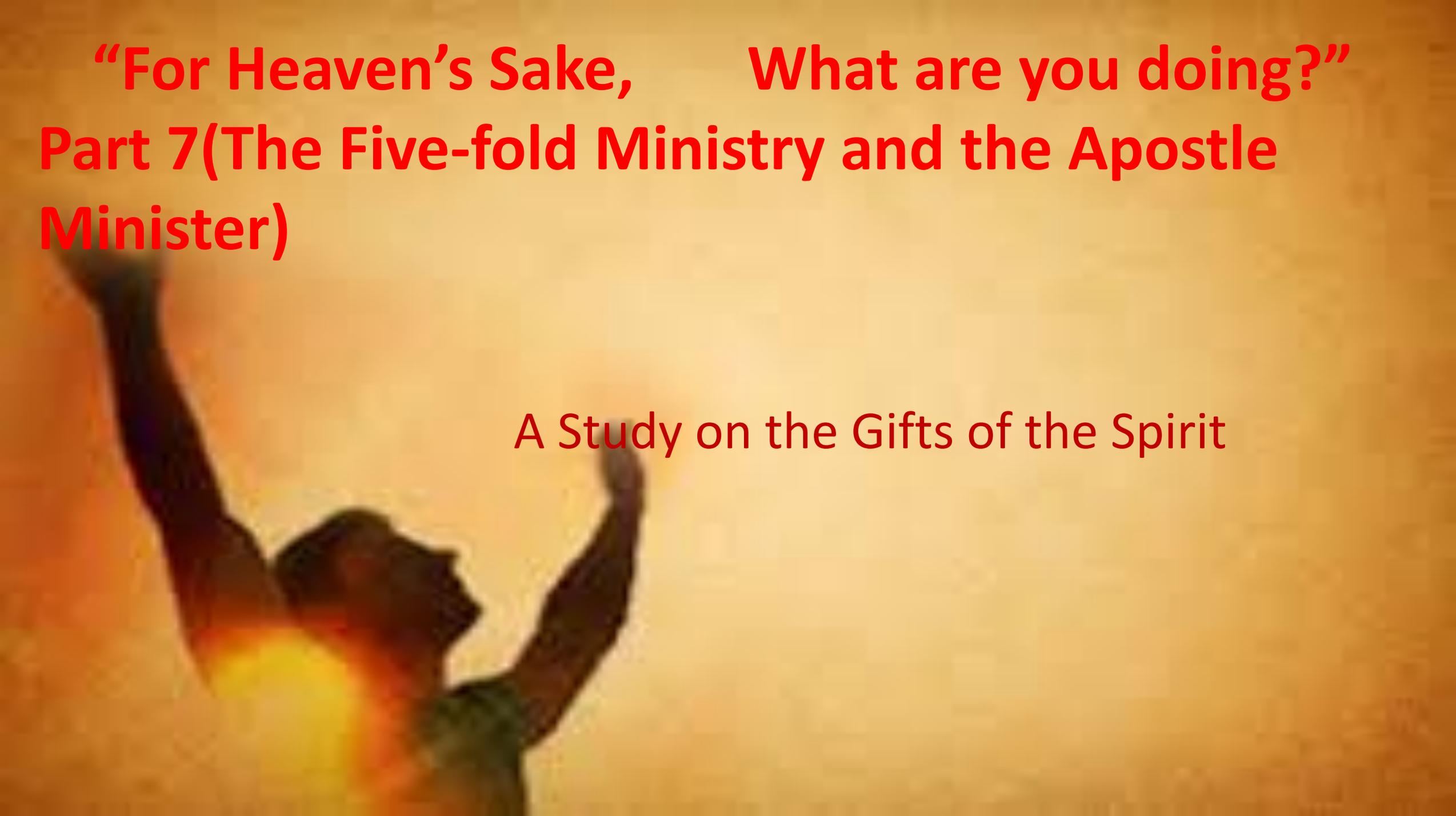


“For Heaven’s Sake, What are you doing?”
Part 7(The Five-fold Ministry and the Apostle
Minister)

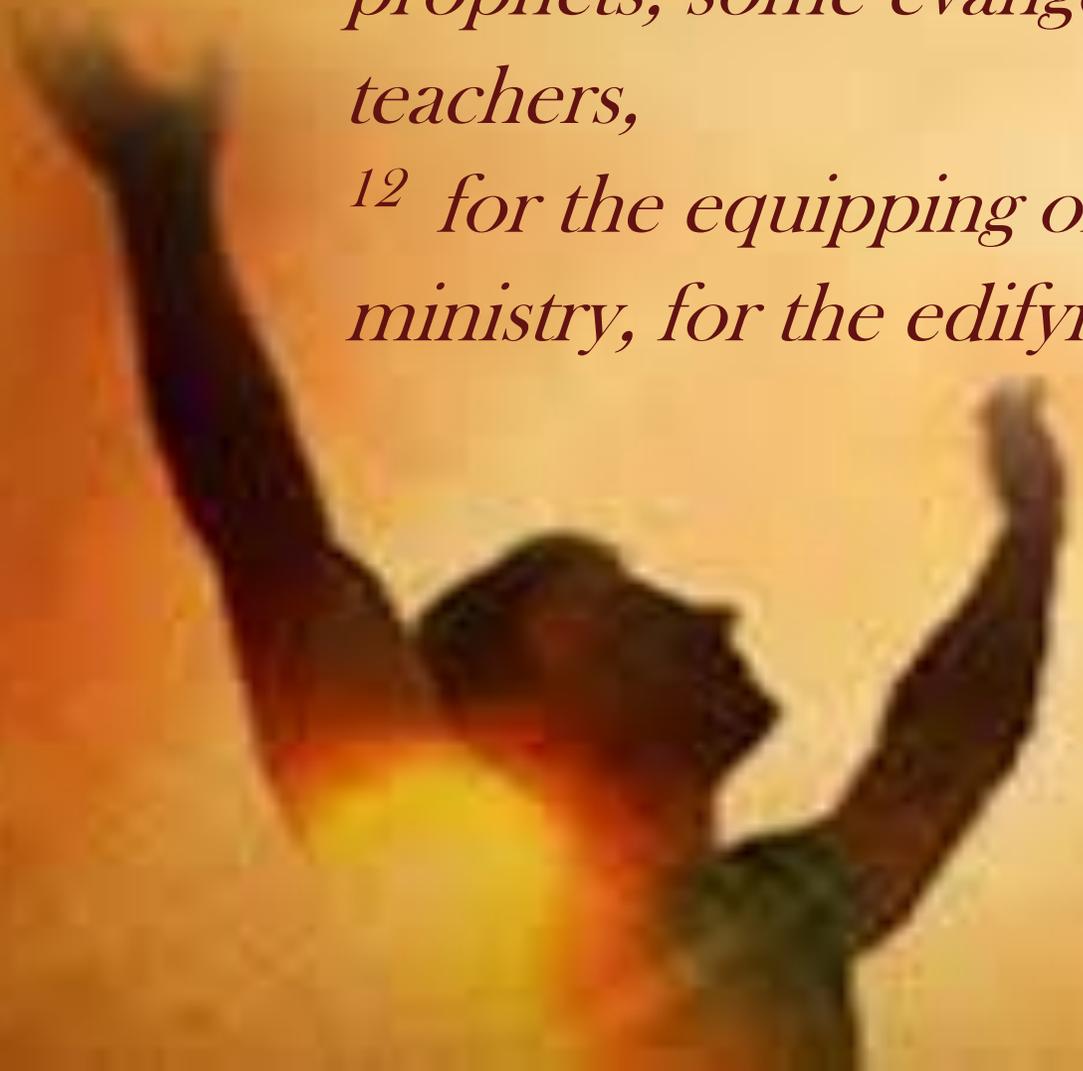
A Study on the Gifts of the Spirit



Ephesians 4:11-16 (NKJV)

