

Ephesians 4:8-13

When he ascended on high...he gave gifts to his people. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Equipping Ministries

Prophet

Evangelist

Apostle

Shepherd

Teacher

Practical Ministries

Worship

Worship Support

Properties

Finance

Benevolence
Mercy
Outreach

Hospitality
& Kitchen

Communications
Social Media

Community
Outreach

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The Ministry Gift of Teacher

Establishing the Five-Fold Equipping
Ministries in the Church

The Ministry Gift of Teacher

- The New Testament ministry gift office of teacher is different from any other teacher in secular society
- The New Testament Teacher's greatest asset is not their intellect but revelation of truth given by the Holy Spirit.
- We are all called to teach, we will not all be recognized in the church as a teacher.



Jesus as Teacher

- 42 times in the Gospels Jesus is called “Teacher”
- He began young
- He taught with authority
- He taught with parables
- His answers were astounding



10 Marks of a New Testament Teacher

1. They “rightly divide the word of truth”
2. They know their biases
3. They allow experience to inform doctrine
4. They interpret Scripture from Scripture
5. They receive Spirit revelation



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6. They guard sound doctrine and refute error
7. They “Study to show themselves approved”
8. They practice what they teach
9. They teach others to teach others
10. They have the word of God in them



The Importance of New Testament Teachers

- Bad Doctrine can send people to hell
- The truth shall set you free
- They are entrusted with rightly interpreting the Scriptures -- “the very words of God”
- *And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers...*

-Romans 12:28



Other Important Considerations

- The Berean Example

- Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. —Acts 17:11

- Teaching is about life change

- Revelation, Interpretation, Application

- Not many should presume to be teachers

- James 3:1

