



Lesson Fourteen

“Discovering My Spiritual Gifts - Five”

Objective: *To discover our own spiritual gifts and provide a Scriptural understanding of these gifts and ministries set in the Body of Christ in order to have a productive and effective church.*

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Eph 4:11-12 NKJV *And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry*

1 Cor. 12:28 NKJV *And God has appointed these in the church: **first apostles**, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*

Apostle: *apostello* - set apart and sent out

apostolos – an ambassador of the Gospel; messenger

The gift of Apostleship is the divine ability to start and oversee the development of new churches or ministries.

The twelve disciples/Apostles were chosen by Jesus **to begin the work of establishing and overseeing the early church**. He chose a doctor, fishermen, an accountant, tax collector, doubting Thomas... an assortment of individuals with the gift of Apostle, those who would establish and oversee the new church. The Apostle Paul was also chosen by Jesus, Himself and called on the road to Damascus. **Acts 9:1-22**

Paul went on to evangelize the Gentiles (non-Jews) and establish churches among them while Peter did the same with the Jews.

Gal 2:7-9 NIV *they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews. 8 For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an **apostle** to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an **apostle** to the Gentiles.*

Besides the Apostles eyewitness accounts of Jesus ministry, death and resurrection, the New Testament is mostly a collection of letters written by Paul to the Gentile (non-Jew) churches that he established and oversaw. We draw our structure and order for church planting and oversight from these same words of wisdom given to the early church by Paul.

Rom 1:1 MSG I, Paul, am a devoted slave of Jesus Christ on assignment, authorized as an apostle to proclaim God's words and acts. I write this letter to all the Christians in Rome, God's friends.

1 Cor 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal.1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1...etc.

People who have been given the gift of Apostleship love to pioneer new ministries or churches. They adapt to different surroundings by being culturally sensitive and aware. The gift of Apostleship creates a desire to minister to unreached people in other communities and countries and accepts the responsibility to oversee ministries or groups of churches. They demonstrate authority and vision for the mission of the church.

Personality Traits:

- **Adventurous**
- **Entrepreneurial**
- **Persevering**
- **Adaptable**
- **Culturally sensitive**
- **Risk Taking**
- **Cause driven**

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The gift of missionary is the distinctive ability for believers to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in cultures beyond our own. Those with this gift have a stronger than average desire to be part of the fulfillment of the Great Commission around the world.

Mark 16:15 NKJV And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Those with this gift find great joy working with people of other countries or those with distinct cultural differences. Missionaries are sent to bring people to Christ where there may be difficulties and hardships to endure. They serve in difficult situations and places with joy and disregard any hardships because of the focus of their vision to see others know Christ.

1. Missionaries must be _____.

Rom 10:14-15 NKJV How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

2. Missionaries have the ability to _____ to other cultures in order to win more.

1 Cor 9:19-23 MSG *Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: 20 religious, nonreligious, 21 meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, 22 the defeated, the demoralized — whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ — but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life.*

3. God provides supernatural _____ for missionaries.

Mark 16:15-18 NKJV *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

Acts 28:1-9