a man can be a pastor teacher and he must have a shepherd's heart for the flock gives him, but he also needs to have the mind and tongue of a teacher to teach God's Word.

So, anyway, these notes are... and the recording will be on the internet. Feel free to print them out and study them for yourself. Come to your own conclusions. Just make sure your conclusions come from Scripture.

Let's go to the Lord in prayer.

*Father, thank you for this day. Thank you for the awesome privilege of the gifts that you give to the Church to carry out the ministry. Thank you for just [?] allowed to be a part of the ministry, because the reality is you don't really need any of us. You are self sufficient. You could have done everything without us. And yet you allow us the awesome adventure of being involved in teaching your truth to the world and watching people come to Christ and watching them grow and making disciples and all the while that we are doing it, we get to grow closer to you ourselves. God, help us so to do. Father fill now our pastor with your Spirit as he preaches and help everything that is said and done today to be for your honor and for your glory. For it is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.*

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<sup>35</sup> Proverbs 14:1.

1 2 **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

The Ministry Gifts – Part 1

Ephesians 4:11-12

3 **Types of spiritual gifts**

- Motivation Gifts
  - Romans 12:3-9
  - Each believer given ONE of these 7 gifts
- Ministry Gifts
  - Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
  - Given by God and the church
    - The church provides the opportunity for service and the spiritual umbrella of authority / protection
    - The church ordains those it confirms as called by God to the office of pastor-teacher

4 **Types of spiritual gifts (2)**

- Manifestation Gifts
  - 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
  - These gifts are never to be sought.
  - These gifts are produced by the Holy Spirit in those who receive the ministry of someone using their motivation gift in a particular ministry.
- Miscellaneous Gift
  - Hospitality is called a gift in 1 Peter 4:9-10.
  - We should all practice this gift.

5 **The Relationship between the Three Types of Spiritual Gifts**

- A Christian has ONE God-given Motivation gift.
- He has been given a Ministry gift by his church.
- Through his use of his motivation gift in the ministry afforded to him through the church, God works a Manifestation gift in those who receive his ministry.

6 **Overview**

- 1 Corinthians 12:5 -- "*diversities of administrations.*" Greek word = *diakonian*
- Found in:
  - Ephesians 4:11-12 (part 1)
  - 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 (part 2)
- Gifts given by the church to those it confirms as having been called by God.
  - Often confirmed by ordination.
  - Includes: Apostles, prophets, teacher, miracles, healings, helps, governments, tongues.

7 **Ephesians 4:8-12**

- *Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) 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.*

8 **God gave spiritual gifts to men at the ascension**

- "*Led captivity captive*" – Took souls from the *paradise* half of Sheol to go to be in the presence of God (this could not happen until Christ had been raised).
- "*Gave gifts unto men*" – Gave spiritual gifts for the work of the ministry.

9 **APOSTLE**

The ministry gift of

10 **The ministry gift of apostles**

- Apostles
  - "Sent one"

– In the strict Biblical sense, an apostle is one who:

- Saw the risen Lord.
- Had a direct calling from the Lord.

• Question: How many apostles are there in the New Testament?

#### 11 **The Apostles**

- *“Simon, who is called Peter<sup>1</sup>, and Andrew<sup>2</sup> his brother; James<sup>3</sup> the son of Zebedee, and John<sup>4</sup> his brother; Philip<sup>5</sup>, and Bartholomew<sup>6</sup>; Thomas<sup>7</sup>, and Matthew<sup>8</sup> the publican; James<sup>9</sup> the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus<sup>10</sup>; Simon the Canaanite<sup>11</sup>”* – Matthew 10:2-4.

#### 12 **The Apostles (cont'd)**

- Acts 1:26 -- *And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias<sup>12</sup>; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*
- Acts 14:14 -- *Which when the apostles, Barnabas<sup>13</sup> and Paul<sup>14</sup>, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out*
- Romans 16:7 -- *Salute Andronicus<sup>15</sup> and Junia<sup>16</sup>, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.*

#### 13 **The Greatest of the Apostles**

- Hebrews 3:1 -- *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus<sup>17</sup>.*

#### 14 **The OFFICE of apostle**

- APOSTLE -- We must first distinguish between the office of apostle and the Ministry gift of apostle.
- The office:
  - Strictly speaking, the apostle was one who had seen the risen Savior, and had been commissioned especially by God (sent) to a specific work.
  - Only 17 individuals held this office.
  - They laid the foundation for the church in doctrine as described in the New Testament.

#### 15 **The ministry GIFT of apostle**

- Gift -- The Latin word for apostle is *missio* from which we get missionary.
  - It is one who pioneers new fields and starts new works.
  - He lays the foundation and then moves to another work. He has a compelling desire for the world to know Christ as Savior.
- *Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:* (Romans 15:20).

#### 16 **PROPHET**

The ministry gift of

#### 17 **The OFFICE of prophet**

- This was someone appointed by God to both “tell forth” and “forth-tell” God's Word.
- This person spoke as the mouthpiece of God.
- A true prophet was never wrong (Deuteronomy 18:22).
- He often communicated judgment. This office ended with the completion of the Word of God.

#### 18 **Deuteronomy 18:20-22**











- *But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*

#### 19 **The ministry GIFT of prophet**

- One who “tells forth” the Word of God as already revealed in the Bible.
  - *“to break forth under sudden impulse in lofty discourse or praise of the divine counsels;*
  - *under like prompting, to teach, refute, reprove, admonish, comfort others;*
  - *to act as a prophet, discharge the prophetic office”*

#### 20 **Qualifications for the ministry gift of prophet**

- What would you think the qualifications are today for someone to exercise the ministry gift of a prophet?

