

Emphasis 4: NT Leadership: Roles, Titles, Models, Qualifications, and Development Emphasis 4H; 4I; 4J & 4K: Christ Gave Gifts to Mankind: Seven Service Gifts & Offices

- I. **Review: Emphasis 0: Introduction to the Series: Rediscovering & Restoring the Pattern** (Acts 17:11-12)
- A. **Recovering Biblical Perspective:** (Acts 17:1-7) (Matt. 5: 13-15; 16:18) (John 16:13; 14:26) (2 Tim. 3:16)
 - B. **Rediscovering & Restoring the Pattern:** (Ex. 25:8-9, 40; 40:34-35) (Heb. 8:5) (Acts 7:44) (Eph. 2:19-22) (1 Chron. 13:1-10; 15:13) (John 13: 13-15; 14:12; 20:21) (1 Pet. 2:21) (Matt. 28:18-20)
 - C. **Fifteen (15) Biblical Emphasis for Rediscovery and Restoration to Biblical Patterns** (See List Elsewhere)
- II. **Review to Date Continued:**
- A. **Emphasis 1: Loving God w/ All Our Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength**
 - B. **Emphasis 2: Grace Based verses Performance Bases Approaches**
 - C. **Emphasis 3: Rediscovering & Restoring The Biblical & Historical Church** (Introduction to Ecclesiology) (Matthew 16:18) “ ... I will build My church; ...” (1 Peter 2:4-5, 9) (Quoted from Exodus 19:5-6.)
- IV. **Last Few Weeks: Emphasis 4A, 4B, 4C & 4D: Define & Discuss NT Leadership Terms, Functions & Offices**
- A. **Introductory Foundational Understandings:** Crucial w/ regard to Rediscovery & Restoration
 1. NT Leadership Terms are first Descriptive before Prescriptive (Growing from community life)
 2. NT Leadership Terms are first Charismatic & Functional before Hierarchical (Growing from...)
 3. NT Leadership Terms are first Organic before Organizational (Growing from community life)
 - B. **Priest & Priesthood: The Priesthood of All Believers:** (1 Peter 2:5, 9) (Revelation 1:6) (Ezra 7:10)
 - C. **Overseers, Elders, Bishops & Presbyters –**

Definitions: Used Interchangeably Throughout NT / Always Plural

πρεσβύτερος (*presbyteros*) / ἐπίσκοπος (*episkopos*) / ποιμαίνω (*poimainō*)

(1 Timothy 5:17-22) (Titus 1:5-9) (Acts 20:17-18a; 28) (1 Peter 5:1-2, 5a) (1 Cor. 12:28-29) (Eph. 4:11)

Qualifications: (1 Tim. 3:1-7) (Titus 1:5-9) (1 Tim. 5:17-22)

Note of Emphasis: “**All NT Elders** (πρεσβύτερος & ἐπίσκοπος) / **are Shepherds** (ποιμαίνω) & **Teachers** (διδάσκαλος); **but Not all Shepherds are Elders.**” (Explain)

D. **Deacons & Deaconesses:** . (See Acts 6:1-8ff & Subsequent Development of Stephen & Phillip)

Definitions: διάκονος (*diakonos*) – one who executes the commands of a master, a servant, attendant, minister; one who, by virtue of the office assigned to him by the church, cares for the poor and has charge of and distributes the money collected for their use; a table waiter, one who serves.

Qualifications: (1 Timothy 3:8-13) (Romans 16:1-2)

V. **Today & Upcoming: Seven Service Gifts & Offices (Emphasis 4D)** (Also, Part E & F / Possibly G to Come)

A. **Getting Oriented: introductory Verses. (Discuss Concept of *Locus Classicus*)** (Google It.)

(Ephesians 4:7-8) ⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, “WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.” (*Emphasis Added*)

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6) ⁴ Now there are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of gifts (Χάρισμα / *charisma*), but the same Spirit (πνεῦμα / *pneuma*). ⁵ And there are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of ministries (διακονία / *diakonia*), and the same Lord (κύριος / *kyrios*). ⁶ There are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of effects (ἐνέργημα / *energēma*), but the same God (θεός / *Theos*) who works all things in all persons.

Note: διαίρεσις (*diairesis*) division, distribution, distinction, difference - in particular, a distinction arising from a different distribution to different persons (Vs. 4: Holy Spirit; Verse, 5: Lord Jesus; Vs. 6: Father God)

(1 Corinthians 12:27-28) Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps (ἀντίλημψις / *antilēmpsis*), administrations (κυβέρνησις / *kybernēsis*), various kinds of tongues.

