



# Kingdom-Based Fivefold Ministry 1: Foundational Issues Part 3 | KIB 537

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Kingdom Intelligence Briefing

## Introduction

We are in a season when God is preparing to release true Kingdom-based Fivefold Ministry through the Remnant. It is imperative that we get this right! We do not have time to play games or get tangled up in worldly things in this final move of God!

## 1. The Fivefold Ministry

### **Ephesians 4:9–16 (ESV)**

**9** (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? **10** He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) **11** And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. **15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which

it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

To properly understand what the apostle Paul is talking about and separating it from Church tradition that was extrapolated from the hierarchical structure of the Roman Catholic Church, we need to realize several things:

a. Apostles existed in the Hebraic culture and faith long before Jesus appointed the twelve men to serve as apostles in the Gospels. Have you noticed that the twelve never asked Jesus what apostles (or emissaries) were in the text? They already knew, as it was a part of their culture and faith.

b. All five offices that Paul detailed were functional offices in the Synagogal system in the Second Temple Period.

c. In Paul's instruction, there are several words that we need to emphasize:

- **Until:** *Mechri* in the Greek. **BDAG:** until; as far as; to the point of.
- **We all attain:** *Katantao* in the Greek. **Logos Word Sense:** to reach a point in time, or a certain state or level.

The apostle Paul stated that all of these offices would remain until we all reached a specific state of being or level of maturity.

- The unity of the faith
- Proper and mature understanding of Christ
- To real and godly maturity

- Jesus is the benchmark of maturity, and we must walk in it.
- We become so grounded in the Word and sensitive to the Spirit of God that we are no longer carried away by every new doctrine, manmade fabrications, or schemes to build their own kingdoms from the Gospel.
- We are always moved by love, and even when we correct, it is based and empowered by the love of God.

When we get there, the whole body will function as it should, with everyone doing their part – empowered by the Holy Spirit and moving in holiness and godly love.

We are nowhere near being there. In fact, we are about the furthest thing from it! Men wanting to build their own kingdoms, hidden agendas, those that have a bone to pick, those that revel in the failures of others, etc., are commonplace in the body.

## 2. Moses – the First Apostle

**Apostle:** *Apostolas* in the Greek. **BDAG:** delegate, envoy, messenger. <sup>1</sup> **LSJ:** on a mission; ambassador. <sup>2</sup>

Learning from the life of Moses.

### **Numbers 12:3 (ESV)**

**3** Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

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<sup>1</sup> William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 122.

<sup>2</sup> Henry George Liddell et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996), 220.

**Meek:** *Anaw* in the Hebrew. **Logos Word Sense:** marked by meekness or modesty; not arrogant or prideful.<sup>3</sup>

But God did not stop there.

**Very:** *Meod* in the Hebrew. **HALOT:** strength, power.<sup>4</sup> **BDB:** muchness, force, abundance, exceedingly.<sup>5</sup>

The level of meekness or humility was so great that it became a force in Moses' life, enabling him to accomplish what he did.

1. Moses was called and supernaturally saved by a sovereign act of God.
2. When Moses was full of himself, he tried to accomplish what he was called to do before being commissioned and released by God to do it. It failed utterly, and he was driven into the desert.
3. Moses was raised as a prince of Egypt. He was entitled, trained to move in power, authority, and wealth. He was thoroughly trained in the Egyptian way of doing things. I believe this centered on pride and what the flesh could accomplish.
4. Moses spent 40 years trained in Egypt as a prince. Then, he spent 40 years in the desert learning to be a shepherd. In those years, pride and the ways of Egypt were burned out of him. God also did not release him until he was old enough that

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<sup>3</sup> Logos Bible Software. FaithLife Corporation.

<sup>4</sup> Ludwig Koehler et al., *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1994–2000), 538.

<sup>5</sup> Francis Brown, Samuel Rolles Driver, and Charles Augustus Briggs, *Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1977), 547.

he could no longer trust in his physical strengths or abilities: he had to trust in God's abilities alone.

5. Moses was reluctant to go. He preferred being a shepherd in the mountains. He moved in the fear of the LORD and his desire to be obedient to God. It is also possible that the errors of his past always echoed in his mind, keeping him humble. The same can be said for Paul, Peter, James, and John.

### **Some errors of the modern Church.**

There are those of the modern Church who forget that there are both elements of being an apostle in Moses and those that are prophetic shadows of the Messiah.

#### **Deuteronomy 18:15–20 (ESV)**

**15** “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— **16** just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ **17** And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. **19** And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

So, there are elements of Moses' ministry that are prophetic shadows of the Messiah and are not part of what an apostle is or should be, nor demanded by any leader.

Example: Moses would be like God's voice.

### **Exodus 7:1–2 (ESV)**

**1** And the LORD said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. **2** You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land.

There have been leaders who have abused these scriptures. This was Moses, moving as a redeemer for Israel, and a shadow of the Messiah.

No minister is to serve on that level in the Body! This is reserved for Christ alone. If you can hear the voice of God in the man of God's voice, pray about it, let it be confirmed by the Holy Spirit, and then heed it.

## **Personal Insights**

- No one starts out as an apostle. It is something that must be matured into. With apostles, there is depth of understanding of the Word (scholarship), and they are mission-oriented. They will be willing to suffer hardship to accomplish the tasks God has sent them for.
- Apostles can be called many things in the Body. Our traditions vary. True apostles are not worried about titles, the applause of men, wealth, or prestige. Their heart's desire is to accomplish what God has called them to do.

- Apostles prefer not to boast of what they have done and bear the weight of responsibility for all the ministries, ministers, and saints that have been established through their efforts.

### **2 Corinthians 11:21–28 (ESV)**

**21** To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. **22** Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. **23** Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. **24** Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; **26** on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; **27** in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. **28** And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

Modern ministry has shifted from concern for the needs and challenges of the families and individuals in their care to the health and image of their brand and corporation.