



"Bible 101"

part 2

Wed May 6, 2026

Five-fold Ministry

Foundation Scripture: **Ephesians 4:11-16**

I. **Five-Fold Continued**

A. The Apostle

1. Greek: **Apostolous** (two words): **APO – forth or from** & **Stoulous – a sent one**
2. The apostles were unique in the beginning because they were the witnesses of the resurrection, holding unique authority to establish the foundation of the church.
3. All Five ministries are given as a place of position (President, Governor, Council, etc) but not to be used as a place of dominion (**Matthew 23:8-11**...Paul said it this way, "I am least of all the apostles...")

B. The Prophet

1. In the N.T. it appears 150 times (**2 words: pro – meaning forth & phemi – meaning speak**) / the root word for prophet means **to make known**.
2. A Prophet is a called ministry to speak by Divine Revelation in 2 forms: Forth Telling (Past and Present/**John 4:16-19**/Word of Knowledge) and Fore Telling (Future/**Acts 11:27-28**/Word of Wisdom)
3. The Ministry of the Prophet – **To Edify, Exhort, Comfort, and Warn** (**Acts 21:10-11**)
4. Prophetess - Five Women Mentioned in the O.T. (**Miriam, Deborah, Huldah, Noadiah, Isaiah's Wife**) / Two Women Mentioned in the N.T. – **Anna – Luke 2:36-38** & **Jezebel** who called herself a prophetess – **Rev. 2:20**)
5. 12 Men Specifically in the N.T. – Jesus, John the Baptist, Agabus, Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius, Manen, Paul, Judas, Silas (**Acts 13:1 / Acts 15:32**)
6. Difference between Apostle and Prophet: Apostle has a special task and the prophet has a special message.
7. False Prophets is one word in the Greek (psuedoprophetes – **pretended foreteller or impostor**) and only in the N.T. (Joseph Smith, Peter Popoff, the feather lady).
8. Prophets could be loners or travel in groups (John the Baptist – **Matthew 3:4** and **Acts 15:32**).

C. The Evangelist

1. Euaggelistes – Word is kin to Gospel (Good News) which appears 76 times in the N.T. / Preach is another word associated which appears 51 times.
2. All believers are witnesses to share the good news, but an Evangelist is a called position to bring good news – Philip, THE evangelist (Billy Graham focused on one thing – Salvation) – **Acts 8:6, 12, Acts 8:26-35**