(Ephesians 4:11-16ff) And he gave (δίδωμι / *didōmi*) the apostles (ἀπόστολος / *apostolos*), the prophets (προφήτης / *prophētēs*), the evangelists (εὐαγγελιστής / *euaggelistēs*), the shepherds (ποιμήν / *poimēn*), and teachers (διδάσκαλος / *didaskalos*),¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry / service (διακονία / *diakonia*), for building (οἰκοδομή / *oikodomē*) up the body of Christ,¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature (τέλειος / *teleios*) manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. (ESV)

B. The Seven Service Gifts, Defined & Explored

1. Helps – (ἀντίληψις / *antilēmpsīs*) One who aids. Perhaps would accompany the motivational gift of service. Often attains to a certain level of authority. (Sometimes a Deacon. See 1 Timothy 3:13) (Start Here!!!) **(1 Cor. 16:16)** ... that you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors. **(Luke 16:10-12)** "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much."¹¹ "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"¹² "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? (See 1 Corinthians 15:46) **(Matt. 23:11) (Luke 22:26)**

2. Administrations - (κυβέρνησις / *kybernēsis*) A Governor, Administrator; *kubernesis* from *kubernao*: to steer; (figuratively) directorship (in the church):-government. A governing. Often accompanies the Motivational Gift of Leadership (Administration) or Service. Attains to a certain level of authority. (Often a Deacon or when combined with other gifts an Elder, etc.) Many apostles and successful modern "Megachurch" pastors are administratively gifted especially spearheads of movements. **(Read: 1 Corinthians 16:15-16 & 1 Timothy 3:13)**

3. Teachers – (διδάσκαλος / *didaskalos*) An Instructor, Doctor, Master, Teacher (Root of "didactic") **(Hebrews 5:12)** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

a. Three Types of Teaching - Note: Overlap with Shepherds - (Discuss)

i. Information – Scripture Knowledge. (Read I Timothy 4:6, 10-16) (See Ephesians 4: 14-15) **(Colossians 1:28)** We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. (NASB) (mature = ESV, NET, RSV) (perfect = NKJV, KJV, GNV) **(2 Peter 3:15b-16)** just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. **(I Tim. 1:7)**

ii. Formation – Admonish, Encourage, Strengthen, Disciple. **(2 Timothy 4:2)** preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience (longsuffering) and instruction (teaching). (NASB /NKJV) (Consider again Colossians 1:28)

iii. Impartation – Zeal, Vision, Fear of God, Core Values, Transfer Mantle or Spirit. (1 Thess. 5:12) **(Matt. 10:25a)** "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, ... (Consider again Colossians 1:28) **(2 Timothy 3:10-11a)** Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,¹¹ persecutions, and sufferings, (See also I Peter 5:5-6) **(See also James 3:1)** (2 Tim. 4:3-4 - Present Predicament)

4. Shepherds – (ποιμήν / *poimēn*) Translated "pastors" in most English translations. (ESV; YLT; WYC; CJB) To Tend, Feed or Rule. (2 Primary Responsibilities: Teach & Govern.) (Discuss: Connotation vs. Denotation)

a. Always Used in Plurality in the New Testament

b. Qualifications – Character, Lifestyle, Able to Teach, Maturity (I Timothy 3:1-7) (Titus 1:5-9)

c. Local Ministry – Many Shepherds Needed. (Delegated by Elders / Overseers)

(Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24)⁷ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. ...¹⁷ Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. ...²⁴ Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints... (NKJV)

(1 Peter 5:1-4) Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Read: John 10:1-19, 27 (Cf. Matthew 28:18-20 w/ John 13:15) **Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5; John 21:15-19**
(See Also: Matthew 9:36; Mark 6:34; 14:27; Jeremiah 31:1-3; Psalm 23) **(Read Ezekiel 34:1-5ff)**

5. Evangelist (εὐαγγελιστής / *euaggelistēs*) Used 3X's in the New Testament in Two Context / Ways.

Definition: An Announcer, Herald or Proclaimer of the Glad Tidings or Good News.

a. The Philip Model: (Read Acts 8:4-25) (Must have all elements listed below.)

(Acts 21:8) On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. (See also Ephesians 4:11 listed above.)

