

The Pastor		The Teacher
<p><b>Generally... the pastor</b></p> <p><b>Is</b></p> <p>Shepherd The 'head' of the local church Focuses on caring for sheep Focuses on Great Commandments Internally Focused Values Harmony Relationship focused Leads by Consensus Appreciates stability</p> <p><b>Is Not</b></p> <p>Evangelist/Apostle/Prophet Able to do all key functions A Transformational Leader Focuses on Great Commission Externally Focused Change Agent Task/Goal Focused Administrative and Directive Embracer of Creative Conflict</p>		<p><b>Often the teacher...</b></p> <p>Does Teach Doctrine Truth Principles and how they apply</p> <p>Does Not Provide on the job training. Give input 'just in time' as it is needed</p>
		The Evangelist
		Is often not needed or used in the local church or by the local church.

**The Solution**

**Goal:** We serve God and see...

**In the church...**

**In the world...**

**Actual:** We see imbalance in every area.

Where Holiness should be, there is sin.  
Where Consecration should be is lack of lordship, true worship and the fruit of good works.

Where The Great Commission and the Great Commandments should be balanced, there is imbalance. When the Great Commission overshadows the Great Commandments, this can produce manipulative evangelism: loving and serving so that people will come to Christ vs. loving and serving because we have come to Christ. When the Great Commandments overshadows the Great Commission it can produce a social gospel, devoid of the cross and salvation.

Society crumbles at every level

- Individuals, families and personal relationships
- Business and Health
- Media and Entertainment
- Government and Politics

**Outcome:** The body grows into the Church of {your community}. These City Churches grow into a holy Nation. His Kingdom permeates society and the world.

*Jesus will return for a united, healthy, fruitful and holy bride.*

**Outcome:** A weak, ineffective and self-absorbed church. Little planting, less harvest. Decay of everything honorable and good. In the U.S., if we do not unite, will we survive?

**Summary:**

As a point of honesty, if the church doesn't work, whose fault is it? God has given us everything for life and godliness, through Christ, His word and the Holy Spirit. He provides equippers to bring his body to maturity and fruitfulness. We need to get with His plan and think clearly about our current state and what it means. Our current state is a divided body that declares individual congregations as the 'core unit' of the body of Christ. A core unit has everything it needs to function. Clearly most congregations do not. But, at the community level, these equippers are commonly found. The core unit is the church of the community: The Church of Ephesus, The Church of Corinth, The Church of Philadelphia. We need to repent of our divisions and unite.

5 Key Equipping Functions	Apostle	Prophet	Evangelist	Pastor	Teacher
Globe					
Nation					
State					
City/Region	At the City/Region Level, we can find Equippers in the 5 key functions.				
Local Church				X	
Small Group					
Individual					

- Key Actions**
- Establish the City Church in the context of committed loving relationships
  - We need to recognize the body. We would never re-attach a dead or diseased limb!
  - Skilled leaders need to be sent out from congregations to regional leadership. Leaving them in place creates a conflict of interest.
  - National ministries need to equip these regional leaders who in turn equip those in the community
  - Prayer. Needs to be tactical and strategic