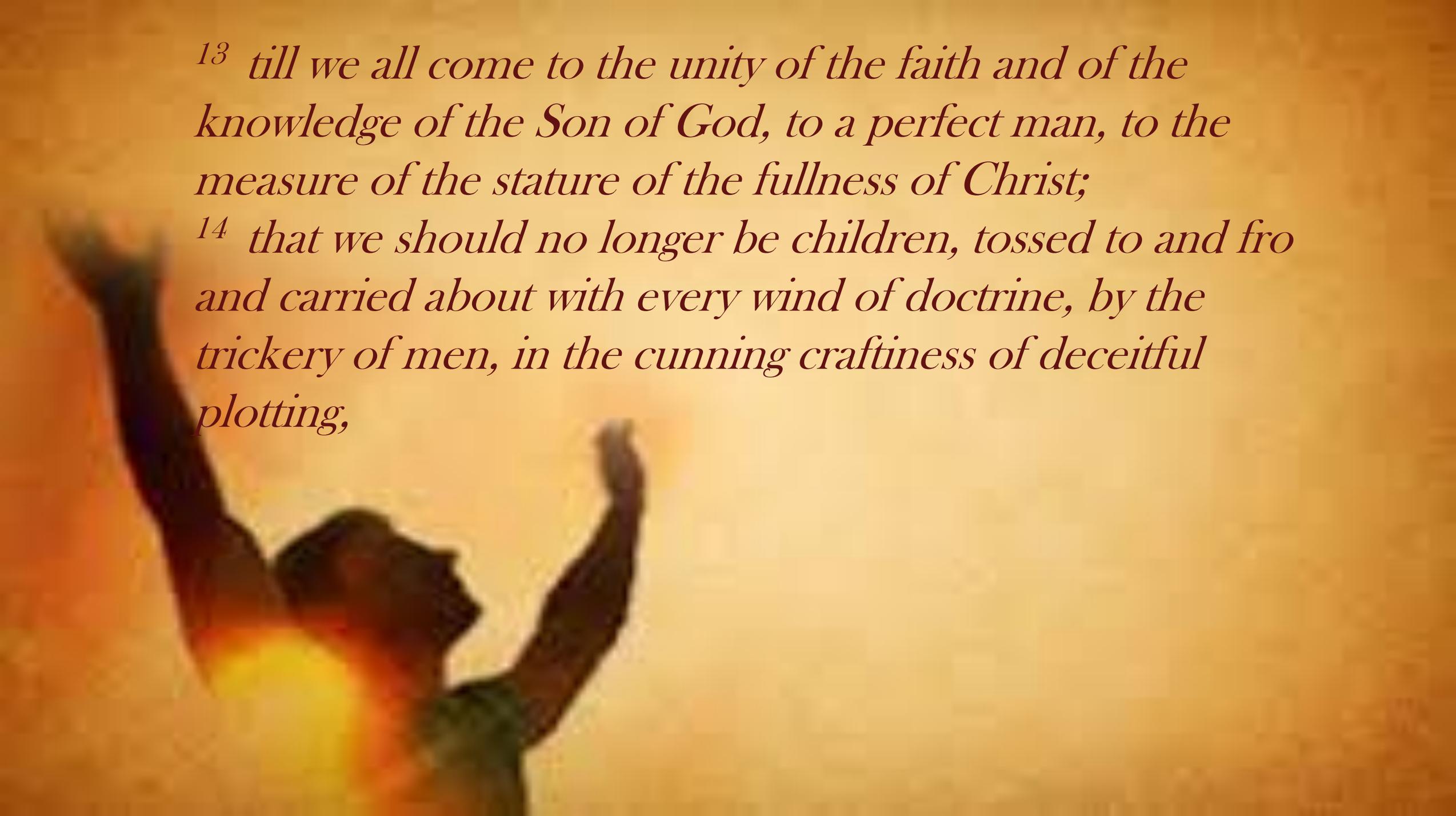
¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,



13 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;

14 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,



15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

16 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.



The Five-fold Ministry of the Church

Apostles

Prophets

Evangelists

Pastors

Teachers



What is the main responsibility of these five ministers?



Why are they to equip the church?

1. To do ministry
2. To develop maturity



What equipment is provided by these Ministers?

*The Bible is our manual. They instruct us to read it and become familiar with it so that we can discern truth from error.

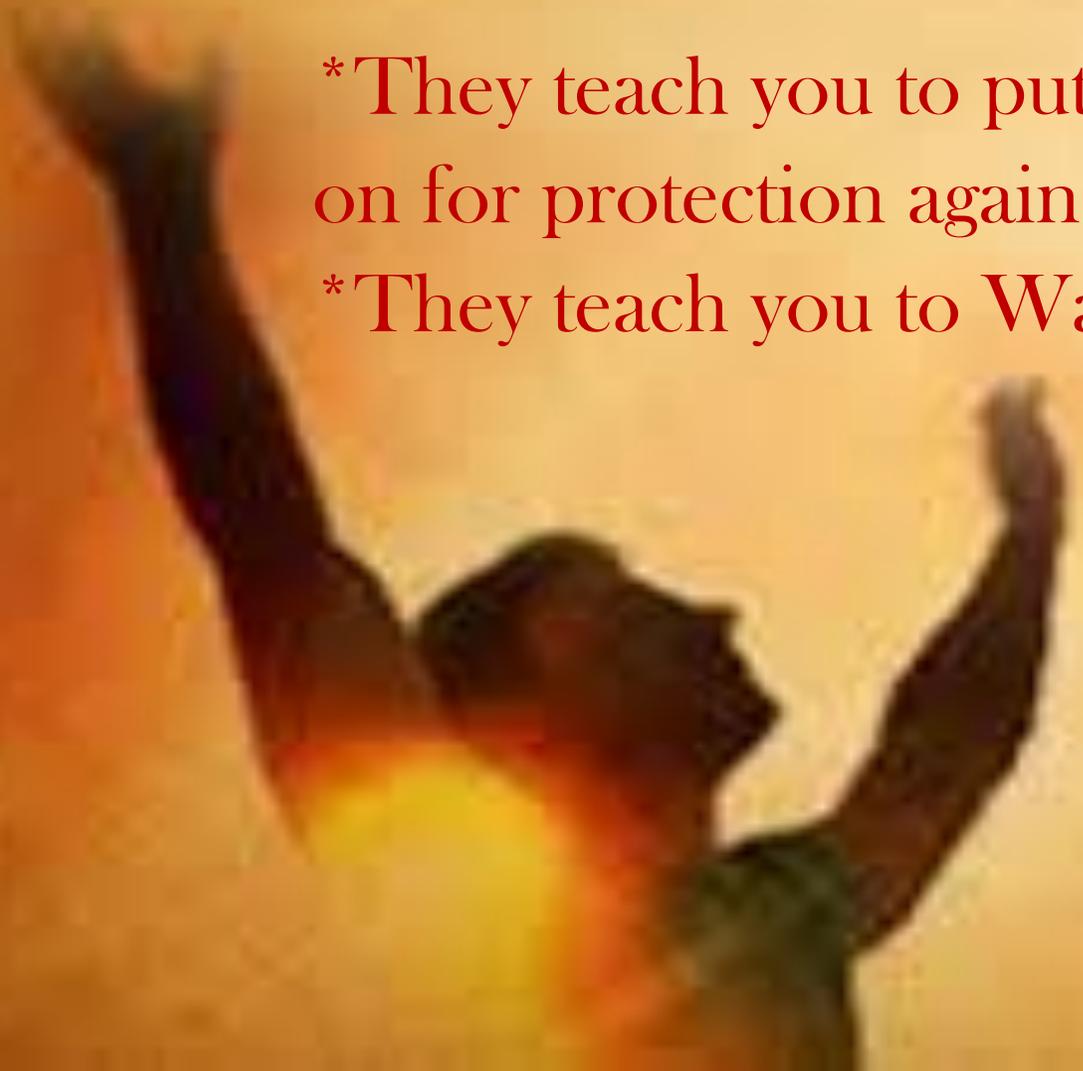
*They teach us to study God's Word and help us learn to apply truth in every situation.



