The Gifts of the Son Ephesians 4

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- -Also called the "5-fold" ministry gifts

"Gifts are not toys to play with. They are tools to build with. And if they are not used in love, they become weapons to fight with."- Constable

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 (Eph 4:6) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:7) But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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 (Eph 4:10) He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) (Eph 4:11) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

 (Eph 4:12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, (Eph 4:13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

 (Eph 4:14) so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

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- Prophet
- Evangelist
- Teacher
- Pastor (shepherd)

Setting the stage for these gifts 1) Accept your calling (be grateful toward God)

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- 3) Diversity only makes sense in the light of unity
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- 6) The gifts was purposefully given
- Build the church
- Build the members
- Bring unity
- Protect from deception
- Reveal Jesus more clearly

"The fivefold ministry consists of actual people given by Christ to the church as a whole, who are equipped to fulfil specific functions in church government. Their purpose is to assist people in growing into mature disciples of Christ and to equip them to become effective disciple-makers."

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- -opening new fields for ministry
- -overseeing larger sections of the church

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- -message in their mouth and embodied in their lives
- -build up, correct, comfort
- -realignment with heart of God

- 3) Evangelist
- "Essentially the gift of the evangelist operates to establish converts and to gather them spiritually and literally into the body of Christ. " -shofar bible school 1 notes-

- 4) Pastor
- "to protect from"
- Jer 23:4-"I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.
- Jesus: "I am the good shepherd.."

- 5) Teacher
- "One who establishes and challenges believers in the foundational truths of the gospel"
- -Shofar bible school 1 notes-

5) Teacher

- accurately interprets Scripture (Acts 15:1-2).
- delights in testing the knowledge of those he teaches (Acts 15:36).
- delights in research to validate truth (2 Timothy 2:15).
- emphasises context and the Bible as the final authority (2 Timothy 3:16).
- is dependent upon the Word and the Spirit (John 14:26).

Jesus embodies the 5 fold gifts

- heaven's sent Apostle and High Priest of our confession (Hebrews 3:1).
- 2. the ultimate prophet and incarnate Word Himself: John 1:14.
- 3. the original evangelist: Luke 4:18-19.
- 4. the great shepherd (pastor) weakened: Hebrews 13:20.
- 5. the consummate rabbi (teacher) (John 6:68).