

Ministry Gifts

The Gift of the Apostle

1 Corinthians 12:28 NKJV

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

The purpose Kenneth E. Hagin wrote, "He Gave Gifts to Men," was in response to erroneous teachings that arose in the late 1980s concerning the role of modern day apostles and prophets. Because he addresses much of his attention to these two offices in the book, we will touch briefly on these two while moving on to the other three offices.

Purpose of the Fivefold Ministry Gifts

The intent of the ministry gifts Jesus gave His Church (*Ephesians 4:11-14*) are to:

1. _____ believers for the work of the ministry
2. _____ the Body of Christ
3. _____ the entire Church
4. _____ Christians spiritually

Each and every divinely called minister of the Gospel must familiarize, develop and understand their part in these four fundamental purposes. To do anything outside these parameters will not be in harmony with the Head of the Church. You either will follow this vision (Jesus) or you will establish your own vision, apart from Jesus.

As we begin to differentiate the five different expressions of Jesus' ministry in the Church, we must be cautious not to prioritize one expression above, or below, another. Like any team, each part plays a vital role in the success of their intent.

While you are in the defining stage of your ministry, spend time with the Lord surrounding these values Jesus set forth in His Body and discover how your life is connected to each of the four activities.