

“Five-fold Synergy (and the Fullness of Christ)”

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Ephesians 4:1-16

1. Seeing “Repentance” as a Gift and a Lifestyle

Repentance

“to rearrange your thinking,
perspective, seeing with fresh
eyes”

Reductionism

“oversimplifying and compartmentalizing a concept – with an unwillingness to see from a broader perspective”

2. Seeing the “Five-fold” with Fresh Eyes

❖ **“Some”**
(Ephesians 4:11)

“Vital portion of a larger entity”

❖ “Perfecting”
(Ephesians 4:12)

Not simply for a few to find an
“office” – but for all to “fit in” and
fulfill their calling

❖ **“Fullness of Christ”**
(Ephesians 4:13)

**The ultimate goal: to reveal Jesus
via a multi-faceted manifestation!**

**“Every member has been given
gifts to contribute to the growth of
all.” (Ephesians 4:16 CWSB)**

3. Seeing the Five-fold as Functions

❖ APOSTOLIC

**Gifted with a “big picture”
perspective – serve to keep us
focused on our mission, calling and
overarching purpose!**

❖ PROPHEPIC

Seek to establish a culture where the values and words of God are desired, honored, and obeyed.

❖ EVANGELISTIC

Desire to create an invitational culture – connecting with people and connecting them to our message and mission.

❖ PASTORAL

Seek to establish a spiritual community where people experience growth, healing, encouragement, protection and belonging.

❖ TEACHING

**Seek to cultivate a solid Biblical
worldview in a community
continually eager to learn more.**

4. Seeing the Historical Roots of the “Five-fold” Terminology

**❖ Previous Culture
Transforming Movements
Contained all of these Five
Components**

1. PIONEER

Mission focus of the Apostolic

2. CREATIVE

Timely revelation of the Prophetic

3. CONNECTOR

Cultural relevance of the Evangelist

4. NURTURER

Community building of the Pastoral

5. GUARDIAN

Consistent ethos of the Teacher

5. Seeing the Importance of Synergizing the “Five-fold”

A strong apostolic bias will blaze new trails in creative ministry into new territory – while becoming task-driven, joyless, exhausting and alienating.

A strong prophetic bias will speak truth to culture, developing an unflinching justice-oriented ministry – while becoming overcritical, demanding, graceless and judgmental.

A strong evangelistic bias will be colorful and creative as it connects with culture – while becoming shallow, pushy, opinionated and aggressive.

A strong pastoral bias will create a strong caring, communal, relational culture – while becoming co-dependent, exclusive, overprotective and cautious.

A strong teaching bias will be well-informed, wise, patient and devoted to learning – while becoming knowledge-based, anxious, hypocritical and doctrinaire.

**The “Five-fold” of Ephesians 4 is
“not referring to a model that
exclusively contains
professionalized clergy – that did
not exist at the time of Paul’s
writing.**

Rather, “these mechanisms seem to be hardwired into the Body of Christ in order to (manifest His ministry) in any setting...across the domains of society.”