What equipment is provided by these Ministers?

*They teach you to put on the Armor of God and keep it on for protection against spiritual attacks - Eph. 6

*They teach you to Walk and live in Spirit - Eph. 5

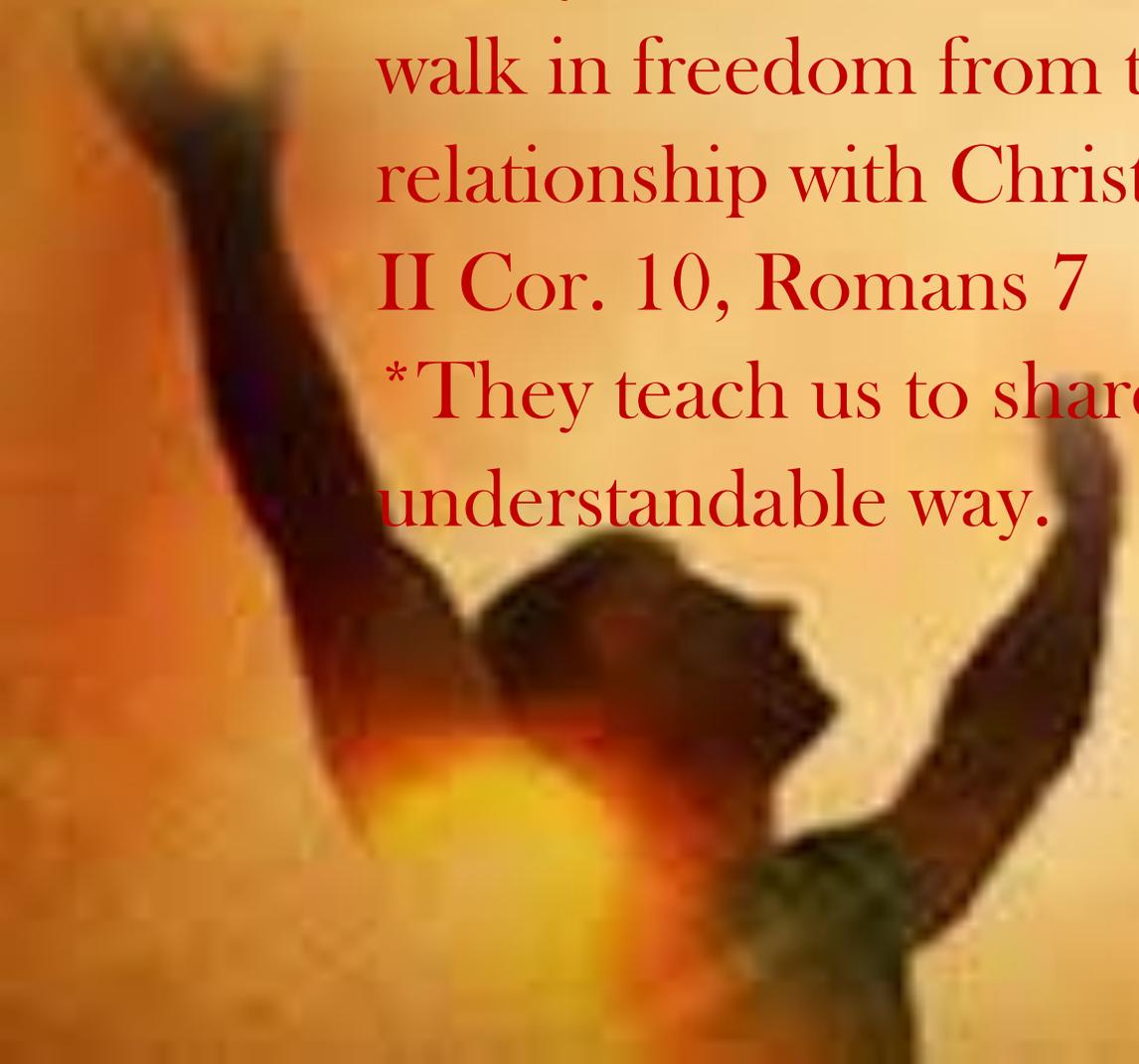


What equipment is provided by these Ministers?

*They assist in **Breaking Strongholds** in our lives so we can walk in freedom from the bondages we brought into our relationship with Christ.

