

Five Fold - Pastor 3

The Five fold gifts are given by Christ to _____ for the works of service... not DO all the works of service.

No gift stands alone or is designed to "carry" all the people as Chris spoke about. This is also demonstrated through Moses and Jethro in Exodus 18.

Delegated Shepherding

Jethro's advice on the qualities needed in shepherds over groups are:

- Able men who _____ God
- Men of _____
- Those who hate _____ gain

In *Deuteronomy 1:13,17* God instructs Moses on appointing rulers over the people. The qualities He lists are:

- _____ men
- Men of _____
- _____ among the tribes
- Not to show _____
- To hear both _____ and _____ alike
- Shall not _____ (as judgement is God's)
- Bring cases too hard to Moses

In *Acts 6* the disciples were increasing in number, and in response to revealed lack in right distribution to some widows, the twelve sought to delegate some of the "serving tables" so they could devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word. Qualities looked for were people:

- Of good _____
- Full of the _____
- Full of _____

Stephen, a man chosen at this time is described as being full of _____ and of the Holy Spirit.

The Culture Of Discipleship

God's church is a _____ and His way of building us and supplying each member is through a culture of _____ / _____. Every believer is called to be a _____ and to be _____. This is not optional, we can't define it, God defines it.

Jesus walked with _____, (the 70) with a _____ (the 12) and with a _____ (the 3 – Peter, James and John). We at the Rock are all to be walking in the same manner, with the many, with a discipleship group and with a few.

Q. Do we have people who we walk with very closely, people who are able to speak the _____ to us in the real nitty gritty of life and in true _____ that continues to walk with us no matter what? Deep reaching relationships flowing in His love where Father can _____ us all, bring _____ and _____, give wise counsel that strengthens us in Him and in His ways?

Q. Do we all have _____ that we can be that for? This is Christ's pattern.

Shepherding From Christ's Nature

God's way of shepherding comes from this flow of _____ and _____. The fleshly way tends to be focused on fulfilling a _____ or _____.

What is real discipleship to you? Is it just turning up to a Discipleship Group and maybe being part of a discussion?

Q. _____ (or _____) would real shepherding lead someone into? Does it lead to _____ and His _____ and _____ or to _____ and _____ / _____?

Q. What would be the _____ of real discipleship? Staying the same, struggling with the same problems, remaining self, needs and sin focused or being released and grown up and transformed to be able to _____ Christ and _____ Christ?

The Body Building Itself Up In Love

Ephesians 4:13-16 (AMP)

until we all reach oneness in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, [growing spiritually] to become a mature believer, reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ [manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our spiritual gifts in unity]. So that we are no longer children [spiritually immature], tossed back and forth [like ships on a stormy sea] and carried about by every wind of [shifting] doctrine, by the cunning and trickery of [unscrupulous] men, by the deceitful scheming of people ready to do anything [for personal profit]. But speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all things into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ. From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted firmly together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the body to grow and mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love.

But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

_____ is designed to be actively supplying. God calls this the Priesthood of _____ Believers (ministering to God and each other). God's word makes it clear that we are all called to be discipled and discipling others.

1 Corinthians 12:7

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The proper working of each individual part literally means " _____ " (metron). To work in the metron is to work in the measure allotted to you, not someone else's.

We can only _____ others from the _____ within, as we feed off Him and we can supply from Him. If we feed from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, we'll supply from there and this has no life and no faith.

It takes living connection to grow. Christ's body is a _____ body and all function flows from relationship and oneness. If we're not in relationship God can't _____ us.

God's goal/plumb line is very clear and measurable:

_____ knowledge of God (as He really is that changes us)

Not _____ around

Stable

Completely like Christ in thought, _____, _____, word and action.

Final Thoughts - What Are We Supplying?

The twelve spies were selected, one from each tribe. Ten saw according to the _____/tree of knowledge of good and evil (fear). Two saw from the _____/tree of life (faith). The ten _____ a whole nation so that they also shrank back in unbelief and didn't enter into the promised land. (*Deuteronomy 1:29 only their sons "who this day have no knowledge of good and evil shall enter there"*)

In our discipleship environments:

- Husband and wife - what's the " _____ " like?
- Family - what source are we making _____ from, the world's wisdom or God's word?
- Church family - do we _____ from Him and let that spill out of us or do we try to live off occasional snacks of His Word and have nothing of living revelation because we don't cultivate our relationship with Him?

Just like the twelve spies, we see things in life and in each others lives through one of two _____. Whether we plan to or not each one of us does _____ either to bring into life or death, faith or fear, God's ways or man's ways.

We are our _____ and we can only _____ and keep each other as we ourselves "keep the faith" and allow ourselves to be shepherded.