

## Disciple 301 Chapter 5

Open with a few minutes brief testimony of anything you feel God is doing in your life.

The next ministry gifting to look at is the Evangelist. We will look at deepening and strengthening your ministry as well as adding to the capabilities you have in different areas. The principles are applicable to any ministry calling.

Ephesians 4:11, <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

1 Corinthians 12:4-6, <sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

There are different kinds of leadership ministries and different working of these gifts in each person. What does this mean for one who has a calling to be an evangelist? What manifestations or gifts of the Spirit would the Lord give to start one off in this calling?

1 Corinthians 12:7-11, <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,<sup>[a]</sup> and to still another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The basic gifting for the teaching ministries are wisdom and knowledge. The authority the Spirit is giving determines how it works and what capabilities you have with those gifts. Discuss.

Wisdom carries discernment and the knowledge does too. Basic precepts and concepts of the Lord are understood but there are 2 strengths given. One is a discernment of where people are at spiritually and how to address their situation. The second is a strength of voice and a power of the Spirit to penetrate resistant hearts and draw people to commitment in the Lord. These abilities strengthen as your walk of faith does.

1 Corinthians 2:13-14, <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>14</sup> The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Discuss how you strengthen in these gifts and ministry.

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1 Corinthians 12:31, <sup>31</sup> Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Matthew 7:7-11,<sup>7</sup> "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

There are 2 aspects to the application of this. The basic gifts of wisdom and knowledge and the authority of the Spirit give the ability of an evangelist but what can you ask for that enhance your capability as an evangelist? What will help you do it better? The gift of prophecy will help give revelation in situations where you need to know someone's key need. The gift of discerning of spirits enhances the sensitivity of the work of the Holy Spirit in you in all gifts. If you were stepping out into some ministry work that requires a greater faith or vision for the Lord's will in some undertaking, then the gift of faith will be needed. This will expand your ability to believe God for greater things. This will strengthen your ability in all areas of ministry.

Discuss the above concepts and how you can use these concepts. An evangelist requires a lot of discernment and a focus on developing these abilities goes a long way to making you more effective in your ministry.

All the above has to do with enhancing the basic ministry mantle of the evangelist. The mantle is the covering of authority that the Holy Spirit gives to act on the Lord's behalf.

Now let's look at secondary mantles or added areas of ministry to an evangelist's ministry. If you want to serve the Lord in bigger ways, a secondary ministry of prayer would be an effective way to seek and serve God. An intercessory ministry doesn't mean you have to spend hours a day in prayer. It will mean being open to God leading you in what to pray for.

If you are someone who is led to reach out to oppressed people then a secondary mantle of deliverance will enable you to serve the Lord more effectively. Many people are blocked from coming to the Lord or being established in faith because of bondage they are in. The evangelist can be very effective in setting people free for the Lord and drawing them into a commitment.

Pray for each other one at a time. Pray for main ministry and secondary gifts needed.