II Cor. 10, Romans 7

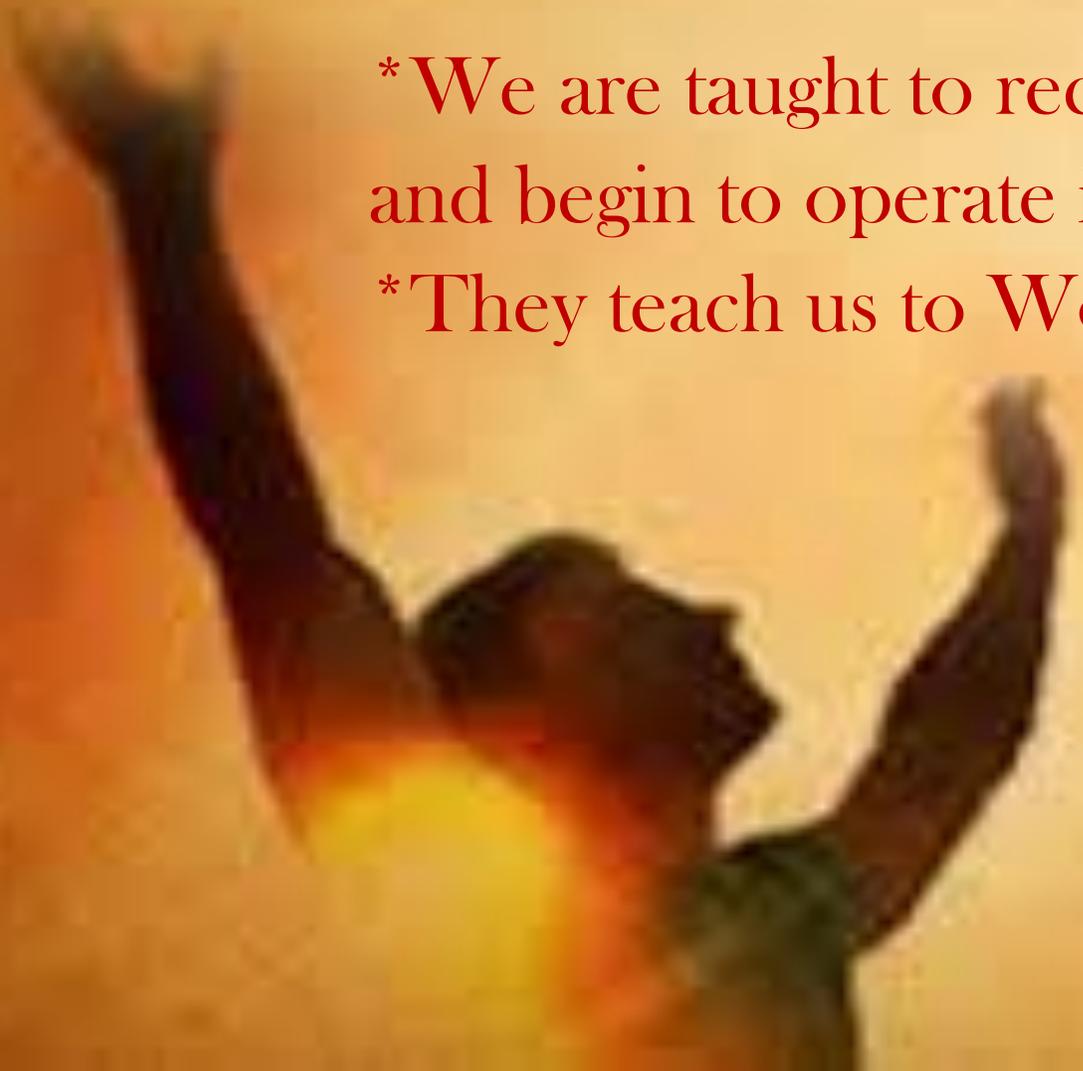
*They teach us to share Christ with unbelievers in an understandable way.



What equipment is provided by these Ministers?

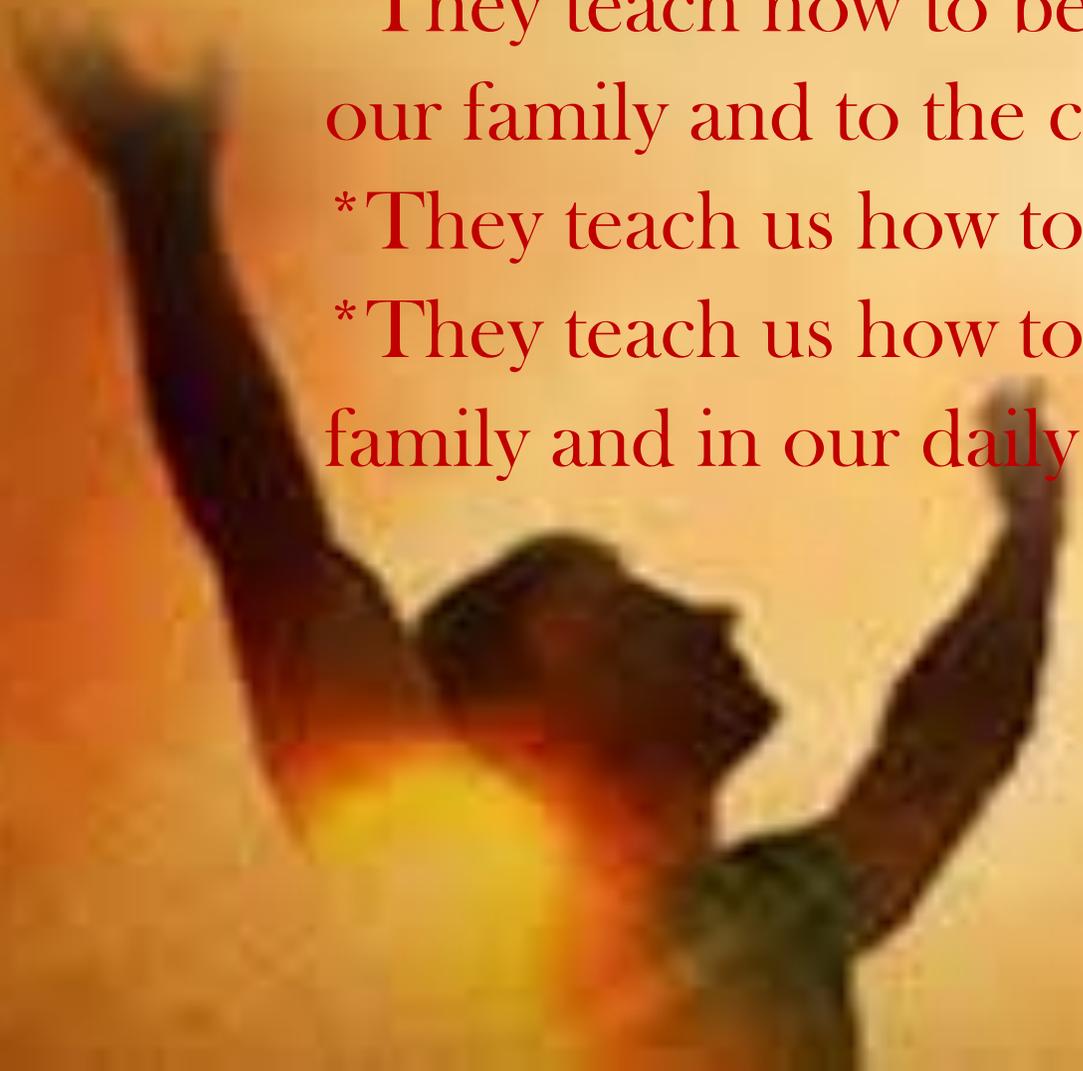
*We are taught to recognize the gifts the Spirit has given us and begin to operate in our gift serving others in love.

*They teach us to Worship in Spirit and in Truth.



What equipment is provided by these Ministers?

- *They teach how to be faithful with our life to the Lord, to our family and to the church.
- *They teach us how to have faith in every situation.
- *They teach us how to put God first in our finances, in our family and in our daily life.



What EQUIPMENT do they provide?

Jesus taught His Disciples to: Pray. Heal the sick, cast out demons,

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers can help us:

Learn to Pray, Heal the sick, Cast out demons,
Become loving to one another - even to the unlovable.

