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Understanding the Five-Fold Ministry: God's System for the Equipping, Edification, Empowerment, and Expansion of The Body of Christ.

3. Introduction: The Five-Fold Ministry

This opening frames the book's purpose: to teach the Five-Fold Ministry as God's leadership structure for the Church. The author argues that in a chaotic, biblically ignorant age, believers need both power and principle. He introduces the five offices and invites the reader to study along with Bible and notebook.

Key takeaways

- The Five-Fold Ministry is God's leadership order for His Church, made of five called offices: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher.
- These are appointed offices, not volunteer roles — you must be called to them, unlike ushering or choir.
- Power without principle is dangerous; the Church must be principled, not just powerful.
- The teaching affects the whole body of Christ, not only those in ministry offices.
- Distinguish office, operation, and qualification: being gifted does not automatically qualify you to serve in an office.

- By the end, the reader should be able to discern their own anointing, calling, and willingness to submit to a development process.

Passages worth keeping

"If you have power without principle, you have an accident waiting to happen."

States the book's core concern — competence must be matched by godly order.

How it connects

The chapter leans on Paul's body metaphor: no office outranks another, yet order matters. Disorder after God brings order becomes rebellion, not mere dysfunction.

Scripture referenced

- **Ephesians 4:1-12** -- Paul's basis for the five offices, given to perfect the saints and edify the body.
- **2 Corinthians 12:20-22** -- Many members, one body — every part is necessary.