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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF

The 5-Fold Gifts

Who are Mike and Andrea?

Mike and Andrea Brewer are first and foremost, mom and dad and husband and wife. After that, they are the founding apostolic leaders of Reach International Ministries, a missional organization that has founded two orphanages, a medical facility, and two church-planting movements that have totaled over 2,000 new churches. While they continue to travel speaking and leading international mission teams, they are senior leaders at The Well, a church plant in Maryville, TN. Mike and Andrea are available to speak and minister to your group or church. Please contact us for scheduling.

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When Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection, He gave five specific ministry gifts to the body of believers to be strengthened, equipped, and matured. Each of these gifts reveals a part of Jesus, but the gifts need to operate together in teams in order to reveal the complete image of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13, "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (NASB).

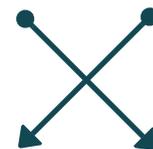
Unity and interdependence is crucial for the operation of the five-fold ministry gifts. These gifts were designed by God to work together and strengthen each other as they also serve and lead the body of believers. Each gift is important and unique from the others, but they compliment each other when they work alongside each other. The five-fold ministry gifts operating together also reveal the complete picture of Jesus Christ. It is important to understand and realize though that each gift operates differently, as well as has a different perspective and group of people that it leads.

In order to operate in these gifts, we must first understand how each one works. Dr. Sam Matthew's gives great insight about the five-fold ministry gifts: "The apostle lives with leaders; the prophet lives with God; the evangelist lives with the lost; the pastor lives with the people; and the teacher lives with the word." This picture is a beautiful and accurate portrayal of the five-fold gifts in operation within the body as well as insight into each gift's perspective.

It is important to understand each gift's perspective and how it differs from the others gifts. When the five-fold ministry gifts come together in unity, they bring great strength and dependence upon each other's gifts. We need to all value the different callings in each other and not succumb to jealousy in the Kingdom. God has a purpose for each gift, and each gift given from God has great value and strength. It is also important to point out that a person's gifts are not related to his personality, skills, or physical strengths but rather the God-given calling and anointing on his life. Many of us are drawn to the same gifts that we operate in without even realizing it. It is important though that we surround ourselves with others who have different giftings so that we can strengthen each other and work together. This requires us to be intentional as well as to know and understand our own gifts and callings. This is how apostolic leadership teams should function as each team member used his own gifts and strengths to work together with others of different gifts and strengths. Ultimately, we need each other and God designed us to function this way, especially within ministry and the church. Teams are the Biblical leadership model from God.



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The Apostle lives with leaders

The apostle lives with leaders. This is the primary goal and focus of the apostle: to work with other leaders and create a plan and vision for them to carry out. The apostle is gifted in seeing farther than the other gifts as well as creating the blueprints and the plans to carrying out the ministry's vision and mission. The apostle is not strong in the daily details of operations or the caring for the people, but is typically focused on the entire ministry or body as well as the bigger picture and vision.

The Prophet lives with God

The prophet lives with God. The prophet walks in a deep intimacy with the Father and spends much time alone with God through prayer, intercession, and worship. This allows the prophet to continually hear and see what God is saying and doing. The prophet is also focused on how to bring heaven to the earth and work closely with the Holy Spirit to stay sensitive to His leading and direction. Prophets are the mouthpieces of God to the world and to His children.

The Evangelist lives with the lost

The evangelist lives with the lost. The focus of the evangelist is to continually see the lost saved and come to accept Jesus as Savior. This means the evangelist is constantly spending time with those who do not know Jesus and looking for opportunities to share the Good News with them. Their heart leaps for joy with every soul that is saved. Their ministry opportunities are focused on evangelistic outreaches and preaching salvation.

The Pastor lives with the people

The pastor lives with the flock or the people. A pastor's heart is always for shepherding and caring for those he serves. He is very focused on each person's needs individually as well the health of the overall body. A pastor is usually very caring and sensitive to the needs and hurts of the people and focuses on how to help them in their daily lives. A pastor usually serves well those whom God has given him oversight of.

The Teacher lives with the Word

The teacher lives with the Word. Every teacher is gifted in wisdom and understanding as they study the Word of God. They learn and love to study out passages in the Scriptures and their significance so that they may teach them to others. A teacher spends a lot of his time in the Word reading and studying so he may gain even further knowledge and insight. The teacher is passionate to teach others and help them share in his wisdom and knowledge.