

MINISTRY OF EVANGELISTS

THE GIFT OF EVANGELIST:

Now to every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the Gift Of Christ.

Therefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave Gifts unto men. Eph. 4:7-8.

And HE Gave some, Apostles; and some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists, and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the Perfecting of the saints, for the Work of the ministry, for the Edifying of the body of Christ: Eph. 4:11-12.

If the arrangement of Ministry Gifts are in succession, we see Apostle, Prophet and Evangelist as pre-seeding the Pastor and Teacher.

First: Christ called 12 Apostles. (Matt 10:2). These disciples were closely trained and Gifted to be the ground-breakers and Sent with Power and Authority over all demons, to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. (Luke 9:1-2).

Second: I believe some that He sent out had the Calling of Prophets, for He said: “He who receives a Prophet in the name of a Prophet shall receive a Prophets Reward.” Matt. 10:41.

Third: Jesus Appointed and sent out Seventy, 2 by 2, before his face into every city and place where He himself was about to go. These were sent out As Evangelists with this instruction to pray for more laborers for the harvest. “Go your way; behold I send you out as lambs among wolves.” Luke 10:1-3.

He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who Sent Me. Luke 10:16.

Jesus, Himself Is the Good Shepherd. Later Peter would be Commissioned to “feed my sheep” and in Eph. 4:11 we see ‘Pastors and Teachers’.

Evangelism must be carried out so there are Saved Souls to Pastor and Teach.

Today we have Pastors who have people under them who are Called and Gifted as Evangelists. And, Every Pastor needs to Identify the people in his Congregation who are Called with the Gift Of Evangelist. He needs to Release them to Go Out to Evangelize Souls, to add into the Church. Why is this not done? Well until a Pastor can find the Gifted Evangelist, he has no one to Disciple other evangelists among the congregation.

Up until now, Pastors have tried to fill the role of Evangelist themselves. Hoping that lost souls would just come into the Church. But as we see today, few sinners are willing to come to the Church. So now the Pastor must seek out and Acknowledge those who are Called and Gifted for Evangelism.

If the Congregation shrinks, then the Pastor role is in Jeopardy. So is the Church Building itself.



The Gift of the Evangelist in the Church.

It is not the Pastor Gift alone that Builds the Church. If that were the case The Lord of the Church would not have needed to Give These Gifts unto men. Gifts of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher.

APOSTLES & PROPHETS: The Church is Built Upon the Apostles and Prophets. Eph. 2:20 "having been

built on the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone, in Whom the Whole building, being fitted together, Grows into a Holy temple In the Lord."

EVANGELISTS: They Announce the Kingdom of God and stir the hearts of the people with the Good News of the Work Ac-

complished by Christ. These are the Preachers of the Gospel, the Reapers of Souls. These are the ones adding new believers to the Church.

PASTORS: These are the Nourisher's of the new born. The Shepherds of souls. These have the Gift to Gather and Disciple. To "Feed My lambs" "Tend My sheep" AND "Feed My sheep" (John 21:15-17).

TEACHERS: The Pastor has Teachers to help him in this.

EVANGELISTS: The FEET Of The Church!

Does Your Church have FEET?

Who takes The Gospel Out to the lost sinners of the world?

For "whoever calls on the Name of The LORD shall be Saved." Romans 10:13-15.

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not

believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a Preacher? And how shall they Preach Unless They Are Sent?" (this is not

referring to the Pastor, he is not the Preacher, Sent Out to Herald the Gospel).

As it is written "How Beautiful Are The FEET Of Those Who Preach The Gospel Of Peace, Who Bring Glad Tidings Of Good Things!"

EVANGELIST: 'euangelistes' = Preacher of the Gospel!

lists within the Church.

And finally, will they Send the Evangelist and his team Out to the highways and byways to find the Lost sheep?

Or will they continue to Ignore the Lost and Straying sheep in their wandering on the Outside of the Church?

Will Pastors only Care For those sheep INSIDE the Church?

The Church Has Some Beautiful FEET!

How often does your Church look at it's FEET? Feet are often ignored until we have trouble standing and walking. Then we go to the Doctor and he informs us that we have been neglecting them and taking them for granted.

