

7. Making Disciples vs. Making Decisions/Converts (Matt. 28:18-20).
 - A. The Great Commission is making disciples, not simply leading people in a sinners' prayer.
 - B. True disciples of Jesus are taught to actually obey Jesus.
8. A multi-generational & multi-cultural target audience vs. a single-generational & single-cultural target audience (typically young adults, white, & middle-class or higher) (Mal. 4:5-6; 1Tim. 3:12; 5:1-3, 9; 6:1, 17; Titus 2:1-10; Eph. 5:22 - 6:9; Col. 3:18 - 4:1).
 - A. If the church in heaven is multi-generational and multi-cultural (Rev. 5:9-10) shouldn't the church on earth be too?
 - B. The Great Commission involves making disciples of all ethnicities (Matt .28:19).
 - C. Paul's instructions to Timothy & Titus imply a multi-generational & multi-cultural church.
 - D. Every generation and culture has something rich to bring to the church.
9. A victorious eschatology vs. an escapism eschatology (Rom. 12:21; 8:37; 1Jn. 5:4-5; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12 21; 21:7; Acts 3:20-21).
 - A. Apostolic ministry focuses on getting heaven to earth (Matt. 6:10), not just earth to heaven.
 - B. Apostolic ministry focuses more on transforming the earth than vacating it.
 - C. Apostolic ministry believes in a literal Second Coming of Christ, but believes we are to be victorious in the meantime.

PRINCIPLES OF 5-FOLD MINISTRY

1. The apostle is not automatically "over" all the other office gifts, but networks and leads by relationship and invitation.
2. Any of the five office giftings of Eph. 4:11-12 can potentially lead a local church effectively.
3. The gift leading the local church will largely determine the church's vision and focus.
4. Each fivefold gift has common inherent strengths and weaknesses.
5. Ultimately each local church should have influence from all five offices and reflect all five giftings (but not necessarily equal, depending on the specific calling of that church).
6. Each individual believer should be influenced by all five offices, and reflect in varying degrees all five giftings.
7. Each individual believer will typically have a gifting and corresponding mindset orientation that reflects one of the five office giftings.
8. For the church to reflect all five giftings, the church needs people with each of the office gifting orientations!
 - A. This can be challenging for people whose strongest gift orientation is the church's weakest gift orientation.
 - B. The church will likely need to work hard at valuing and making room for those whose stronger gift orientation is the church's weaker gift orientation in order to be more balanced and to properly minister to those people.
 - C. Without doing the above, those people will not likely be content and some will leave.

APOSTOLIC NETWORK IMPLICATIONS

1. Emphasize and nurture all five office giftings in a biblically balanced way.
2. Equip the saints for maturity and ministry (in the church and in the marketplace).
3. Plant apostolic churches, both home and abroad, and raise up the leaders to do so.
4. Be empowered and led by the Holy Spirit and move in the manifestations of the Spirit.