



	Prophet	Priest	King
Definition	An emphasis on the unchanging truths of God's character as revealed in his Word.	An emphasis on caring for people, their souls, and caring for one another.	An emphasis on the tangible working out of the mission through structures, strategic thinking and hands on activity
A.K.A.	Bible Guy	People Guy	Mission Guy
Primary Question	Is it true?	How does it affect people?	Does it work?
Besetting Sins	Arrogance, Intellectualism, Poor Listening skills, overbearing demeanor	Cowardice, Emotionalism, Unhealthy concern with how others feel about them.	Pragmatism, Manipulation, Control

What is Triperspectival Leadership?

Triperspectivalism is a way to look at the world from multiple perspectives. Triperspectival Leadership is rooted in the fact that throughout history, God has always utilized three offices from which to lead His people: Prophet, Priest and King. The Prophet proclaimed the truth of God to the people. The Priest cared for the people by mediating reconciliation between God and people. The King was to order and advance God's rule among his people so that they would be a signpost of God's reign to the World.

Looking to the NT, we see that Jesus perfectly fulfilled each of these three roles.

- He was the true and ultimate prophet who has perfectly revealed God, Himself (Hebrews 1:1-3).
- He was the true and ultimate priest who was offered Himself as the final mediating sacrifice. (Hebrews 9:11-14)
- He was the true and ultimate king who solidified His sovereign rule by securing the coming Kingdom with his sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. (Hebrews 1:5-13; 12:26-29)

God continues to work His mission out through the church. It seems that this leadership paradigm still holds true and is a huge value as we seek to lead communities that truly live on mission with gospel impact.

Why is it important?

We believe that understanding and operating within this paradigm will be helpful for at least three reasons:

1. It will alleviate some of the inherent frustration in leadership.
2. It can shed light on the areas where we need to grow into the fullness of Christ.
3. It creates a communal context for leadership where we really are aware of our need for others.

What am I?

1. Read Acts 6:1-7. Which of the following resolutions seems most important to you?
 - "The hungry widows are now being cared for by the church." (Priest)
 - "The Apostles are now freed up to study and preach the Word." (Prophet)
 - "Oh look how wonderful! Now we have a structure, everyone knows their roles, and the mission of the church can move forward!" (King)
2. What are you doing right now?
 - Prophet is running bible verses through his head to see if this is legit.
 - Priest is thinking about how this information is being received by others right now.
 - King is figuring out how all this works together in your MC to move the group forward.

Intro to Perspectivalism

"The general concept is simply that because we are not God, because we are finite, not infinite, we cannot know everything at a glance, and therefore our knowledge is limited to one perspective or another. God knows absolutely everything, because he planned everything, made everything, and determines what happens in the world he made. So we describe him as omniscient. One interesting implication of God's omniscience is that he not only knows all the facts about himself and the world; he also knows how everything appears from every possible perspective.

...But we are different. We are finite, and our knowledge is finite. I can only know the world from the limited perspective of my own body and mind. The effects of this finitude, and even more of sin, should caution us against cocksureness in our claims to knowledge."

- John Frame, "Primer on Perspectivalism"