

Eph. 4:11

SUBJECT: The Basic Ministries
of The Word

Spirit Gift for making known
The Word

Spirit Gift for carrying out to
new countries

The New Gift of Christ

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THE BASIC MINISTRIES OF THE WORD

I. Apostles Eph. 4:11; I Cor. 12:28
 a common Greek word ἀπόστολος, a messenger, cf. Heb. 3:1
 ἀποστέρω, to send forth, to send as a messenger.
 Latin missio, our missionary.
 Used in 2 ways in the NT: a limited, technical sense, referring to an office
 : a general sense referring to a missionary

1. Technical sense, the office
 The designation of the Twelve (Matt. 10:2; Mk. 6:13; Acts 1:25, 26)
 " Paul as special governor (Rom. 1:1; I Cor. 9:1, 2; II Cor. 13:12)
 " probably James the brother of John, partner of Paul (I Cor. 15:7; Gal. 1:19)
 " on 12 thrones judging 12 tribes (Matt. 19:28; Mk. 28:29, 30)
 But always the Twelve - 12 foundations of the church (Eph. 2:20)

They laid the foundation (Christ I Cor. 3:11) for the church. (Eph. 2:20)
 1. the doctrinal foundation (Acts 2:42)
 2. the structural " (Acts 1-5)
 3. used to help to open the door to Jews and Gentiles
 4. formed the link joining the Old Testament with the New, through them
 5. unity of content in both purposes, their roots in OT, ministry in NT
 6. not just their writings of John, founded by X, witnessed, resurrected (Acts 1:22)

Had no successors; not a Sanhedrin; neither apostles, office ceased.
 1 - Acts 1-12, the Twelve prominent, then often hardly mentioned.
 2 - after the death of the Twelve, the church concentrated its activity by representatives of all its members of the body of X, for witness to the world the responsibility
 3 - first three the Twelve together, Acts 15. Assailed with address of local church.
 4 - not Peter but James presides. Wants church participation in decision (Acts 15:22)
 5 - thereafter, widely scattered. Not just individuals, but council of the church.

2. General sense, the missionary founding churches
 Acts 14:4, 14; I Cor. 9:5, 6 Barnabas and Paul
 Rom. 16:7 Andronicus and Junia (could mean in apostolic work known)
 II Cor. 8:23 messengers with letters
 Gal. 2:25 Epaphroditus
 Rom. 2:2 trying false claimants
 (a) Chatus Codrington, Neotoma

II Προφეტα Rom. 12:6; I Cor. 12:10, 28; Eph. 4:11
 ο Προφῆτας, one who has insight into divine things, speaks them
 forth to them.

Προφῆτις - to both tell & speak, divine things.
 The meaning of prophetic is secondary and incidental. Only in medieval
 times did it come pass into the English language in the sense of prediction.

Used in 2 ways in NT - limited, technical, referring to an office
 - in a general way referring to a gift of inspiration

1. Technical sense, the office
 A word difference between the prophetic office and the gift of prophecy.
 (1) Prophetic office: Moses, David, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Agabus, Paul, Judas and
 Silas Acts 15:32
 Gift: Acts 19:6 These men were the did prophesy

(2) Office: I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11 second only to the apostles
 Gift: I Cor. 12:10 down to list in importance. of the prophetic gift
 greater for the prophetic office, a correspondence in the list.

(3) Office: Acts 21:10 Agabus
 Gift: Acts 21:9 & 10 by deliberate contradiction
 These who prophesy are prophets but not in the general, limited sense...

(4) Office: Eph. 4:11 gift of Jesus to the church
 Gift: I Cor. 13, 14 ... N.S. to individuals I Cor. 14:1 not to need an office
 but a gift

Needed before the writing of the NT. Eph. 2:20
 which the infant church & councils do.

Gift of discerning of spirits I Cor. 12:10.
 Necessary before the word written to discern true & false revelation.
 The truth body, the written word. The test was gift of discernment. I Cor. 14:29-32
 Prophesying was not to be closed (I Thes. 5:20); but utterance to be judged
 Rev. 2:3
 Rev. 2:2

When NT complete, the office ceased. No more revelation to be added to the
 word.

2. General sense, the gift.
 In I Cor. 12-14 some forms of the word occur 27 times
 A gift to be desired by the church I Cor. 14:1, 39
 Pres. I Cor. 14:3, 4, 31, 34, 25
 should be the gift most commonly desired in the church I Cor. 14:2, 34, 31

Today, a preacher who gives forth the word of God in the words
 and power of the HS. Spirit inspired utterance. I Cor. 14:10, 11
 An inspired preacher, the first gift of the spirit manifested in the church at
 Pentecost
 For the delivery of the message of God to the world
 (1) In the world, the spirit of prophecy has left us
 (2) In the world, the spirit of prophecy is the spirit of prophecy?

III. Ευαγγελιστάς Eph 4:11

ὁ εὐαγγελιστῆς - a messenger of good tidings
εὐαγγελίζω - to bring good tidings

Word "evangelist" used 3 times in NT
Mark, Eph. 4:11

of Paul's Acts 21:8
of Timothy I Tim. 4:5, a pastor to do the work, an evangelist.

Involves 2 ideas: the kind of message preached, good news of salvation
place preached, an itinerant like Philip

The gift of a man, students receive in Berea and Thess. I learned I am no
Billy Graham. I call and they do not come.

IV Pastors Eph. 4:11

ποιμήν - shepherd

NT uses 3 titles to refer to the same office, ministry, person
ἐπισκοπος - overseer. 3 times used, Phil 1:1; I Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:7
πρεσβυτερος - dignity, rank, of office Acts 20:17(28) Titus 1:5
ποιμήν - a shepherd the flock, the relationship (all three words)

Qualifications in I Tim 3:1-7
Titus 1:5-9
I P. 5:1-4 (elder... pastor)

They are to be obeyed and held in honor

Heb. 13:17
I Tim 5:17 'rule with dignity' Titus 2:15
(1) Do not despise their authority. Honor them as you would the Lord.

V. Teachers. Rom. 12:7; I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11

διδάκωντος - teacher.

The God-given ability to explain the holy word, especially to new born babes in Christ.

The Great Commission carried out through 2 main channels of work: preaching (evangelizing). Directed to the world to go, preach, respond. Teaching directed to the understanding.

W. W. Channing, sermon on Bapt. see the gift of Holy.

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