APOSTLE:

Greek - apostolos

New Testament Greek: One sent forth

A messenger with a commission



APOSTLE:

Classical Greek - An ambassador, an admiral who commands a fleet of ships and establishes a new colony on behalf of a monarch according to a prescribed plan.



APOSTLE:

Simple definition: A trans-local minister, called, gifted and sent out by Jesus Christ to faithfully represent Him, laying foundation in the church as a wise master builder.



Post ascension apostles:

Post-ascension apostles named in the New Testament.

Paul

Gal.1:1

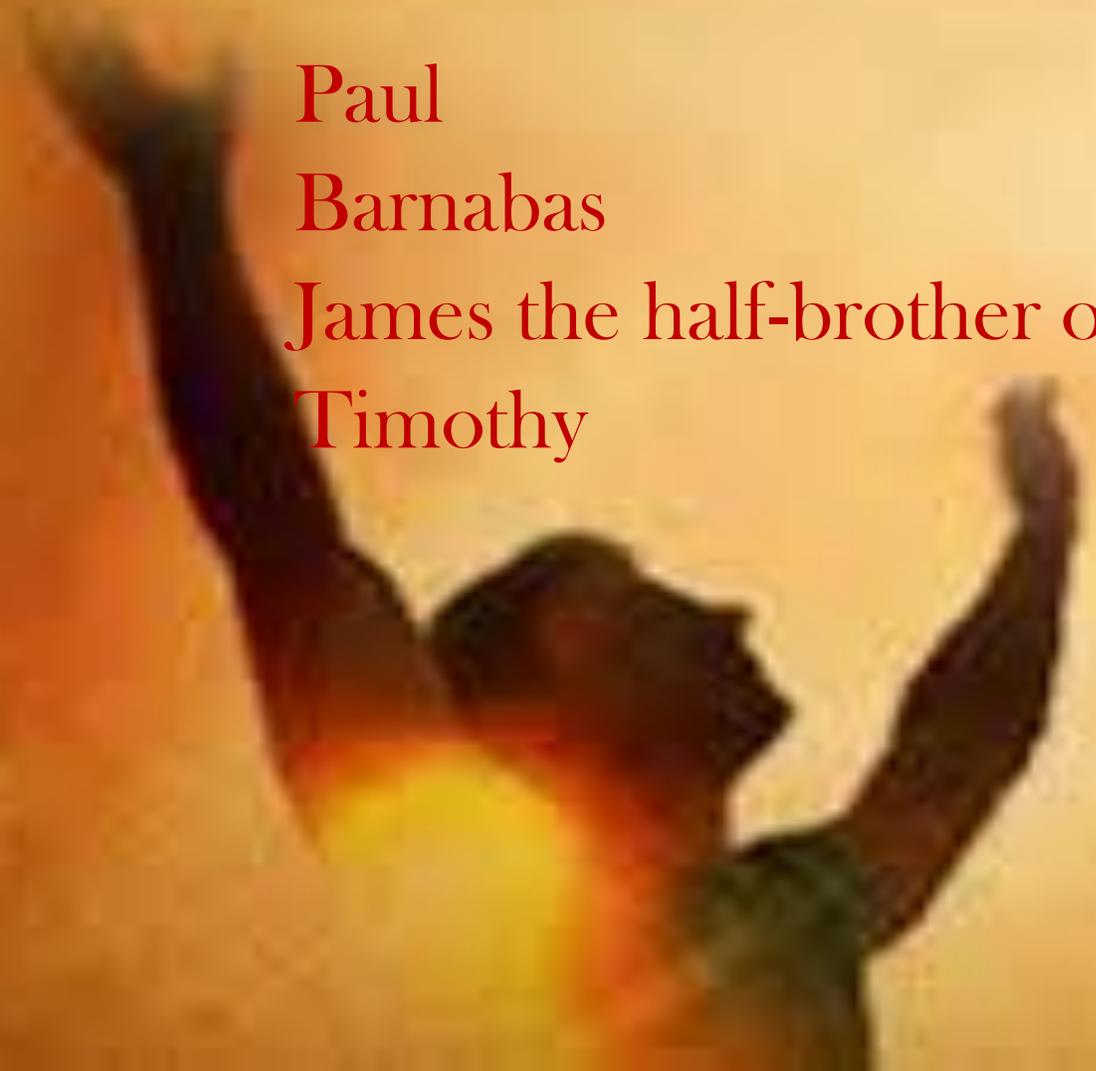
Barnabas

Acts 14:14

James the half-brother of Jesus Gal. 1:19

Timothy

I Thess. 1:1, 2:6



Post ascension apostles:

Post-ascension apostles named in the New Testament.

