



## Are Needed and Continue to Exist

Having given the disciples the charges Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20 and Luke 24:44-49, Jesus provided them with an organized structure within which to carry out his program.

And what is that program?

The five-fold ministry offices exist for the express purpose of carrying out for Christ, The Mission his Father entrusted to Him, through the works of the Church on the Earth.

1. Preach the Gospel
2. Make Disciples
3. Baptize Disciples
4. Teach Disciples
5. Heal the Sick
6. Deliver the Captives
7. Motivate Repentance
8. Inspire Sanctification
9. Qualify Heirs for Blessing
10. Equip for Service
11. Train for Ministry
12. Appoint Ministers
13. Install Ministers
14. Oversee Ministers
15. Execute God's Will/Plan
16. Officiate God's Affairs
17. Impart Spiritual Gifts
18. Perform Supernatural
19. Promote Holiness
20. Ready Church for Eternal Life
21. Keep Christ the Center of the Faith
22. Enable Fellowship with the Godhead
23. Enable Leadership and Government of the Holy Spirit

It should be pointed out that all of the officers are born of the order of Christ (I Cor. 15:22-28) His Father gave the mission and the subsequent ministries to him upon his ascension. As Ephesians 4:7-8 tells us that, he in turn, gave gifts to men as foretold in Psalm 68. Christ gave to those who entered his kingdom, gifts of service; allowing us to take part in his own mission and work

Whereas Jn. 17:4 speaks of the work of Adam that Jesus became the last Adam to finish, I believe Rev. 21:1-7 speaks of the finished work of Christ, He being Alpha & Omega.

### III. God's Thought Process Concerning the Purpose of

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## the Prophet

To begin, a Prophet is one who speaks before the manifestation or occurrence of a thing takes place, predicting the future. The word “prophet” comes from two root origins: “Proto” meaning to speak, and, “Phani” meaning before. Thus clarifying the Prophet’s chief role of speaking about a thing before it happens.

It applies to one who has spontaneous utterances from God, or who utters divine communications by way of visions, impressions, or revelation.

### A. Levels of Prophetic Vision or primary ways in which the Lord has spoken to His People in Scripture.

- 1. Prophetic Impressions** – these are genuine revelations which can be extraordinarily specific and accurate when interpreted by those who are experienced and sensitive. However, on this level, “revelations” can be affected by our own feelings, prejudices, and doctrines. It is best not to preface such revelations with a “Thus says the Lord.”

Visions can also come on the impression level. They are gentle and must be seen with the “eyes of our heart.” The more the “eyes of our hearts” are opened, as Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:18, the more powerful and useful these can be.

- 2. A Conscious Sense of the Presence of the Lord, or the Anointing of the Holy Spirit which gives illumination to our minds.** This level of the prophetic can influence a person’s writing, speaking and praying accuracy for God impact.
- 3. Open Visions-** these occur on a higher level of than impression; they tend to give us more clarity than we may have even when we feel the conscious presence of the Lord, or the anointing. Open visions are external, and are viewed with the clarity of a movie screen. Because they are not controlled by man, the likelihood of mixture is far less possible.
- 4. Trances** – were a common experience of biblical prophets. Trances are like dreaming when you are awake. Instead of just seeing a “screen’ like in an open vision, you feel like you’re in the movie itself, somehow like your actually there in some strange way. (Acts 22)

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## B. God is a Thinker

1. He thinks faster and sharper than we do.  
Unfortunately, this fact the world seriously doubts because of irrational Christian conduct, and contrary lifestyles that discredit God's wisdom and His Son's message (Is 55:8-9)
2. For the prophet, learning to think is like God, is his very survival in ministry. God demands that prophets be able to concur with Him – past, present and future .

Anyone who would do the slightest worthwhile thing for the Lord would be unable to do so without knowing Him (Ps. 81:13-14; Jer. 9:23-24)

3. In His wisdom, God considers all things from all angels. He's never in a hurry, He always looks at Purpose, Motives, Values, Functions, Impact and Results.

A. **Purpose:** The object towards which one strives or for which something exists; goal and aim; A result of effect that is desired or intended.

B. **Motive:** An emotion, desire or similar impulse acting as an incitement to action. Pertaining to the Fivefold, what was God's motive for creating such? (Eph.2:19-20;1:3-23; Jn.5:21-30; Rev.21:9-22:5)

C. **Value :** Worth in usefulness or importance to the Processor; An amount considered to be a suitable equivalent for goods or services. How important is the Prophet/spokes person for God to His People?

D. **Function:** The action for which a person or thing is particularly fitted or employed; assigned duty or activity; something closely related to another thing and dependent upon it for its existence, value, or significance. What significant operative role does the prophet play in the overall success of God's plan?

E. **Impact:** The force or impetus transmitted by a collision. What kind of affect will the introduction and application of a new or different influence have on present systems?

F. **Results:** To occur or exist as a consequence of a particular cause. What outcome is derived?

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