

Sunday, July 31, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to learn about the MINISTRY GIFTINGS from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that EQUIP the saints for loving service as we are Walking in Our Calling.

Title: Ministry Gifts for Our Calling Part 2
Series: Walking in Our Calling...9
Text: Ephesians 4:1 - 16

Introduction:

Our devotional on July 24 was entitled, "Ministry Gifts for Our Calling, Part 1", our text was Ephesians 4:1 - 16; we considered the first two of five ministry gifts given by our Lord Christ Jesus: 1. The Apostles; 2. The Prophets

~ Today we will consider the remaining three Ministry gifts: evangelists, shepherds (pastors) and teachers

~ These five gifts are 'office' gifts that God calls individuals to fill. The MOTIVATIONAL gifts might be classified as CHARACTER gifts and the MANIFESTED gifts as HOLY SPIRIT OPERATIONS through individuals. The MINISTRY gifts are office or role gifts.

1. He (Christ) gave the EVANGELISTS:

~ Ephesians 4:11, "*And he (Christ) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists (G2099 euangelistes), the shepherds and teachers,*"

According to Kittel, the word "euggelistori" means the one who proclaims the glad tidings. 2. In that sense, anyone who brings good news to another is an evangelist.

Kittel was a German Old Testament professor at the universities of Breslau and Leipzig. Born March 28, 1853 and passed October 20, 1929.

~ 2 Timothy 4:5, "*As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*"

~ Dr. Billy Graham, The Christian History Devotional, page 142

~ Dr. Bill Bright, The Christian History Devotional, page 210

2. He (Christ) gave the SHEPHERDS:

~ Ephesians 4:11, "*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds (G4166 poimen) and teachers,*"

Used 18 times in the New Testament; 15 times as shepherd, 2 times as Shepherd, 1 time as pastor

~ Thayer's Greek Lexicon G4166, a herdsman, especially a shepherd; metaphorically, the presiding officer, manager, director, of an assembly

~ John 10:11, 12, 14, 16; Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25

~ Dr. Neil Anderson is an evangelical best-selling author on spiritual freedom including 'Victory of Over the Darkness', 'The Steps to Freedom in Christ' and 'Daily in Christ'. He is founder and president emeritus of Freedom in Christ Ministries. He was formerly chairman of the Practical Theology Department at Talbot School of Theology.

~ Dr. Jay Edward Adams was an American Presbyterian author who wrote more than 100 books. His books have been translated into 16 languages, and he received his doctorate in preaching. Founder of The Institute for Nouthetic Studies.

~ Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie was a Presbyterian minister who served as Chaplain of the United States Senate from the 104th through 108th Congresses (1995 - 2003). Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Los Angeles, California (1972 - 1995). He authored over 50 books.

3. He (Christ) gave the TEACHERS:

~ Ephesians 4:11, "*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers (G1320 didaskalos),* Used 58 times: Master (Jesus) 40 times, teacher 10 times, master 7 times, doctor 1 time

~ In the New Testament one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man

~ *Acts 13:1; 1 Timothy 2:7; * 2 Timothy 4:3; *Hebrews 5:12

~ Oswald Chambers was an early-twentieth century Scottish Baptist evangelist and teacher who was aligned with the Holiness Movement. He is best known for the daily devotional 'My Utmost for His Highest'.

~ Dr. Jack Hayford is an American author, Pentecostal minister, and Chancellor Emeritus of the King's University. He is former senior pastor of The Church On The Way in Van Nuys, California. He is described as a prolific author and songwriter, with over 600 hymns and choruses in his catalog.

~ Dr. Wayne A. Grudem is a New Testament scholar turned theologian, seminary professor, and author. He co-founded the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood and served as the general editor of the ESV Study Bible and authored 'Systematic Theology'.

Conclusion:

James 1:17 "*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*"