

The 5-Fold Ministry
Week 6
The Evangelist

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

Evangelist - A preacher of the gospel, a bringer of good tidings.

Notice it says they are a bringer of good tidings. They are a traveling minister that brings a proclamation to the body of Christ. And they travel from city to city, sometimes nation to nation, bringing this message.

The Greek word for Evangelist is “Eunagelistes” and refers to one who brings good news. This is a compound word. Eu means good, swell or pleasant, and angelos means messenger. Pronounced- Yoo-ang-ghel-is- tace

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.”*

Evangelists operate in the spiritual gifts of working of miracles and gifts of healings and gifts of faith. The Power Gifts

A New Testament evangelist is one who speaks for God and supernaturally operates in signs and wonders.

God’s call on an evangelist is to be the clearest channel possible for the Holy Spirit to proclaim the gospel and to manifest God’s power in the natural realm.

*****All records of the NT evangelist will have been accompanied by signs and wonders.

1 Corinthians 2:4 NKJV- *And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,*

A true evangelist will come with a supernatural message and power to bring freedom, healing and restoration.

Evangelist are anointed to reach the lost. To bring others to salvation.

A New Testament evangelist divinely proclaims the gospel with authority, AND their message is confirmed by miraculous works that demonstrate God’s promises to those in need.

Jesus was the first Evangelist.

Luke 16-19 NKJV- *So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 “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 brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty 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.”*

Romans 1:16 NKJV- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Jesus was the clearest channel or vessel there ever was for God to work through. He traveled, He went from place to place, He proclaimed the good news, and He was accompanied by signs and wonders.

John 21:25 NKJV- *“And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.”*

When an Evangelist, ministers, the Holy Spirit goes to work, and the power of God is released to those being ministered to.

1 Peter 2:5 NKJV- *you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Characteristics of an Evangelist:

- Passion for the lost
- Effective communicators
- Adaptability
- Outward focused

Romans 10:14 NLT- *But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*

Evangelists inspire other people to share their faith and their testimonies.

Revelation 12:11 NKJV- *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

Many people who are called to the 5-fold ministry start out in helps ministry.

Those who are not called to the 5-fold ministry are called to the ministry of helps. This is not a lower calling; it is also a high calling. Helps Ministry was and is a blessing to the people and also a blessing to the apostles.

Acts 6:1-4 NKJV - *“Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, ‘It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. 5 ‘And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,’”*

Acts 8:5 NKJV - *“Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.”*

Philip started off in helps Ministry, waiting tables, and the next time we see him he’s an evangelist. Traveled to Samaria and preached Christ to them!!!

Acts 8:6-8 NKJV - *“And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.”*

Notice miracles were happening, demons being cast out, MANY. Paralyzed and lame were healed. Spiritual gifts were operating through Philip the evangelist!

The end result was great joy in the city. Evangelist bring joy.

Acts 8:26-31 NKJV - *“Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near and overtake this chariot.’ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.”*

Here is Philip the evangelist again, being told by the Holy Spirit to go out specifically down a certain road. God sent him there to meet this Eunuch.

Acts 8:35 NKJV - *“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”*

Philip began to preach to him. This guy didn't know Jesus, but he was interested in the scriptures.

Acts 8:36-38 NKJV - *“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.”*

Evangelists are anointed to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many souls are brought into the kingdom by the office of the evangelist. Evangelists will often reach people and then people need to get connected to a local church and be taught through the ministry of the Pastor and Teacher.

Acts 8:39-40 NKJV - *“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.”*

This was a powerful demonstration of the Spirit of God.

Acts 21:8 NKJV - *“On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.”*

This is the same Philip because he specifically mentions one of the seven, who distributed food back in Acts 6.

Evangelists minister under inspiration of the Holy Spirit. An apostle, pastor, teacher, even a prophet, will usually study, prepare, make notes, get points together, and deliver that message.

Ephesians 4:13-16 NKJV- *till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 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, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*