The Fivefold Ministry Characteristics

Apostles - Prophets - Evangelists - Pastors - Teachers

*** Please note that there may be a mix of characteristics within an individual. The test is not to diminish the call of God or the anointing of God on anyone's life, but to help individuals recognize such and be encouraged in them. The test is designed to help you determine the type of ministry the best fits you. We should also see that the characteristics may overlap into different offices of leadership.

Administrations / ministries: "And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord" (I Corinthians 12:5). "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" (Ephesians 4:11-16). NKJ *

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Check each statement: [S] for strong, [M] for moderate, or [W] for weak.

1. You often are a visionary and are able to see the big picture.
2. You are drawn to fellowship with those who pastor.
3. You are constantly looking at different ways to lead people to Christ.
4. You may state, "The reason it happened was ...."
5. You often see issues as being all white or all black (right or wrong).
6. You are concerned about the number of people who hear the preaching of the Gospel.
7. You like to accumulate and file knowledge that you have discovered.
8. You have the spirit of a missionary looking for a new fields to harvest souls.
9. You see yourself as a shepherd to a flock.
10. You find yourself to be quick to discern, direct in speech, and forceful in action.

Remember . . . it is only a test.

11. You have the ability to systematically present the truth to others.
12. People come to you for counseling and a sense of direction.
13. Other people recognize your gifting to lead people to the Lord.
14. You have the gifts of organization and administration.
15. You only rely upon established sources of authority.
16. You are especially protective of baby Christians.
17. You are a strong defender of truth and will even suffer for righteousness.
18. You have the capacity to see and delegate authority to those qualified for ministry.
19. You are hard on yourself when you discover that you have been wrong.
20. You are able and zealous to defend the truth of the Gospel.
You are making good progress.

21. You must see outward change before accepting sincere inward repentance.
22. You may ask, "What is the bottom line?"
23. You love caring for the needs of others.
24. You are mostly concerned with sharing the basic and simple truth of the Gospel.
25. You are a people-person and relationships are extremely important to you.
26. You are a self starter, self disciplined, and diligent in establishing a ministry.
27. You can easily dedicate yourself to deep research.
28. You may ask, "What is God trying to say to you?"
29. You weep and pray for the eternal salvation of others.
30. Others may say that you bore them with too many details.

You are passed the halfway mark.

31. Your life is marked with signs, wonders, and miracles.
32. You believe in an all or nothing commitment.
33. People sometimes seek you out to know more about becoming saved.
34. You love to share truth from the Word in a practical format.
35. You are persistent and uncompromising in the facing of hardships.
36. You have a strong interest in future events and can foresee them before they occur.
37. You are very particular about the accuracy of details.
38. You often raise the question, "Is Jesus your Lord and Savior?"
39. You are protective of others who gather themselves around you.
40. You may say, "I have done some research and I believe ...."

Only one more section to go.

41. You are particularly concerned about mentoring others.
42. You are keenly aware of principles of God's authority and speak with authority.
43. You feel compelled to talk about Jesus with friends and strangers.
44. Others may say that you are overly critical and even judgmental.
45. You are persistent to dig out little known facts.
46. You have an unusual boldness to speak openly to others about their eternal destiny.
47. You may say, "That's what happens when you ...."
48. You may state, "Lets go talk with that person about the problem"
49. You feel a need to validate and clarify truth.
50. Your life is marked by your unusual faith.

Congratulations you have finished.

1. After you have checked the appropriate boxes, then Print this page. 2. Next, transfer your answers to the Score Sheet. 3. In scoring, you will note that there will be two characteristics for each type of ministry within each set of ten statements to help make it easier to score.

Test Score Sheet