- The answers might surprise you.
- 21  **Who can exercise the ministry gift of prophet?**
- Not limited to preacher or pastor.
    - *Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus (Acts 8:35).*
    - Philip was a deacon.
  - Not limited to men.
    - Luke 2:36 -- *And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity,*
- 22  **1 Corinthians 11:4-10**
- *Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.*
- 23  **1 Corinthians 11:4-10 (cont'd)**
- *For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.*
  - Summary: A woman given the ministry of telling forth God's Word MUST be under biblical authority.
    - Great example in Elisabeth Elliot
- 24  **Acts 21:8-9**
- *And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.*
  - Prophecy must have run in this family!
- 25  **Acts 2:16-18**
- *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*
- 26  **Exercising the ministry gift of prophecy**
- Must edify the whole body. *But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3).*
  - Requires special faith.
  - Greek-- "*to cause to shine*" with reference to God's Truth.
- 27  **Exercising the ministry gift of prophecy**
- May be demonstrated by preaching, testifying, writing, witnessing, etc.
  - A woman serving in the capacity of a teacher, conference speaker, writer, etc. must be under the biblical authority of her father (if single) or husband (if married).
  - However, the Bible clearly reserves the office of Pastor / Preacher specifically for a man.
- 28  **EVANGELIST**
- The ministry gift of
- 29  **The ministry gift of EVANGELIST**
- We all have this responsibility -- Matthew 28:19,20.
  - However, we do not all have the special gift of bringing good tidings, explaining the why and how of Christ's redemption, working in an itinerate ministry of soul winning.
  - Phillip is a good example of an evangelist.
  - This is not restricted to preachers or special revival or crusade meetings.
- 30  **The ministry gift of pastor-teacher**
- In Ephesians 4:11, the words "pastors and teachers" are equivalent to one another. It is better rendered "pastor-teachers."



- Words -- Pastor, shepherd, overseer, helmsman, bishop
- Functions -- Responsible to Christ, to tend to needs of Body, not bosses, player-coach is better, equips Body for service, focus is to one congregation.

### 31 **PASTOR-TEACHER**

The ministry gift of

### 32 **The office of pastor is limited to men only**

- 1 Timothy 3:1-7 -- *This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop [pastor], he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;*

### 33 **1 Timothy 3:1-7 (cont'd)**

- *One that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*

### 34 **Why a pastor must be a man**

- God designed for the man to be the head of the house and the woman to be the heart of the home.
  - Husbands = the power of authority
  - Wives = the power of influence (e.g. Queen Esther).
- Women are more easily deceived by emotions than men. *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression* (1 Timothy 2:14).

### 35 **Why a pastor must be a man (2)**

- Women have a higher calling than that of pastor.
- *“Notwithstanding she shall be saved [“find her ultimate fulfillment”] in childbearing, if they [the children] continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety”* (1 Timothy 2:15).
  - “Saved” here does not mean her eternal salvation in heaven.
  - It means “becoming everything God originally created her to be.”

### 36 **Why a pastor must be a man (3)**

- New Testament writers used “saved” that way.
  - Romans 5:10 – *“or if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”*
  - The writer of Hebrews quotes the Psalmist as saying that we are right now “made lower than the angels.” But the New Testament teaches that we shall one day rule over (or judge) the angels (1 Corinthians 6:3).
- Definition:
  - Justified – Forgiven of my sins; going to heaven
  - Saved – Fulfilling the ultimate destiny for which God created me.

### 37 **Malachi 2:14-15**

- Malachi 2:14-15 says that a husband must treat the “wife of his covenant” with honor, respect, and fidelity because she is the key to raising a “godly seed.”
- *Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one?*
  - Speaking of the union between husband and wife.

### 38 **Malachi 2:14-15 (2)**

- *Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.*
  - The marital union is important because it raises a godly seed to the Lord.

### 39 **Why a pastor must be a man (4)**

- Women need to motivate men to become the spiritual leaders of their homes. They do this by quietly seeking answers to spiritual questions from their husbands, even if they don't know the answers.
  - This process is subverted if the woman is the husband's pastor!
  - While the Bible does not forbid a woman teaching in the church (under proper authority), it does

prohibit her teaching her husband.

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### **1 Timothy 2:11-12**

- Let *the woman* learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over *the man*, but to be in silence.
- When "the woman" and "the man" (both with definite articles) are used together in a verse, they should be translated "the wife" and "the husband."  
– The original Greek makes this clear.

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### **1 Timothy 2:11-12**

- A wife who becomes her husband's spiritual teacher is foolish and tears down her own house.
- *Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands* (Proverbs 14:1).

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### **Summary**

- Apostle
  - There were only 17 people that ever held the office of Apostle.
  - But missionaries are "sent ones" with a special calling from God to go to a different culture and/or language group to share the Gospel.
- Prophet
  - Someone who proclaims God's truth under proper biblical and ecclesiastical authority.
  - Not limited to men.

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### **Summary (2)**

- Evangelists
  - We are all charged with the job of evangelism.
  - But some people have a special ministry gift to make the winning of souls their full-time ministry.
- Pastor-teacher
  - This man must have a shepherd's heart for the flock God gives to him, and the mind and tongue of the teacher of God's Word.
  - This ministry gift is limited by Scripture to men.

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### **Summary (3)**

- While it isn't popular with today's culture, God's Word says that a woman will realize her ultimate fulfillment raising godly seed (children) to the Lord.