Silas I Thess. 1:1, 2:6

Titus II Cor. 8:23

Apollos I Cor. 4:6-9

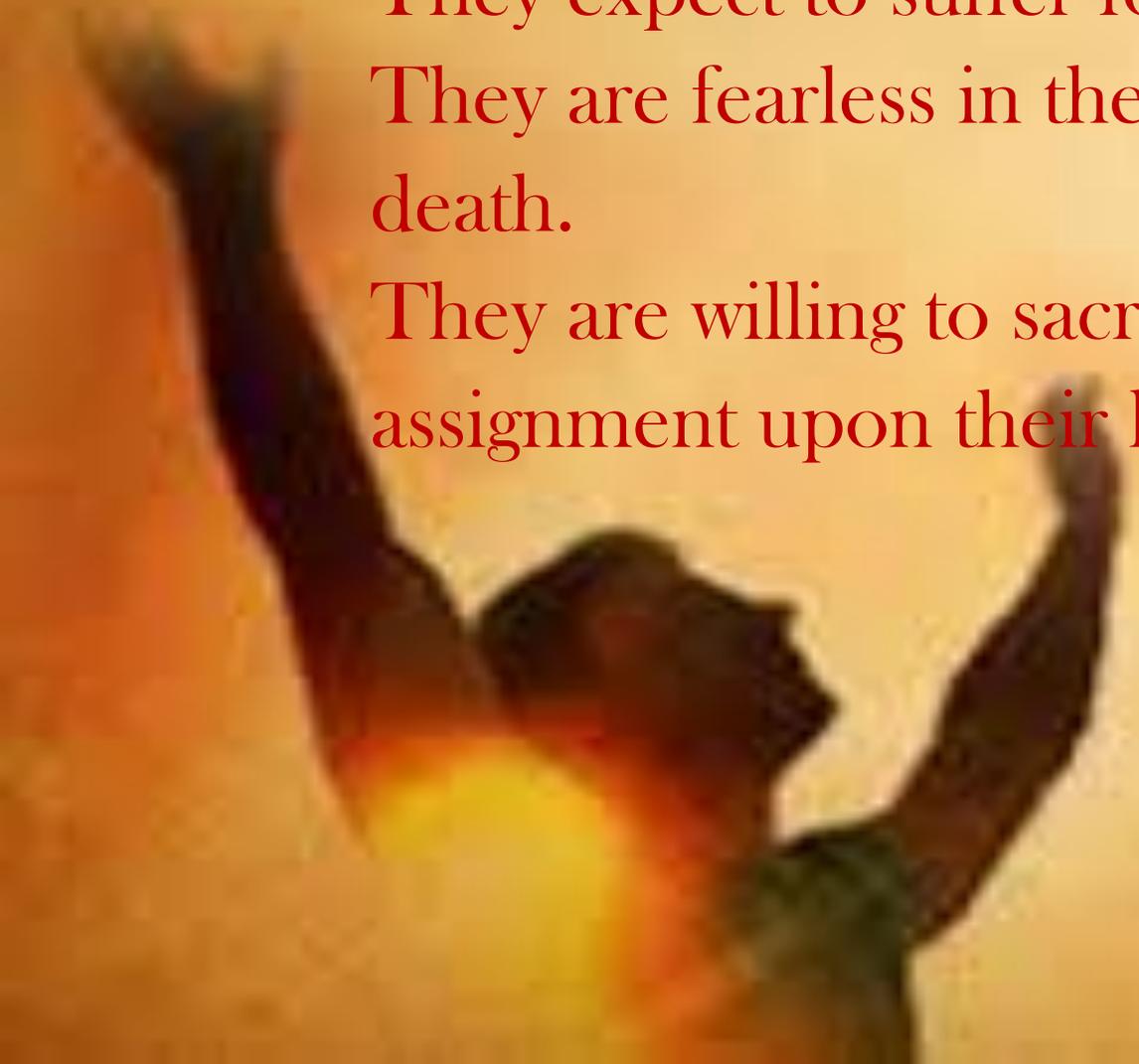


Characteristics of an Apostle.

They expect to suffer for the cause of Christ.

They are fearless in the face of possible threats, jail or even death.

They are willing to sacrifice life and limb to complete God's assignment upon their life.

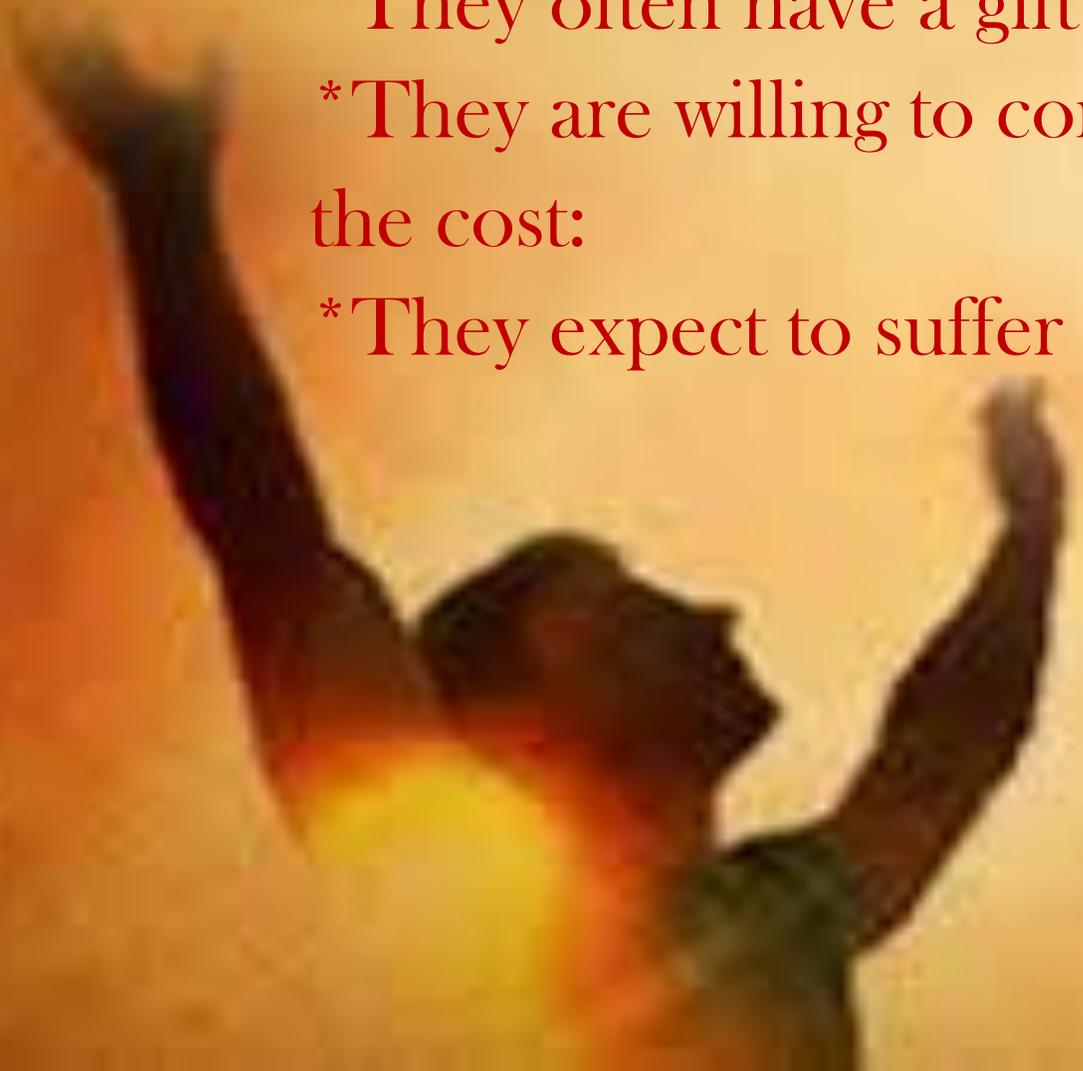


Characteristics of an Apostle.

*They often have a gift of languages.

*They are willing to complete the call of Christ no matter the cost:

*They expect to suffer for the cause of Christ.

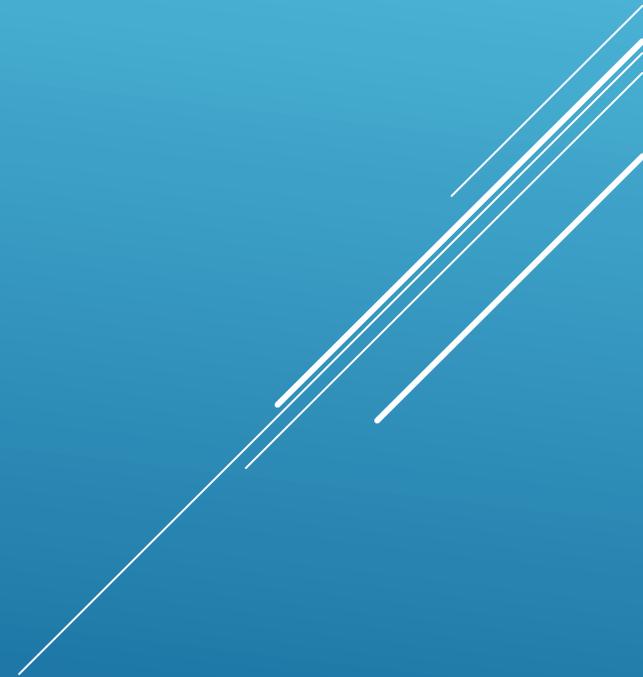


Characteristics of an Apostle.

