Solution to Study 0072

What spiritual and serving gifts would be mostly present in individuals who function in the ministry offices indicated below?

Apostle: Spiritual Gifts: Revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and,

discerning of spirits); and Power gifts (working of miracles, and, gifts of

healings).

Serving Gifts: teaching, leadership, administration, mercy, and

exhortation.

Prophet: Spiritual Gifts: Utterance gifts (prophecy, tongues, and interpretation of

tongues); and, Revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge,

discerning of spirits).

Serving Gifts: teaching and mercy.

Evangelist: Spiritual Gifts: Power gifts (working of miracles, and, gifts of healings);

and Revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and, discerning

of spirits).

Serving Gifts: teaching, administration, and, mercy.

Pastor: Spiritual Gifts: Revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and,

discerning of spirits).

Serving Gifts: ministry or service, teaching, exhortation, helps, giving,

leadership, administration, and mercy.

Teacher: Spiritual Gifts: Revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and,

discerning of spirits).

Serving Gifts: teaching, exhortation, and mercy.

• All the above gifts to the Church must, however, manifest the gift of faith!

Conclusion

As the divine gifts to individuals enable them to worship God through their acts of service unto God; so also, the gifts to the church enable the church to worship God in a corporate sense, through their acts of service unto God. Just as individuals may abuse, misuse, disuse/neglect, and be afraid to use divine gifts; the gifts to the church can also be subject to abuse (when the individuals in the church are not playing their roles in the Church; but allow the gifts to the Church alone to do the work of ministry and to build up the Church, and thereby get burnt out – Exodus 18:13-22; Acts 6:1-4), misuse (when we expect the gifts to the Church to do what they are not given for—for example, it is the members of the Church who should do the work of ministry and build up the church; not the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher – Ephesians 4:11-12), disuse/neglect (when we do not care for or show concern for the gifts to the Church – Galatians 6:6; by not praying for them – Colossians 4:3-4; by going to outside ministries to obtain counsel when the gift is in your local assembly – Hebrews 13:17), and fear of use (when we are timid to approach the gifts to the Church for counsel). Hence, gifts to the church, when purposefully and productively used, will bring the Body of Christ to worship God without fear, in holiness and righteousness forever (Luke 1:73-75).