

Message Series Program Notes: 1 Corinthians *Unity out of Division*
Spiritual Gifts Pt. 5
1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 28-31
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Spiritual Gift Categories

1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 28

Teaching

Wisdom
Knowledge
Prophecy
Discernment

Signs

Faith
Healing
Miracles
Tongues
Interpretation of
Tongues

Leadership

Apostles
Prophets
Teachers
Shepherd – Teacher (Eph 4:11)
Helps
Administration

#3 Leadership / Serving Gifts

The leaders of the church are “**appointed**” (τίθημι) “*to set or put in place.*” (see vs. 18)

Jesus said, “*I will build my church*” (Matt. 16:18).

How should we see our church leaders? **DIVINELY APPOINTED**

A. Apostles

Apostle (ἀπόστολος) “*Ambassador, messenger, one sent on a mission.*”

How does someone become an Apostle? See: Acts 1:21-25

B. Prophets

Responsibilities of the Apostles & Prophets

- #1 **FOUNDATION** of the Church (Eph 2:20)
- #2 **RECEIVE** & **PROCLAIM** the Revelation of God (Eph 3:5)
- #3 Confirm God’s Revelation through **SIGNS** & **WONDERS** (2 Cor. 12:12)

The primary role of the New Testament prophet was declarative.

They were teachers working alongside of Apostle (Acts 13:1;15:32).

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C. Teachers

Teacher (διδάσκαλος) “*One who provides instructions.*”

Teachers in the New Testament were those that traveled from church-to-church teaching the Apostle’s doctrine and theology.

There is a fine-line between the New Testament teacher & the pastor.

Paul calls the pastor the shepherd-teacher in Ephesians 4:11.

D. Evangelist (Eph. 4:11)

Evangelist (εὐαγγελιστής) “*One who declares the good news.*”

Evangelists present the good news and teach others to do the same (Acts 21:8; 2 Tim. 4:5).

E. Shepherd –Teacher (Eph. 4:11)

Shepherd (ποιμήν) “*Pastor, Shepherd.*”

The conjunction “and” (καί) between the word “shepherd” and “teacher” can mean “*that is*” or “*in particular.*” The conjunction; therefore, makes the word “teacher” explanatory in this context (1 Tim. 5:17).

What is the primary role of the pastor? **TO TEACH HIS CONGREGATION**

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How to Respond to the Gifts of Teacher, Evangelist, Shepherd-Teacher

#1 Be THANKFUL for their service.

(See: Rom. 1:8; 1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:16; Phil 1:3; Col 1:3; 1 Thess. 1:2)

#2 Be PRAYING for their ministry.

(See: Matthew 10:16-25)

#3 Be SUBMISSIVE to their leadership.

(See: Hebrews 13:17)