- *They have multiple gift set such as evangelism, healing, and ability to cast out demons.
- *Sometimes signs and wonders accompany them.
- *They have the keen ability to see leadership qualities in converts and select pastors and leaders for new church starts.



Modern Day Apostles – Missionaries: Breaking New Ground





Walter Gowans

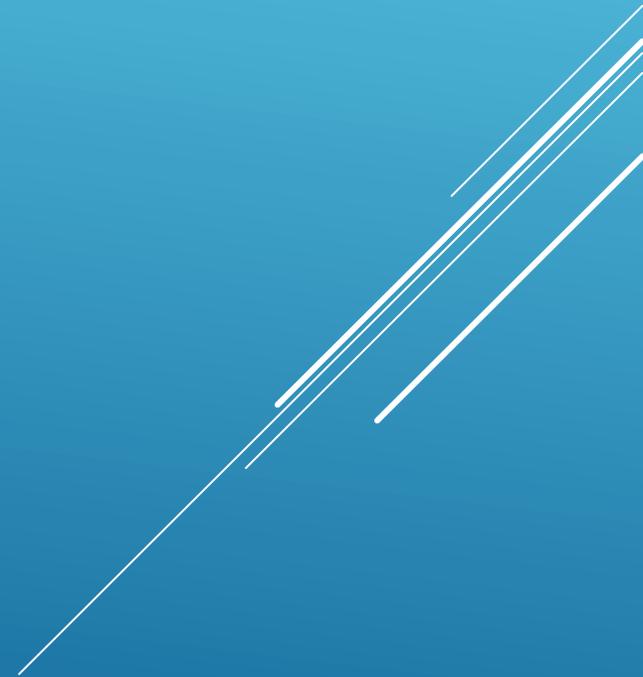
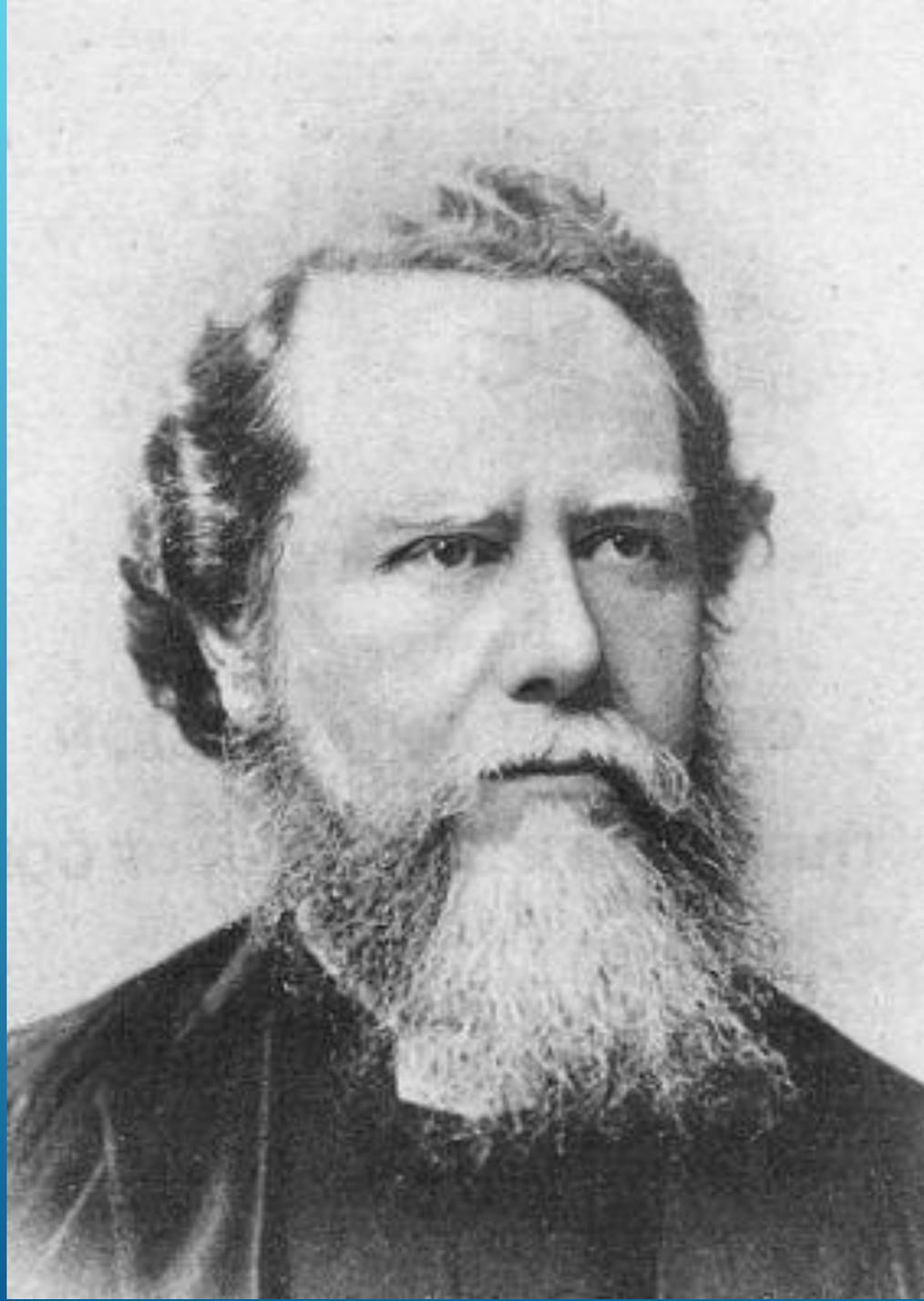
Tom Kent

Rowland Bingham

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Pat Stooky - Missionary



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"China is not to be won for Christ by quiet, ease-loving men and women ... The stamp of men and women we need is such as will put Jesus, China, [and] souls first and foremost in everything and at every time—even life itself must be secondary."

*1832-1905
Director for the
Mission*

*Hudson Taylor
Founder and
China Inland*



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“Missionary Service is a categorical imperative for my life. An unequivocal commitment to the will of God. Let it cost what it may.”

