

## The Year of Sowing

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 45

### The Year of Sowing – The Gifts of the Spirit – Ministry Gifts

*There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.*

#### 1 Corinthians 12:5 (NLT)



**Prayer Focus:** In addition to the “motivational gifts” that we looked at last week, God has given what are commonly called the “ministry gifts.” These are the gifts that God has given to the Body of Christ in order to serve the growth and the needs of others in the Church and outside the Church. These ministry gifts are found in Ephesians 4:11. Ministry gifts are the following: Apostle...from the greek word apostolos with means one who is sent, a messenger. It is a gift given to some to go into new territories as a witness, and also designates the authority to oversee churches. The gift of evangelist is from the greek word, euaggelistou, or one who declares the good news. This gift is used as a preacher of the gospel and as a missionary to preach in other lands and plant urches. Philip was an evangelist (Acts 21:8). The gift of pastor is from the greek word “Poimen”: which has the meaning of one who cares for the flock, a shepherd. The pastor watches over and cares for the welfare of the church. The gift of teacher comes from the greek word “didaskalos” and has the idea of one who is an instructor, one who is gifted by God to instruct the church in the truths of God, primarily from the Bible. The teacher has the God given ability to open the Truth and instruct the Body of Christ in the ways of God. The gift of Administration comes from the greek word “kubernesis” which has the idea of governing. This is the ability to steer the body toward the accomplishment of God-given goals through prayerful planning, organizing and supervising of others. The word is sometimes used of a helmsman of a ship. All of these ministry gifts are given by God for the workings of the church in order to build up the church and direct it toward the work of God here on earth until His return. Praise God for His infinite wisdom to create these gifts so the Body of Christ will be able to move forward advancing the Gospel until every tongue and trip and nation has heard the Gospel.

**Day 1:** Thank the Lord today for those in your church who have been given these ministry gifts.

**Day 2:** Pray that the Lord will call the right people with ministry gifts to serve your church.

**Day 3:** Pray today for those who you know who have these gifts, that God will enable and encourage them to use their gifts for the building up of our church.

**Day 4:** Pray that the ministry gifts will be honored and accepted by the members of your church.

**Day 5:** Pray that other churches in your city would recognize and operate in the ministry gifts.

**Day 6:** Pray that the use of the gifts of the Spirit will build up the Body of Christ in your city in the unity of the Spirit.

**Day 7:** Pray for the ministry gifts to be operational on the mission fields where your church has missionaries.