

Embrace the Five-Fold Expression of God's Personality



The anchor scripture for the description of God's personality is the entire chapter of Ephesians with a special emphasis on Ephesians 4:11-12. Most often the Body thinks of these verses as gifts, callings, or offices. Occasionally, you will hear voices out there refer to them as officers in God's army. However, rarely do we, collectively as a Body, think of these two verses as an expression of God's personality. The truth of this baffles me because Yeshua's main aim is, and was, to show us the Father (John 14:9). He came so we can be thoroughly acquainted with Father's personality. He came so we will know what He looks like, sounds like, and most importantly how He acts in various situations. From this day forward, it is His desire for you to see these as a calling to shed off your personality and to embrace His personality expressed in five different ways. Now this does not necessarily mean that you are an apostle, prophet, teacher, pastor, or an evangelist. However it does mean when you desire to embrace His personality, He will grace you with the ability to relate to others and represent Him with traits of these offices. For example, you will be able to communicate apostolically in terms of vision and strategy and convey His holiness, as well as employ His wisdom to win souls, instruct others, and care for others. That being said, I present to you the five-fold expression of the personality of Your Father. Please know this does not contain the entirety of God. As I often say and teach, "There is always more!"

Apostle

God's personality as an apostle is to lead the way into places we have never been before. As an apostolic personality, He will protect us from dangers and demonic minefields we are too weak to see or overcome. Truly, He is the Sent One; the Emissary, and the Ultimate Ambassador. Lastly, in the personality of an apostle, one can see Father as Judge. He is the epitome of spiritual perception that calls us into the deeper realms of our spiritual gifts and talents,

callings, and functions. Think revelation and supernatural access to mysteries, think Kingdom keys (e.g., powerful and glorious strategies), and think signs, wonders, and miracles when you think of Father as an apostle. Also, think of Him as a builder of others and as a Master Strategist. As an apostle, He will display Himself as unconventional, which means in direct opposition to the world's system. As an apostle, He imparts His ways and nature. For example, the Supreme graces of forgiveness and mercy. Here are some scriptural references to help you see His personality: Hebrews 3:1, Luke 6:13, Ephesians 2:20, 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 12:28.

Prophet

God's personality as a prophet is compelling, creative, possessing a vibrant passion for an intimate relationship, and extremely expressive. What He conveys is centered on His desire for His children to enter into His plan and purpose. He exemplifies great persistence in drawing out one's present and future potential. As prophet, God is patient, but unmovable, when it comes to inspiring His children to discern what's clean from what's unclean and what's holy from what's unholy (Ezekiel 22:26, James 1:21-23). As prophet, His timing is impeccable. He is never late. His movements are precise and appointed. The prophet aspect of God's personality loathes mediocrity. He asks penetrating questions to help one unearth sin, spiritual stagnancy, sloth, and laziness. Wisdom (e.g., the word of knowledge and word of wisdom) is a key attribute of His personality. Hence, this is the reason why He is the Supreme prophetic teacher. When one is not operating from the fullness of God's prophetic personality, he or she may exhibit frustration with incompetence, the inability to delegate, and intimidation.

Evangelist

God's personality as an evangelist is to harvest the souls. He is filled with faith and power so that anyone that needs a sign or wonder in order to come into the Kingdom will receive it from Him (John 4:48). You will see Him preach, preach, preach, the gospel in every instance and on every occasion so that no one will perish because this is His desire. Also, you will see Him demonstrate the gospel with signs, wonders, miracles, and healings in order to swing the doors of the Kingdom wide open (John 3:15-16, John 10:28, 2 Peter 3:9). Indeed, when He shows up in His fullness, His Kingdom is at hand. He brings His Kingdom to others as a way of extending an invitation to be translated. His sole aim as an evangelist is to translate men into the Kingdom so they can be equipped and disciplined by the other Body members (Matthew 28:20). We all need to do the work of an evangelist, which is why we need to embrace the fullness of His personality (2 Timothy 4:5). This is not just the work or responsibility of those called into the ascension office of the evangelist. It is the heart of Father for all His creation and we need to embrace this aspect of His personality, if we don't embrace any other dimension of who He is. As a matter of fact, you and I would not have been translated into the Kingdom if someone had not embrace it. As I reflect on how I came into the Kingdom, think back to your own conversion

experience. Who was it that embraced the full expression of His personality of evangelist in order for you to accept the invitation to be translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light?

Teacher

God's personality as a teacher is a Master instructor or scribe (Matthew 7:28-29, Matthew 13:52). He possesses all the teaching styles that exist on the planet. As a Master, He is able to teach the same lesson to a group of people and each one is able to take away a customized lesson directly from His heart. He uses object lessons. He uses nature. He uses movies. He uses people. He uses our family, especially our children, to teach us. He operates in numerous ways to lead His people into the Truth of His Word with simplicity, power, and authority (Ecclesiastes 12:9-11). As a Master, He is able to cast out unclean spirits simply by teaching. He did not lay hands on anyone. No one fell out, and a "deliverance session" was not conducted. The sheer weight of Truth dispensed by His teaching and His authority caused the unclean spirit to cry out and recognize that they were about to be driven out of the Pharisees and Sadducees, scribes, and the temples of the religious leaders' of his day. Now, this is an aspect of Yehovah God's personality every teacher in the body should aspire and hunger after (Luke 4:22-37, Mark 1:22, 24-28). In sum, the Master instructor desires for us to mature in understanding and wisdom of who He is, how He loves, and how He operates. The teacher aspect of God is all about renewing your mind in order to spur you on to obedience of Kingdom laws and commands.

Pastor

God's personality as a pastor is one of the Great Shepherd. All throughout the Old Covenant, He consistently sent the prophets to go to the kings (i.e., leaders) to expound on how miserably the pastor was failing in shepherding his or her flock. A pastor's role is to feed, guide, lead, encourage, and nurture the sheep. In short, there is a modeling of the Great Shepherd in word and deed (Psalm 23, John 10, Hebrews 13:20).

An Accurate Reflection of Christ

Regardless of the grace or your office, when you are accurately reflecting Christ, you will never be in a rush or a hurry. Your life will consist of a smooth, flow that can be likened to a river versus a herky, jerky rushed and fast paced life. You live by the Master's Calendar versus a ministry or business engagement calendar. You will know who Father wants you reach and touch on a daily basis for His glory. You will consistently intercede for others, sacrificially serve others, love others, and desire for others to know Father more intimately by teaching and discipling. Your life will exemplify the ability to do the work Yeshua did when He walked the earth, (i.e., healing, deliverance, signs, and wonders), and even the greater works. You are able to still away from the masses on a regular basis and spend ample time with the Father. Also,

you will fast regularly without God having to coerce you (Isaiah 58:5-7). In other words, you live a fasted lifestyle. You know how you uniquely and specifically reflect God's glory. People will frequently confirm this by describing you with key adjectives that mirror what Father says about you in your one-on-one time with Him. You manifest who Christ is by living in His character, power, authority, and nature. You are willing to humble yourself and surrender anything God requires of you in order to be glorified and honored by Heaven. Beloved, this is a portrait of an accurate reflection of Christ who reveals Yehovah God's personality to us.