



Five Fold Ministry: God's Gifts to His Church

11And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:11-16

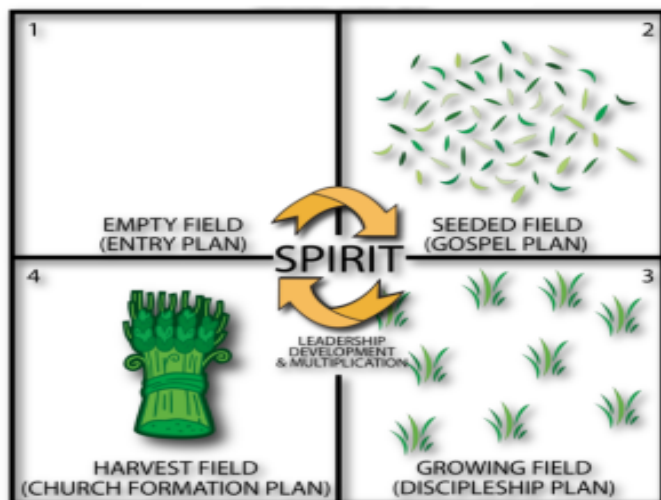
I. INTRODUCTION

II. FIVE-FOLD MINISTRIES

- A. **Purpose:** to equip the saints for works of service; to come to a unity of the faith; growing up into Him
- B. **Apostles:** sees the big picture; offers governance and spiritual oversight with goals, accountability and correction. Constantly looking to lay foundations in new territory for the Kingdom of God; kingdom team player
- C. **Prophets:** calls folks to return to covenant faithfulness; has a heart for justice and the most important Biblical items to be given the greatest weight. Often able to hear from God and able to give a new word from the Lord to the congregation
- D. **Evangelists:** longs to share the gospel with as many as possible; introduces folks to the Yeshua's kingdom through encouraging them to repent and believe the good new. Ideally the evangelist passes off these new Believers to others to equip and train while going out to win more souls.
- E. **Pastors:** longs to serve and care for God's people; has become primarily the only office of equipping authority in the body of Christ. Many non-pastors have been placed in that role and are not doing what they are called to do and as a result pastoral ministry is not as effective within the community.
- F. **Teachers:** has a passion for teaching the saints the fundamentals and mysteries of the biblical revelation. The biblical fruit of a teacher's study naturally overflows to teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16)

III. APPLICATION

A. Four Fields of Kingdom Growth (Taken from Nathan & Kari Shank)



B. What is Your Gift Inclination? Are you using your gifts?