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Unity...

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the KNOWLEDGE of The Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up in Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Ephesians 4:11-16

I see these scriptures to be proof text that the Body of Christ still needs apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers; that these callings didn't end in the early church(as many groups/denominations believe today). Because if the Lord placed them in the Body for the perfecting of the saints...(look around, see many perfected saints?)and until; "...WE ALL come in the UNITY of THE faith, and the KNOWLEDGE of The Son of God, unto a PERFECT man..."

How much of christianity is being tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine? Running here and there seeking mans' wisdom and signs and wonders? Putting themselves 'under' the covering of false teachers and self-proclaimed apostles and prophets. The deceptions are popping up at an exponential rate today, almost weekly I hear or read about another group off in the flesh seeking to find/please/obey/experience God through some kooky, new age, Satan inspired 'movement'.(and it seems to be more prevelant in charismatics)

So at a time in history when we, The Body of Christ, need 5-Fold ministers like never before;

Satan is sending to the undiscerning Christian, a facsimile/counterfeit to lead them astray into bondage.

I want to encourage those reading this, to make praying for true 5-Fold ministers for The Body of Christ a priority. Prayer is effectual if it is fervent and from a humble righteous believer.

It's not something that can be found by placing adds in the newspaper e.g. WANTED: Christian apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers...Watchmen, Exhortors, Intercessors...No, we need Holy Spirit anointed men, TRUE men of God, to bring The Body of Christ into UNITY.

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