



HEAVEN IN SPAIN

Moving in the Apostolic The “Ascension” or “developmental” gifts



Ephesians 4:11-16

And **He Himself gave some to be apostles**, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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The need for ascension gifts

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According to Ephesians 4:11 - 16, without the influence of apostles (and the other "ascension" gifts), the church is compromised in

1. Equipping
2. Edifying
3. Unity of the faith
4. Knowledge of Jesus
5. The fullness of Christ
6. Maturity
7. Stability
8. Growth
9. Love



The need for ascension gifts

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All 5 ascension gifts develop us differently in the 9 areas listed



Ascension gifts equip

Each of the ascension gifts equip us in different ways in each of those 9 areas

- Pastors equip us as carers
- Evangelists equip us as soul winners
- Teachers equip us as disciple makers
- Prophets equip us to hear from God
- Apostles equip us to extend the kingdom

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Ascension gifts and knowledge of Jesus

Each of the ascension gifts teach us different knowledge of Jesus

- Pastors teach us about His care
- Evangelists teach us about His compassion
- Teachers teach us about His knowledge
- Prophets teach us about His plans
- Apostles teach us about His mission

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Ascension gifts and love

Each of the ascension gifts helps us to love in different ways

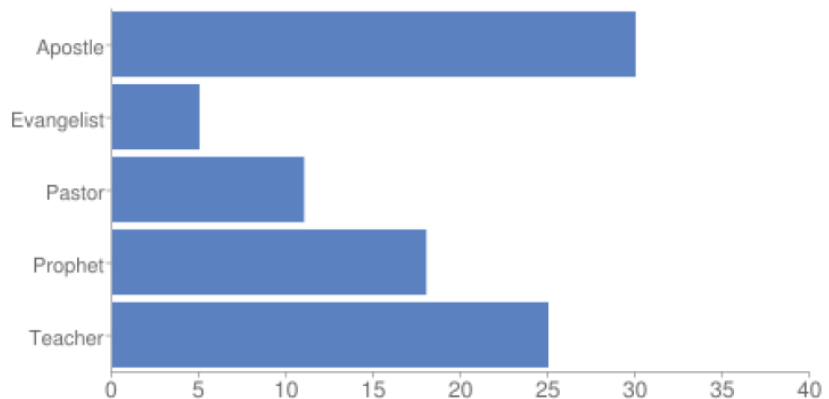
- Pastors help us to love by bringing people support
- Evangelists help us to love by bringing people to faith
- Teachers help us to love by bringing people growth
- Prophets help us to love by bringing people direction
- Apostles help us to love by bringing the kingdom to people

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Ascension Gift Survey

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Apostle 30, Evangelist 5, Pastor 11, Prophet 18, Teacher 25

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Traits of the Apostolic Anointing

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- Desires to see people work together effectively and closely
- Yearns for the unity of the Body of Christ
- Sees the larger picture and how everyone can play a part
- Moves in spiritual authority that people willingly respond to
- Brings people from various groups together for one common purpose
- Plants then hands over - Paul spent three years at Ephesus, 18 months at Corinth and 18 months at Thessalonica
- Problems when controlling or overbearing



Traits of the Prophetic Anointing

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- Desires to hear the voice of the Lord
- Seeks revelation from the Spirit through visions and dreams
- Discerns God's heart and purpose
- Speaks words from the Lord to strengthen and encourage others
- Interprets life events and people through the seeing in the Spirit
- Problems when they discount the importance of things in every day life. –when “Out of touch”



Traits of the Teaching Anointing

- Loves truth and the Word of God
- Committed to building a firm foundation
- Communicates principles for godly living effectively
- Helps others stay true to their stated purpose
- Hungers for deeper understanding and revelation
- Problems when they are judgmental when facing injustice or dishonesty.

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Traits of the Pastoral Anointing

- Has a genuine concern for others
- Desires to listen and discern real needs
- Follows up by asking questions at a later time
- Notices when others are missing from groups and contacts them
- Sought out for support by people in need
- Problems when overwhelmed due to difficulty drawing “boundaries” when called upon.

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Traits of the Evangelistic Anointing

- Has a genuine concern for those who do not know Jesus
- Shares eagerly what is important to them with others
- Likes to meet new people and be in new situations
- Loves the gospel and seeks opportunities to present it
- Has compassion for those who are imprisoned by their sin
- Problems when they feel rejected or misunderstood by others

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Levels of development through the ascensions gifts

Level 1

- New Testament life (every believer)

Level 2

- Spiritual gifts (e.g. 1 Corinthians 12) – “as the Spirit wills”

Level 3

- Serving gifts (e.g. Romans 12) – “according to grace”

Level 4

- Development or “ascension” gifts (Eph 4) - “He himself gave”

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Levels of the prophetic anointing

Level 1

- The Holy Spirit leading every believer

Level 2

- The Spiritual gifts of prophecy, tongues, interpretation (1 Cor 12)

Level 3

- The serving gift of prophecy (Rom 12)

Level 4

- Developing the prophetic nature of the church – Eph 4 gift of prophet

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Levels of the teaching anointing

Level 1

- The Holy Spirit of truth giving understanding and revelation

Level 2

- The Spiritual gifts of words of wisdom, knowledge and discernment (1 Cor 12)

Level 3

- The serving gift of teaching (Rom 12)

Level 4

- Developing others -the ascension gift of teacher (Eph 4)

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Levels of the pastoral anointing

Level 1

- Doing the 100+ “one anothers” of the New Testament

Level 2

- A heart of love and compassion moved by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 13)

Level 3

- The serving gifts of mercy and ministry (Rom 12)

Level 4

- Developing others to care - the ascension gift of Pastor (Eph 4)

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Levels of the evangelistic anointing

Level 1

- Faith sharing lifestyle (Matt 10:7 - as you go, preach)

Level 2

- Being led by the Spirit to engage with lost people (e.g. Philip – Acts 8:26)

Level 3

- Leading groups who evangelise (Rom 12)

Level 4

- Developing people to win the lost - ascension gift of evangelist (Eph 4)

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Levels of the apostolic anointing

Level 1

- Extends the kingdom

Level 2

- Gifts of faith, healings, miracles (1 Cor 12)

Level 3

- Leading by pioneering (Rom 12)

Level 4

- Develops the apostolic nature of the church/ extend the kingdom (Eph 4)

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