



THE 5 FOLD GIFTS - APOSTLE

Eph 4:11

1. **Definition**

- Hebrew – “Shalach” – to send away
- Greek – “Apostlos” – one whose send forth

2. **Order of Apostles**

- Christ ,the Apostle – Heb 3:1
- The 12 Apostles of the Lamb – Rev 21:14
- Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles
- Ascension gift Apostles
 - Matthias – Acts 1:26
 - Paul – Acts 14:14
 - Barnabas – Acts 4:36
 - Apollos – 1Cor 4:6-9
- Apostolic companies
 - Peter & John - Acts 8:14
 - Paul & Silas – Acts 15:40
 - Judas & Silas – Acts 15:27

3. **Calling of an Apostle**

- All Apostles are called by God personally
- An Apostle must know his calling to this office. The Lord can and will confirm that calling to and through other ministries.
- An Apostle will know that he is “A man sent from God”, for an Apostle is also a sent one.

4. **Qualification of an Apostle**

- A. Must have the character qualifications of an elder
- B. Must have a servant spirit
- C. Must be a spiritual father
- D. Must be sound in doctrine
- E. Must be clothed in humility
- F. Must be noted for patience – 2 Cor 12:12
- G. Must be a leader that others want to follow – 1Cor 11:1
- H. Must manifest divine love for people

5. Ministry of an Apostle

- A. Is part of the 5 fold which is for– Eph 4:11-16
 - Perfecting & maturing the saints
 - Bring the saints into the work of the ministry
 - To edify and build up the body of Christ
 - To bring saints into the unity of the faith
 - To bring saints into the knowledge of Jesus
 - To bring saints into the measure of the stature of Christ's fullness
 - To bring saints out of childhood into adulthood
- B. Involves founding and / or establishing New Testament local churches on a sure foundation, Christ Jesus – 1 Cor. 3:9-16, Eph 2:20
- C. Involves preaching and teaching the Word of God – 1Tim 2:7
- D. Involves signs and wonders. The gifts must operate.
- E. Involves ordination and appointment of ministries – Acts 6:1-6
- F. Involves baptism into the Holy Spirit – Acts 8:14-18
- G. Involves preparation and placing of other potential ministries – 2Tim 2:2
- H. Involves church judgments and disciplines – Mat 16:16-19
- I. Has vision for the whole body of Christ – Eph 3:1-9
- J. Will especially care for the churches he finds – 2 Cor 11:28
- K. Is willing to sacrificially suffer for the Church – Acts 5:18-40
- L. Is willing to be tested and proven true – Rev 2:2
- M. Is characterized by wisdom – 2 Pet 3:15-16
- N. Must set God's house in divine order – 1 Cor 11:34
- O. Will be identified with the local church – 1 Cor 9:19
- P. Has the ministry of governments – 1 Cor 12:26-29