

How to Take the Right Decision Part 10

Here in this message as we will continue to discuss of how to take the right decision we will be going to speak about the fivefold ministry:

“11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16 KJV)

The gifts of Jesus to His church when He ascended to Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit was as the following: *“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;” (Ephesians 4:11 KJV)* These five spiritual gifts have a great impact on the life of the church and the families and the members of the church. The following is a brief description of each one of these spiritual gifts or offices:

A. Apostles: Are the Apostles of Jesus who laid the foundation of the New Testament church. The meaning of apostle is a person who was sent by God. Their ministry accompanied by signs and wonders. We, the current disciples who continue to lay the foundation of the church based on the foundation of Christ are not apostles but we are doing and continuing the apostles' ministry.

B. Prophets: Are those who declare the whole will of God and what is going on to happen to those who obey and to those who disobey. Prophets also can tell what is going to take place in the future.

C. Evangelists: Are those who bring the message of salvation to those who did not yet hear the message about Jesus and exhort them to repent and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, and His work on the cross as the only way for their sins to be forgiven and for them to be saved.

D. Pastors: Are those who lead the sheep, feeding the flock and make them go through green pasture and guide them in their lives and protect them and bring them away from dangers.

E. Teachers: Are those who precisely give the meaning and the application of God's Word in the Holy Bible, and they are strict to implement the teaching.

Now we need to take these five gifts and make them fit and applicable in the life of the church and in the way of how to take the right decision.

“11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;” (Ephesians 4:11 KJV) The Lord Jesus Himself who gave to us, to His church, all these valuable spiritual gifts or offices so that He will help His church and help us to take the right decision.

A. Apostles: As we are laying the foundation of Christ in the life of our families and in the life of each and every ministry of the church, we are securing that each family and ministry of the church will be run with the Word of God, the doctrines of God and the will of God, and that we are led by the Holy Spirit to go through the way that God had ordained for us to pass through.

B. Prophets: * Who will declare the will of God and the plans of God, and help the church and the members and the families to take the right decision to be in the perfect will of God. * Prophets also gives warning about what will take place in the future and that will help the church members to see the way ahead of them that they need to take. * Also prophets give warning to those who sin about the coming judgment of God, and also the prophets give encouragement to those who are doing the will of God to continue in the right way.

C. Evangelists: As they are reaching new people for Christ, they will help them to take the right decision to follow Christ and to give up their sins and live in holiness for Christ.

D. Pastors: * Who lead the sheep, feeding the flock and make them go through green pasture and guide them in their lives and protect them and bring them away from dangers. * With all these duties they will keep follow up and teach and direct the church and the members and the families with the whole will of God.

E. Teachers: In every church God will give teachers who will give certain teaching which that particular church needs to know to overcome sin and to go through the will of God and to keep everyone in line with God's Word.

Each and every office of these five offices will help the church and the members, workers and the families to take the right decision and help them to make the right choices that goes with God's will.

“12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12 KJV) * These five offices will work to perfect the saints and the families of what they are lacking. These five offices will perfect them in pertain to the ministry and the choices that they will take to continue their service to God in the whole will of God. * As well as these offices will work to cleanse the church members from sins through giving the Word of God, and motivate them to take the right decisions to keep them living in holiness and is such the process of edification will go on.

“13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:” (Ephesians 4:13 KJV) * These five gifts or offices will help each and every member of the church to

come to know Christ through His Word with the right understanding by knowing the will of God and the plan of God for him or for her. * These five offices will guide each and every member to take the right decision and make the right choices. * Right choices and right decisions when are taken on time and precisely as God ordained they will help the members to grow and to be mature up to the fullness in Christ. * As well as unity in faith will be reached when all members reach the fullness in Christ.

