

# Daily Journal

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## **Chapel Sermon** (#13, Jan. 10, 2022)

I have preached at Melvin Chapel in this Monday morning. My scripture was Ephesians 4:11-12: (11) And his gifts were that some should be the apostles, some the prophets, some the evangelists, some the pastors and teachers, (12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body.

As you see there were FIVE designations in the early church. (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers)

According to some theologians, first two designations are no exist any more: apostles and prophets. Not sure how African churches see that but western theologians are saying that. So now evangelists and pastors/teachers left for us today.

By the way, there ARE only FOUR definite articles...which means TWO Designations are one pair, one package. That's Pastors AND Teachers.

So it says The pastors and teachers directly,

That's One person has TWO functions.

(Pastor-Teacher).. Pastor HYPERNATED Teacher.

(Now in Verse 12).. if so, Why God puts those designations in the church, ESPECIALLY those pastors/teachers. it's definitely Senior Pastors today, Why they are there.? ...for Two Jobs: pastoring & teaching. Pastoring and Equipping.

If you look at verse 12: most of translations says TO EQUIP the saints...

Pastoring is even belong to equipping...because why they are there, prophets, evangelists, apostles,..eventually to EQUIP the SAINTS..Of course there are NO apostles today...

I'd like to put more on Equipping itself. There are three stages that I found from my previous experience: teaching, training, and Equipping.

And then,

What is Equipping and How to equip them..that will be long story, so we can't talk here today everythings,,,

And...for the Work of Ministry? More conceptualization..

I hope you learn through our professors while you are staying at Melvin.

Now I will conclude briefly..

You are here in Melvin, you have to prepare yourself to be a GOOD Equipper. Graduation paper, degree certificate, Diploma itself is not enough for your future.

Need to prepare yourself to be a good leader in the future. Equipping is double difficulties to master than simple leadership, but you have to prepare for yourself from now on.

Thank you ALL.

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