

THE CALL TO RAISE UP AND COMMISSION FIVE-FOLD MINISTERS IN THE LOCAL HOUSE

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1. My personal journey –honoring a gift at the infant level and calling it up to begin its growth.
2. Scriptural Foundation:
 - a. **Old Testament**
 - i. **Numbers 27:18-23** – Moses told to take Joshua in front of the people and COMMISSION him and INVEST him with some of Moses' AUTHORITY.
 - ii. **Deuteronomy 31:14** – God commissioned Joshua to go into Promised Land.
 - b. **New Testament** (in ESV, no word for “commission”, only “appoint” and “commend”)
 - i. **Acts 6:3** – Men were APPOINTED to DUTIES to serve in the church. Two different words for “appointed” – This was to give someone charge of something.
 - ii. **Acts 14:23** – They APPOINTED ELDERS (“appoint” means to ORDAIN, VOTE by stretching out the hand) This carried SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY.
 - iii. **2 Corinthians 8:18-20** – “Preaching of the gospel” = EVANGELIST; “Act of Grace” = *The spiritual condition of one governed by the power of Divine Grace.*
 - iv. **Acts 13:1** – Barnabas and Saul were first identified as Prophets and Teachers
 - v. **Acts 14:14** – They were now identified as Apostles – indicates promotion
 - vi. **Acts 15:24-27** – A consistent pattern of the apostles to send out leaders to help build
 - vii. **Acts 15:37-40** – Major difference between those who were “commended” and those who were not! This is not a formality, but a spiritual transaction that carries power.
3. Church leaders need to see the spiritual impact of honoring and commissioning five-fold gifts to the Body. Examples of current leaders with and without that anchor...UNWRAP THE GIFT!
4. [Core Values of Healthy Five-Fold Ministers](#) – outline inspired by Bill Hamon
5. Steps involved in mentoring five-fold candidates:
 - a. Invite them into the mentoring relationship as a “candidate” (testing period)
 - b. Go through Core Values – meet monthly and go over 2 points each month (5 months)
 - c. Required Reading: [The Day of the Saints](#) by Bill Hamon; one related to their gift
 - d. Give opportunities to flow in their gift in corporate setting
 - e. Encourage personal mentoring of others with gift – 1 or 2 individuals minimum
 - f. Seek unity and blessing from spouse
 - g. Look for broader program, ministry, or initiative to bless congregation/community
 - h. Test with elder team for final approval and release
 - i. Prepare congregation through proper teaching and clarification
6. Oversight – ordain and commission within local House
 - a. Give five-fold ministers opportunity to speak to Elder/Leadership Team once or twice a year
 - b. Commend them to the broader community/organizations as resources
 - c. Five-fold ministers usually find each other – encourage the fellowship without feeling threatened

Fivefold Ministry of the church is expressed through these gifts of Christ:

A. Apostle (apostolic AUTHORITY)

1. Fatherly authority
2. Mobilizes gifts and resources of outreach
3. Keeps Christ as our foundation
4. Keeps a vision for God's purposes before us
5. Imparts callings, gifts
6. Deep concern for the body of Christ
7. Some lay foundations for new congregations
8. Some help set things in order in existing churches

B. Prophet (prophetic REVELATION)

1. Thrusts us forward in our vision
2. Activates our spiritual gifts
3. Calls us to holiness and righteousness
4. Keeps us alert to the manifest presence of Christ
5. Imparts a spirit of prayer and intercession
6. Speaks words with creative power to change lives
7. Heart to edify comfort and exhort
8. Lays foundations in individuals, ministries upon Christ

C. Teacher (teaching TRUTH)

1. Maintains accuracy in handling God's Word
2. Enables us to understand God's truth
3. Sets us free from deception and error
4. Unfolding practical application of the Word to life-style that fits with sound doctrine
5. Helps people to live by principles, not circumstances
6. Inspires people to obey God's Word

D. Pastor (pastoral NURTURE)

1. Speaks in a way that brings security and acceptance
2. Draws people together in a Christ, gathering into a body
3. Breaks bondages of independence, isolation, insecurity
4. Supernatural drawing to oneself for counsel and love
5. Ability to feel with people, concerned for their point of view
6. Becomes intimately involved with his/her congregation, small group, ministry, etc.
7. Feeds and leads one's people in what is good for growth

E. Evangelist (evangelistic RESPONSE)

1. Helps people to understand and respond to basic biblical message of salvation, cleansing, baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit, and gifts of the Spirit
2. Causes non-believers to find salvation and forgiveness
3. Motivates believers to share the gospel with others
4. Stirs people to action, to respond to God
5. Breaks bondages of excuses, inactivity, indecisiveness, laziness
6. Brings conviction of sin
7. Helps people to receive Christ and become established in a local congregation