(2 Tim. 4:5) But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- i. Includes: Proclamation of Christ & the Kingdom of God; Healing; Deliverance & Water Baptism.
- ii. Baptized in the Holy Spirit & Grafted into the N. T. Church (See Acts 8:14-25)

b. Equip the Local Church – Evangelist: (See Ephesians 4:11-16.)

- i. Heighten the Evangelistic Consciousness and Burden of the Local Body; Teach so as to Restore all Elements of the Gospel of the Kingdom (Proclamation & Embodiment) (OT Community History, Christology; Exclusivity; Call to Repentance; Sin, Grace, Redemption; Signs & Wonders); a
- ii. Increase the Effectiveness, Numbers and Degree of Conversion. (See Ephesians 4:11-16.)
- iii. Not an Apostle, but like Philip work under & in conjunction with Apostles, Shepherds & Teachers.

6. Prophets (προφήτης / *prophētēs*) To Speak Forth. Speak on behalf of another; In N.T. Several Ways: Of the Cretan poet Epimenides (Titus 1:12); Of John the Baptist; General Prophets (Matt. 10:41, Mark 6:4); Of the Writings of the OT Prophets (Heb. 1:1; 11:32; James 5:10; 1 Pet. 1:10; 2 Pet. 3:2); Of Christ (Mark, Luke, & John – Implied in Matt.); Of Prophets as Ministry Gift; Motivational Gift & Office in the Churches (Below) (Acts 13:1; 15:32-33; 21:10; 1 Cor. 12:28-29; 14:29, 32, 37; Eph. 2:20; 4:11) Of Two Witnesses (Rev. 11:10, 18) (See “prophecy” as a “Motivational” Gift in Rom. 12:8 & “Charismatic” or “Spiritual” Gift in 1 Cor. 12 & 14)

In regard N.T. use of Prophets as Ministry Gift & Office in the Churches. One who regularly speaks under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and attains to a consistent level of maturity & therefore a degree of recognition in the Ministry Gift of Prophecy and often the office of a Prophet from other Service Gifts Leaders & Prophets.

a. Levels of Prophetic Ministry – (See Precursor of the Sons of the Prophets in OT)

(1 Corinthians 14: 29-32) Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. ³⁰ But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;

b. Local & Trans Local – Church at Antioch; Phillips Daughters, Agabus,

(Acts 13:1-4) Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

(Acts 15:32-33) Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words. ³³ And after they had stayed there for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles. (NKJV) (Cf. Other Translations) (All Prophets Under Apostolic Teams - Ephesians 4:11)

(Acts 21: 9-10) Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses. ¹⁰ As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

7. Apostles: (ἀπόστολος / *apostolos*) Literally - One who is sent. (See Below)

In the New Testament: A Delegate, an Ambassador of the Kingdom, Community, and Gospel Message.

- Sent w/ Orders, Announcement & Blue Print.
- Used of Three Groups in New Testament: Original 12, Paul, & Others (Barnabas, Timothy, Silvanus, Junia, Etc.)
- For the Antioch Model Read: Acts 13:1-4ff Quoted Directly Above.

• **Seven Characteristics of Biblical Apostles:**

1. Sent By the Holy Spirit, Confirmed by Prophetic Leadership & Taking a Community Pattern.
2. Evangelize, Plant Churches; & Assist Holy Spirit in Leadership Reproduction / Development (See Titus)
3. Accountable to Holy Spirit; Sending Church & Larger Body of Christ. (Acts 14:26-28; 15:2-23; 16:4)
4. Team Building – Traveled in Teams w/ Lead Apostle. (Silas, Luke, Timothy, Etc.)
5. Signs & Wonders Accompany Ministry:

(II Corinthians 12:12) The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

(Romans 15:15-21) ¹⁵ But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God, ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God. ¹⁸ For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, ¹⁹ in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. ²⁰ And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation; ²⁰ but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand."

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5) And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined (decided, resolved) to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, ⁴ and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

(1 Corinthians 4:20) For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power. (δύναμις / *dýnamis*)
(Pronounced: doo'-nam-is)

6. Carries a Significant Measure of Faith Imparted from Christ (Starting at Calling. Continuing ...)
7. Has Biblical Blue Prints for Building Model New Testament Churches. (Antioch Factor.)

(1 Cor. 3:10) According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation,

(Ephesians 3:4) ... if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; ³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, (Much Wisdom – Much Grief)

VI. Upcoming: 15 Biblical Emphasis for Rediscovery and Restoration to Biblical Patterns (See List Elsewhere)