The Face (like the Pastor) is most Admirable, but Christ

calls the FEET Beautiful. Can Pastors Find the FEET of the Church? Will they Ignore, or Recognize them? Will They put the Running shoes on Them? Will they acknowledge their Calling and Gifting and encourage them to Train Up other evange-

THE EVANGELIST ROLE IN PERFECTING & EDIFYING!

And HE Gave Some EVANGELISTS... FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS, FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY, FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Eph. 4:11-12.

Why do Pastors have difficulty in getting their sheep to bring more sinners into the Church Building?

Could it be, that these sinners are Waiting for the Evangelist to Preach the Gospel to them, first?

Here in the last days harvest, the Pastors' greatest fear is being unable to accommodate an influx of new born believers. Most Pastors have no plans for such a thing. They have not searched out enough Teachers for Sunday Schools that could accommodate incoming new-born believers.

It takes more than Pastors to PERFECT THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY. Pastors Train Pastors, Evangelists Train Evangelists!

Saints must be Edified and Built Up to do the Work of the Evangelist.

No wonder Church Members are afraid to go Out to Evangelize, they are mostly Unprepared or Untrained For Doing That.

JESUS CHRIST, The Chief Evangelist.

We read in Luke 4:18-19. "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKEN HEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

THE PATTERN OF JESUS:

1. Preach The Gospel To The Poor. (how many Pastors can or will do this?)
2. Heal The Broken Hearted.
3. To Preach Deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind.
4. Set At Liberty those who

are oppressed.

5. Proclaim The Acceptable Year Of The LORD.

The Evangelist Carries The Anointing to do these things. He has to be on the Front Line of where the poor, the brokenhearted, the captives, the spiritually blind, and the oppressed are so he can 'PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.'

Philip: The Running Evangelist.

In Acts 8:26-31. "Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise And GO... So he Arose & Went And saw a eunuch of great authority under Candace the Queen of Ethiopia Coming from Jerusalem where he had gone to

Worship. (Today, if people of great authority come to our Church to worship, upon leaving we don't run out to the desert after him to get him Saved. We figure he got Saved during worship, but he didn't, but was Lost, and reading Isaiah 53:7-8).

But "Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

SO PHILIP RAN to him and asked him if he understood what he was reading? And the eunuch replied, "how can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him on his chariot.

Philip Preached JESUS To him, And Water Baptized him too!

Then Philip Opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture (Isa 53:7-8) PREACHED JESUS to him.

And now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said “See, here is Water, what hinders me from being Baptized?”

Then Philip said, “If you Believe with all your heart, you may.” and he answered and said “I Believe That Jesus Christ Is The Son Of God.”

So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he Baptized him.

Now when they came up out of the water, The Spirit of the Lord Caught Philip Away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way Rejoicing.

But Philip was Found at Azotus, and passing through, he Preached in All The Cities till he came to Caesarea. Acts 8:35-40. (Baptism done by an Evangelist).

THE MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELIST.

There are 2 Major Reasons that the Pastor Needs The Evangelist in his Church:

ONE: To Equip The Saints: Because the Ministry Gift of the Evangelist has been placed in the Church To Equip The Saints To Do The Work Of Evangelism. This is much more than just ‘Witnessing, or as some would say, ‘my life is a witness of Jesus.’ The Saints must Proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom. “For I am Not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the Power of God To Salvation for Everyone who believes.” Romans 1:16. (and may I say that preaching the Gospel of the King of the Jews was not Politically Correct in Rome, or anywhere else throughout the Roman Empire). Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by The Word Of God. (Romans 10:17). Say The Word!

Two: To Reach The Unsaved: The Evangelist is Anointed to Preach the Good News Simply, so that the unbeliever can understand and comprehend it. Because Some Christians have a problem with the idea of Preaching The Gospel. They think that they should be ‘a quiet witness.’ Hopefully they live a Very Holy life and can be distinguished from the world and it’s own ways.

The Devil is a master preacher who uses the power of all the air waves to preach his anti-Christ message to the whole world. He is called “the prince of the power of the air’ the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.” —Ephesians 2:2.

The Evangelist is The Messenger Of King JESUS, Proclaiming His Good News. And his Calling in the Church is to Stir up others to “do the work of an Evangelist!”