



**The Five Ministry Gifts
Lesson 4: The Evangelist**

1. Introduction

The Greek word “evangelist” is used three times in the New Testament.

Ephesians 4:11

2 Timothy 4:5

Acts 21:8

2. Evangelist in the Old Testament

It is interesting to know that, although the New Testament holds the emphasis of the Gospel being the good news preached to the world, there is a Hebrew word that also carries the same thought.

Definition of BASAR (Hebrew): To be fresh, full of cheer, and to announce good news

BASAR is translated many ways in the Old Testament.

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1 Samuel 4:17

- _____

Psalms 40:9

1 Chronicles 16:23

Psalms 96:2

- Publish

- _____

- Bring

1 Kings 1:42

- Carry

- _____

- Bring good news

Isaiah 52:7

- Bring good tidings

Isaiah 40:9

- Mainly the word is used of Jesus prophetically, and of others who preach, publish, bring, and carry the good news.

Isaiah 41:27

Isaiah 61:1

Psalms 68:11

Proverbs 25:25

3. Jesus

Without a doubt, Jesus is The Evangelist. He is The Good News personified.

When Jesus preached in Luke chapter four, He laid out for us the ministry of the evangelist. He was preaching from Isaiah chapter sixty-one.

Luke 4:18, 19

Isaiah 61:1, 2

This shows us the ministry of Jesus as the evangelist. He is the pattern for all the evangelists who follow.

The ministry of the evangelist includes:

- The spirit of the Lord is upon the evangelist, and he has anointed him

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- To bind heal the brokenhearted
- _____
- To recover site to the blind
- _____
- To preach and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. This is the year of Jubilee.
- Jesus preached the Gospel and Kingdom of God in His ministry.

Luke 4:43

Luke 7:22

Luke 8:1

4. The twelve apostles

Luke 9:6

5. The calling of the evangelist

The evangelist must know that he has a distinctive calling in the Body of Christ. The same is true for all the ministry gifts.

Jesus gives this ministry gift to some.

It is simply an extension of his own ministry that He gives to some in the Body of Christ.

6. Qualifications of the evangelist

All the five ministry gifts are elders.

Not every elder is a ministry gift. But every ministry gift is an elder.

Phillip, the evangelist, was a qualified deacon. These qualifications are found in 1 Timothy and Titus.

Acts 6:3

Philip was a man who had the following characteristics:

- _____
- Full of the Holy Spirit
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7. The ministry of the evangelist

- Evangelists are given to the Body of Christ for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry. The same is true for all five ministry gifts.
- However, evangelists are special messengers of the good news of the Gospel to those who are unsaved.
- Evangelists should have a sound Gospel message. Therefore, they need to be well grounded in the fundamental truths of redemption.
- Evangelists should have the gifts of the Spirit in their ministry. Miracles signs and wonders are a part of the evangelist's gift.

Mark 16:15-20

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Proverbs 14:25

- Evangelists have great wisdom at winning souls.

Proverbs 11:30

8. Phillip

Phillip is the only one in the New Testament who shows specific evidence of the ministry gift of the evangelist.

A study of Phillip gives us a pattern of the evangelist's ministry.

- Phillip is called an evangelist.

Acts 21:8

- He was a deacon in the local church at Jerusalem.

Acts 6:1-6

We see that he belonged to a local church and proved himself as a deacon.

It is important that everyone “called to the ministry” has a local church in which they are a member. They should have a pastor who knows them and validates their ministry.

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Acts 8:4-8

Acts 8:12, 13

- Acts 8:4 – _____
- Acts 8:5 – Philip preached Christ to the Samaritans.
- Acts 8:7, 13 – Philip had signs following his preaching such as casting out demons and evident healing.
- Acts 8:12 – Philip preached the Kingdom of God and also preached in the name of Jesus.
- Acts 8:12, 13 – People were water baptized which shows their conversion to Christianity.
- Acts 8:8 – _____

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- Philip, the evangelist, worked together with the other ministry gifts.

Acts 8:14

Philip, preached Jesus, delivered people with signs and wonders, and brought great joy to the city by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did not stay to be a pastor to the people. He recognized the apostolic ministry who helped lay the foundation.

- Phillip not only did public evangelism. He also ministered to the one person.

Acts 8:26-40

- Phillip was sensitive to the voice of the Lord and obeyed when he heard it – Acts 8:26
- Phillip was willing to be led by the Spirit to the one person in need – Acts 8:29
- Phillip knew the Scriptures and was able to preach the Gospel from the Old Testament – Acts 8:30-34
- Phillip preached Jesus, the person, not merely a doctrine. – Acts 8:35

- The eunuch was saved and water baptized. – Acts 8:36-38

9. Women evangelists

Psalm 68:11

Psalm 68:11 – Amplified Bible

The Lord gives the word [of power]; the women who bear and publish [the news] are a great host.

Psalm 68:11 – English Standard Version

The Lord gives the word; the women who announce the news are a great host:

This verse is prophetic about women evangelists.

The first preacher of the Gospel after the resurrection of Jesus, was Mary Magdalene, after she had spoken to Jesus in the tomb.

John 20:18

10. All believers and churches are called to evangelize.

We are not all evangelists. However, we are all called to do the work of an evangelist no matter what our calling.

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The Great Commission is directed toward believers.

Mark 16:15

Mark 16:17

- Pastors are called to do the work of an evangelist and lead their churches in evangelism.

2 Timothy 4:5

Any church that is not involved in reaching out to its community is outside of the will of God.

All churches, no matter what their strengths (teaching, prophetic), are called to make evangelism their number one priority – both their local communities and foreign missions.

Acts 1:8