

The 5-Fold Ministry
Week 5
The Teacher

Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV - *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”*

Jesus perfectly embodied all five ministry gifts. Today, we see these different gifts functioning throughout the Body of Christ, and sometimes a person's ministry assignment may change over different seasons.

It is common for a person to operate in various 5-fold ministry offices in their lifetime.

A five-fold teacher has a particular grace and anointing to study, understand, and communicate the Word of God.

If you are called to be a teacher, then you will have a desire in you to thoroughly study the scriptures yourself.

Teachers have a great knowledge of the scriptures. And not only do they have knowledge, but they have the ability to relay/teach this knowledge to others.

This particular 5-fold ministry office of a TEACHER we are discussing tonight teaches the word of God.

When someone is called to the office of a teacher, it is a joy to sit under them and be taught.

John 1:38 NKJV - *“Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “**Rabbi**” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?””*

Rabbi - a teacher, scholar who is respected for his knowledge and facts.

Acts 22:3 NKJV - *“I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of **Gamaliel**, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.”*

When people wanted to study about the scriptures they would go to these schools where the Rabbi's (teachers) would instruct them. They were also highly respected by the Jewish people.

Matthew 21:23 NKJV - “*Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was **teaching**, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?”*

Matthew 7:28–29 NKJV- “And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His **teaching**, for He **taught** them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

Teachers bring understanding

Nehemiah 8:8 NKJV — “*So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense and helped them to understand the reading.*”

The ministry of the teacher is not merely to tell people what the Bible says, but to help them understand what it says, why it says it, and how Scripture fits together.

Luke 19:47 NKJV - “*And He was **teaching** daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,*”

Matthew 9:35 NKJV - “*Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*”

Jesus was teaching, preaching, and healing.

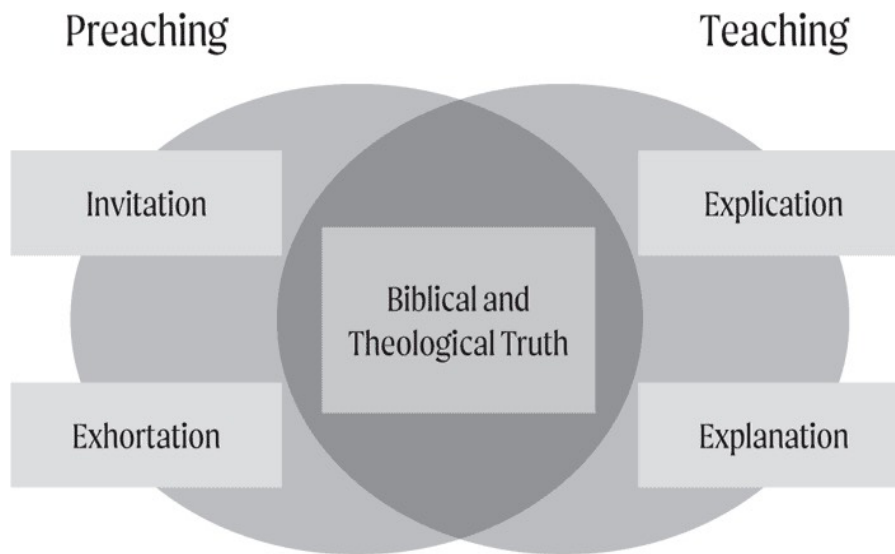
There is a difference between teaching and preaching.

Preaching - kēryssō - to proclaim something or declare something.

Preaching is proclamation. Preaching is the invitational and exhortational proclamation of biblical and theological truth.

Preaching *proclaims* the truth. Teaching *explains* the truth.

Teaching takes you through the Scriptures—line upon line, precept upon precept—and helps establish you in doctrine through the Word of God.



Teaching (verb) *didáskō* - to impart instruction, to instill doctrine into one, to explain or expound on a thing.

Teachers are anointed by God to teach. But just because someone is a teacher in a business, school, etc, doesn't mean they are called to the 5-fold ministry office of a teacher.

Teachers help to establish doctrine in the church.

Ephesians 4:14 NKJV - *that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,*

Teachers are often looked to because they help keep doctrine where it should be.

Mark 4:14 NKJV — *“The sower sows the word.”*

When a teacher teaches the Word, they are planting seed.

Teaching is also a major part of discipleship. A teacher isn't just trying to give you more information. Their goal is to establish you in the truth so that you can live according to it.

2 Timothy 2:2 NKJV — *“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”*

All of the 5-fold ministry gifts are held to a high standard, but especially those that teach.

The greater the influence you have over what people believe, the greater the responsibility you have to handle the Word accurately.

James 3:1 AMPC - *“NOT MANY [of you] should become teachers (self-constituted censors and reprovers of others), my brethren, for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard and with greater severity [than other people; thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation].”*

1Timothy 6:3-5 NLT-*Teach these things, Timothy, and encourage everyone to obey them. 3 Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. 4 Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. 5 These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.*

What you teach affects what people believe, and what people believe affects how they live.

A teacher doesn't make up doctrine. A teacher is responsible for accurately teaching the doctrine found in God's Word.

Teachers have a special anointing to open people's understanding to the Word.