

- A helpful metaphor that allows people to identify which is their base ministry:

- When building a house, the Apostle will have vision for where to build and what kind of house to build. Apostles build where others haven't.

Prophets will have a sense from the Lord about the significance of what the house is for and what God may be doing through the process of creating a new house. Prophets will also be sensitive to any emerging threats to the project.

Evangelists fall in love with the vision of the house and desire to connect (sell) others to the vision. They just can't imagine that others wouldn't love the opportunity to buy this new house!

Pastors are most interested in making sure those who will live in the house are cared for well. After all, the house is only as valuable as the people living inside it.

Teachers will have the blueprints out on the tables ensuring the house is made to specifications and that every last detail is accounted for. After all, caring for the new residents means caring for the their new residence.