Jim Elliott 1927-1956

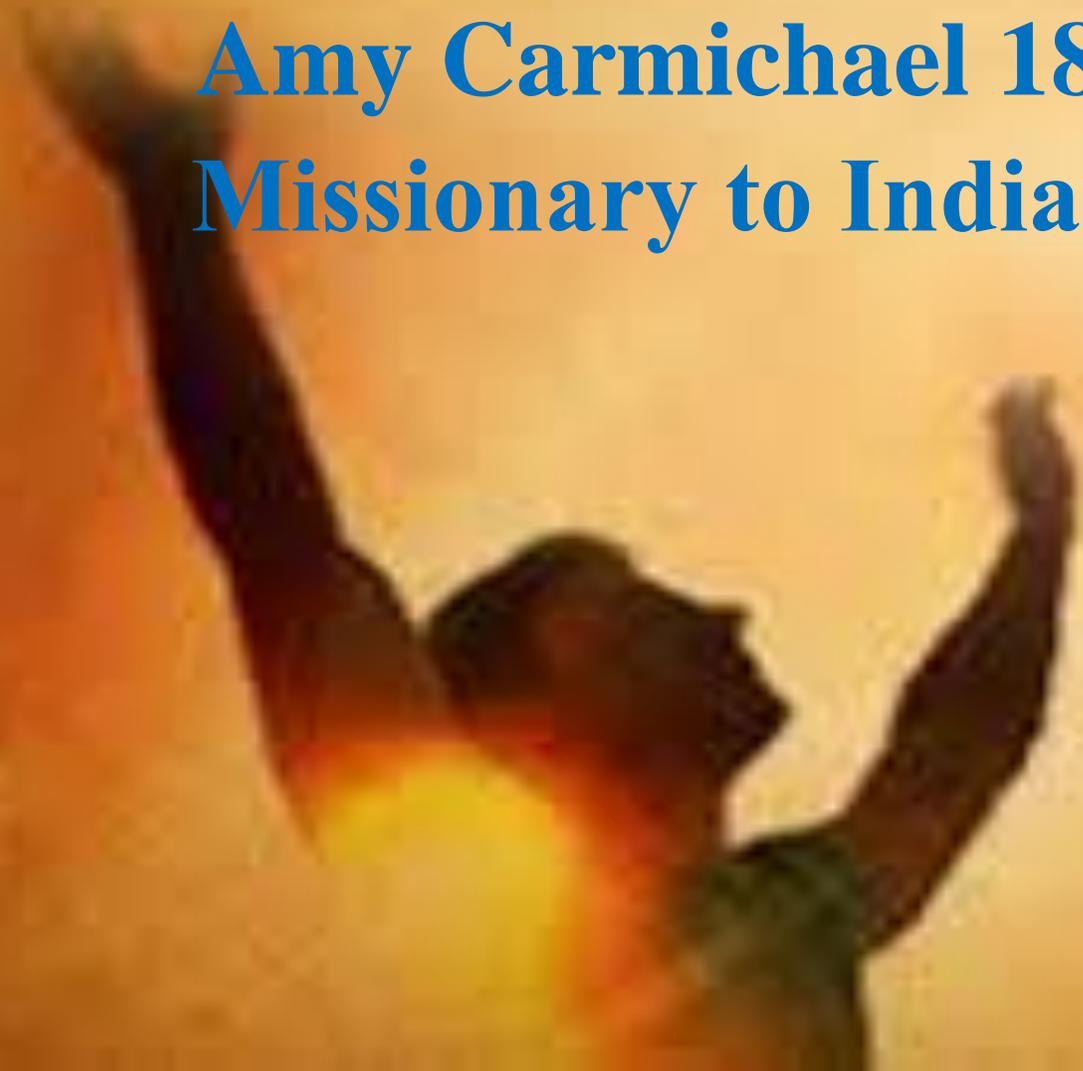




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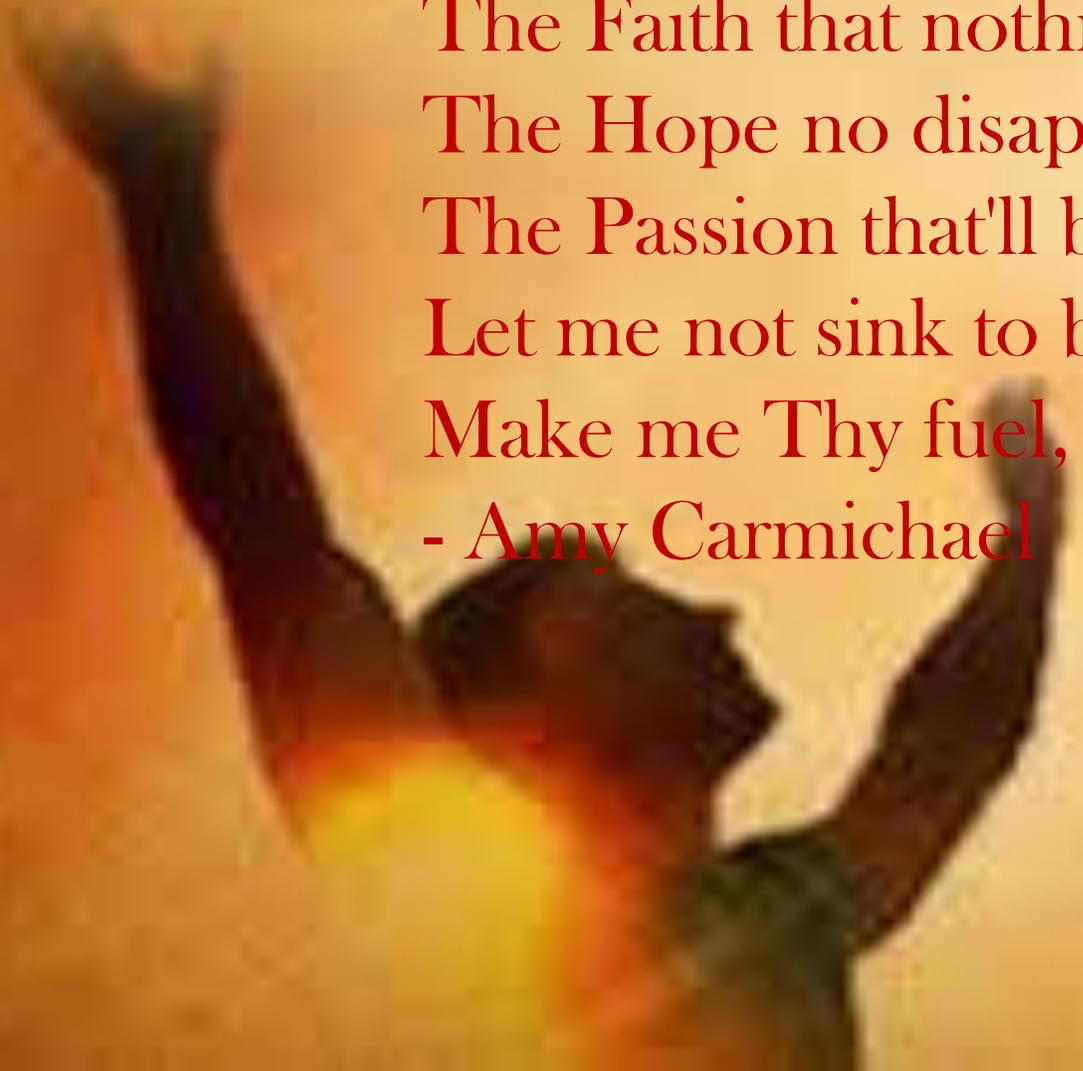
Amy Carmichael 1857 – 1951

Missionary to India: “The mother of India”



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Give me the Love that leads the way
The Faith that nothing can dismay
The Hope no disappointments tire
The Passion that'll burn like fire
Let me not sink to be a clod
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.
- Amy Carmichael



Post First Century Apostles - Breaking New Ground

I wish Thy way.

**And when in me myself should rise, and
long for something otherwise,**

Then Lord, take sword and spear

And slay.

- Amy Carmichael

