

Christ Gives Five Kinds of Workers to His People

About 5 minutes, applies Eph. 4: 11-16

Participants (No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform)

- Discipler Where it says Mr. Discipler, change to Mrs. if a woman does the part.
- Learner Where it says Mr. Learner, change to Mrs. if a woman does the part.
- Lucifer When you talk, approach Learner from behind on tiptoe; stay behind him, pointing index fingers up like horns above your forehead. Then back away.
- Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.
- Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Discipler Mr. Learner, God gives five kinds of gifted people to His churches to equip believers to work together as a loving body. Ephesians 4 lists all five. First are *apostles*. The word apostle means "sent one."

Prompter & Echoes They have itchy feet!

Learner What do apostles do?

Lucifer (*Hiss*) Apostles travel afar, have lots of money, and hire locals to do all the work. Be an apostle and get rich, Mr. Learner!

Prompter & Echoes Wealth!

Learner Aha! I'll be an apostle, Mr. Discipler. They fly first class to tourist spots.

Discipler Where did you get that egoistic idea? God gives many ordinary believers to be apostles, who go and start congregations nearby and afar. Often no one recognizes them to be apostles.

Learner Oh! I see! Help me do true apostolic work, Mr. Discipler.

Discipler Next are *prophets*. Do you recall what they do?

Lucifer Prophets go into trances, get visions, scold in a shaky voice, and predict doom. Everyone will fear your great power, Mr. Learner!

Prompter & Echoes Power!

Learner I will love being a prophet! Everyone will jump when I say to!

Discipler Wait! 1 Corinthians 14 tells all believers to prophesy, but in the New Testament way: edify, strengthen, and encourage each other.

Learner All are to prophesy? Oh! I have much to learn.

Discipler Next are evangelists.

Lucifer Evangelists expound eloquently before huge, admiring crowds, you will love being a popular evangelist. You will be famous!

Prompter & Echoes Fame!

Learner I will be a world-renowned evangelist
and hold massive crowds spellbound!

Discipler Listen, Mr. Learner. For every professional evangelist,
God gives hundreds of ordinary evangelists, people like you and me,
who simply tell others the Good News about Jesus.

Learner Oh! Help me do that.

Discipler You need my help, and I need yours.
Next are pastors; they shepherd others.

Lucifer Pastors are clergy elite; they do the important work
and get great salaries. People will leave their churches
and flock to hear your superb sermons!

Prompter & Echoes Prestige!

Learner Thousands will come to hear me preach!
I will be rich and famous!

Discipler Stop dreaming, Mr. Learner. For every professional pastor,
God gives hundreds of volunteer shepherds;
they lovingly care for the newborn lambs,
starting with their own families.

Learner Oh! I will do that if you help me.

Wise Next are teachers.

Lucifer Teachers tell students what they might need to know years later.
They display their compelling sagacity in huge classrooms.
Scholars will come from all over the world to hear your grand wisdom.

Prompter & Echoes Wisdom!

Learner Aha! I will be incredibly wise and wealthy!

Discipler Where do you get all these ideas?
For every professional teacher,
God gives hundreds of normal teachers
that equip friends to obey Jesus,
especially while they're out working
with people, and not just voicing abstract truths.

Learner Oh! Please help me teach that way!
I will not listen to that voice again.
Now I know where it's coming from.
I simply want to serve others.

Prompter & Echoes Let us love and serve others!