

## Run With His (Vision Part 7)

Habakkuk 2:2-3 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

Victory Life Church is:

### 7. An Apostolic church, recognizing, receiving and releasing the five-fold ministry gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers.

We believe it is important for the local church to receive from the gifts Jesus gave to His Church:



- Recognizing:
- Receiving:
- Releasing:

How many churches do you know who really have all five fold ministry gifts ministering to or through their body?

#### Misuses of these gifts:

1. Not supporting special meetings, teachings that the local church goes out of the way to promote. They act like fat kid's perusing through a buffet line. We can be spoiled and not appreciate what we have.
2. Only showing up if there is a prophetic minister to get a personal prophesy.
3. Idolizing men and women who stand in offices.
4. People don't receive their Pastor as a gift from God. They show up when they feel like it and it is convenient. Sin of familiarity.
5. Not respecting local gifts in body, not participating in Bible studies, special emphasis put on in the local church. They will only come if adequately entertained or enticed by a well known person. These kind of people are not soldiers in the kingdom, but leaches who suck the life out of the local church. They are a dead sea always taking in, but not giving out. They have been called floating kidneys in the body of Christ.

#### Purpose of these gifts:

Ephesians 4:7-12 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup> (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup> 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.

1. To fill all things ... things that are empty, lacking
2. Equipping of the saints
  - perfecting, complete furnishing, training that qualifies
3. Work of the ministry
4. Edifying of the body of Christ
5. Unity in the body of Christ



The best explanation of the *Five Fold Hand* is described as such: The **Apostle** (thumb) is able to reach over and touch all other gifts; the **Prophet** (index finger) points to the heart of the matter; the **Evangelist** (middle finger) reaches out the farthest; the **Pastor** (ring finger) is married to the flock; and the **Teacher** (little finger) balances everything out, and... is the only one that will (should) fit in your ear!

Romans 1:11-12 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established (strengthened)-- 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Gift- doma: Gift, a present	Responsibility	Natural Manifestation
<b>Apostle</b>	Doctrine and Discipline	Builder, foundation layer, missionary, church planter, businesses, etc.
<b>Prophet</b>	Discern and Proclaim God's Word.	Insight and prophetic revelation.
<b>Evangelist</b>	Present the Gospel of Christ to the lost.	Soul winner, equipping others to win souls.
<b>Pastor</b>	To care for the everyday needs of the church family	Cares for the sheep of His pasture.
<b>Teacher</b>	Instruct the Church in the practical application of God's Word.	Desire to learn and impart practical truths from God's word.

**Consensus:** All these gifts will have a pulpit ministry. They are God's government for the church. There will be an ability and avenue to preach, teach and exhort with the word of God. Their gifts will make room for them and the fruit will be evident to the body.