“14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;” (Ephesians 4:14 KJV) * Here the other importance of these five offices is to guard the members and protect them from being deceived and take the wrong decision and the wrong step in life. * These five gifts or offices using the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit with the Rhema Word that the Holy Spirit will bring shall expose the false teaching and protect the members, the workers and the whole church from deviating away from the ways of God and the will of God. * The five offices will protect the church from Satan, the false teaching, the false prophets, the false pastors and the false teachers and from the evil doers that work with Satan and demons.

“15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:” (Ephesians 4:15 KJV) Each and every church should be keen to use such gifts or offices to speak the truth, the Word of God, to manage the affairs of the church and to direct the members with the Word of God so they will grow in the love of God to be like Jesus, the head of the church, in character and in attitude. ***“16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16 KJV)*** * When each and every member grow and got mature, he or she will be keen to take the right decisions and the right choices for God, that the church, the ministries, and each and every member will further grow and get mature. * Ultimately such gift or offices will work to edify the whole church in love, to be cleansed from sin, from selfishness, and to be mature and responsible toward Christ and His Word and to the will of God that He ordained for us to walk through. * In such a way we will be good examples to others that our lives can be a template for them to follow God.

These five gifts or offices, apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors will work with Christ the head of the church using the Word of God to direct the church and the workers and the members and the ministries with the will of God and the plans of God, protecting the members from devil, the wrong plans, from the effects of sins and from those who are used by devil to harm the members, and helping each members to grow, and working with Christ to raise bishops, elders and deacons, who will be used to lead other congregations of the church, so the body of Christ will expand and spread.

My dear and beloved: Let us come now to God and be willing to accept the arrangement of God and the way He is managing His church through these spiritual gifts or offices that He gave to His church. Be willing to work and cooperate with the leaders that God had ordained for His church in giving them the spiritual gifts that His church needs.

Come now to the Lord in repentance, renounce your sins and your ways and commit yourself fully to the Lord and to the Word that you received today and follow and abide with the teaching of God and the offices that He had placed for you to take the right decision, and so you will be growing, get mature, perfected and delivered out from the false teaching and the traps of the devil and those who works with him.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the five offices of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors that you gave to your church to grow, get mature, perfected, got protected and reaching to the unity and the full measure of Christ. Lord thank you for opening my eyes to this setup and show me how to integrate myself in it and to serve you in this set up for your glory.

Confess now your sins and renounce them. Confess your pride and doing your own will and plan. Renounce your own understanding and being away from reading and meditation on God’s Word and the life of prayer. Repent and renounce your lies, dishonesty, your immoralities and lust. Renounce your bad stewardship and your laziness, wasting your time on the Media and having fellowship with non believers and listening and getting advices from them. Lord forgive me I repent of the following sins

Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned in this message. Lord I commit myself to work within those five offices of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors that you gave to your church. Lord I commit myself to receive Godly advices from those offices and the input from them that I will apply in my life and to impart what I receive to others who are around me, in reaching the lost and in spreading and teaching your Word to those who are willing to listen. Lord I commit myself to start to serve you and to be a good example to others that they will see Jesus in my life.

Lord thank you for all my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins and humbled themselves and came back to you and are willing to integrate themselves and cooperate with the five offices of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors that you had given to your church. Lord help them in their lives and provide for them, make them grow and get mature, perfect them to continue to take Godly decisions and to continue to go through the narrow way and the narrow gate, and protect them so they will continue to go on and serve you.

Lord we pray for our church that we will work with you through these five offices; the apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors to perfect our church, that each and every member to grow, to be mature, to be edified, to live in the will of God, to reach unity in faith, to be protected from the cunning of Satan and the false teaching, and to help to spread and expand your church and ministries. Lord, we pray to provide for us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord give us wisdom to handle certain difficult issues and to find out from you the solutions for them. Lord we commit ourselves to reproduce more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives, love, joy, peace, humility, self-control, patience, perseverance, long-suffering, faith and faithfulness to go on and serve you in a better way and

that others may see Jesus in our lives. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and serve you, to evangelize, making new disciples, training new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church and to reach out new people and new places. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God'. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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