

THE PROPHET'S DICTIONARY

7-Day Church Devotional

WEEK 6

Apostolic Foundations

Based on The Prophet's Dictionary by Paula A. Price, PhD

Daily Devotionals — Week 6

Day 1 | What Is the Apostolic?

WORD OF THE DAY

Apostle

One who is sent with divine authority to establish the Kingdom of God in new or resistant territory. The word comes from the Greek apostolos — 'sent one.' The apostolic function is not merely a title or office but a pioneering, foundation-laying grace that carries the full weight of Christ's commission.

Scripture Anchor — Ephesians 4:11-12

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Reflection

Have you ever thought of yourself as one who is sent? Not necessarily in the title of apostle — but in the sense that your presence in your home, workplace, neighborhood, or church carries a divine mandate to establish something? What has God sent you to build or establish where you are?

My Response:

Prayer

Lord, awaken in me the consciousness of being sent. Let me not drift through my days as a spectator but move with the intentionality of one who carries a Kingdom commission. Show me what You have sent me to establish. Amen.

DECLARATION

I am sent by God with purpose and authority. My presence establishes the Kingdom wherever I am placed.

Day 2 | Laying the Right Foundation

WORD OF THE DAY

Apostolic Foundation

The doctrinal, spiritual, and structural groundwork laid by apostolic ministry upon which healthy churches and Kingdom enterprises are built. According to 1 Corinthians 3:11, the only true foundation is Jesus Christ Himself — apostolic ministry aligns every structure to that foundation.

Scripture Anchor — 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Reflection

What is the foundation upon which your life, ministry, and relationships are actually built — not in theory but in practice? Where have you been building on personality, tradition, or preference rather than on the apostolic foundation of Christ Himself? What needs to be examined or rebuilt?

My Response:

Prayer

Father, expose every area of my life and ministry where the foundation is not Christ. Give me the courage of a wise master builder — to tear down what will not stand and rebuild on the only foundation that lasts. Amen.

DECLARATION

My life and ministry are built on Christ alone — the only foundation that cannot be shaken.

Day 3 | The Five-Fold Ministry

WORD OF THE DAY

Five-Fold Ministry

The five ministry gifts listed in Ephesians 4:11 — apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher — given by Christ to equip the saints for the work of ministry and bring the Church to maturity. These are not competing offices but complementary functions, each revealing a different facet of Christ's character and ministry.

Scripture Anchor — Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Reflection

Which of the five-fold gifts do you most naturally embody or resonate with — the pioneering drive of the apostle, the revelatory burden of the prophet, the soul-winning passion of the evangelist, the shepherding care of the pastor, or the illuminating depth of the teacher? How is that grace currently being expressed in your life and community?

My Response:

Prayer

Lord, thank You for the gifts You have placed in Your body. Help me to recognize and honor every grace that operates around me — and to walk fully in the gift You have deposited in me. Let Your whole body function as You designed it. Amen.

DECLARATION

I honor and operate in my God-given ministry grace. Christ's body is complete and every gift has its place.

Day 4 | Apostolic Culture

WORD OF THE DAY

Apostolic Culture

The ethos, values, and spiritual atmosphere cultivated by genuine apostolic ministry — characterized by kingdom-first thinking, sacrificial commitment, spiritual discipline, generational investment, and a refusal to build monuments to men. Apostolic culture produces mature believers, not dependent followers.

Scripture Anchor — Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Reflection

What would you describe as the culture of the spiritual community you are part of — what values actually govern behavior, decision-making, and relationships, beneath the stated mission? Where is the culture aligned with apostolic foundations, and where has it drifted toward comfort, celebrity, or tradition?

My Response:

Prayer

Father, let the culture of my home, my ministry, and my relationships be shaped by apostolic values — steadfastness, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. Strip away what is merely cultural and restore what is Kingdom. Amen.

DECLARATION

I carry and cultivate apostolic culture. I build people, not platforms, and Kingdom, not monuments.

Day 5 | Sent to the Nations

WORD OF THE DAY

Apostolic Commission

The mandate given by Christ to the Church to go into all the world — making disciples, establishing His Kingdom, and advancing the gospel to every tribe, tongue, and nation. The apostolic commission is not the exclusive calling of missionaries — it is the shared mandate of every believer who carries the sent nature of Christ.

Scripture Anchor — Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Reflection

How do you currently participate in the apostolic commission — locally, regionally, or globally? Is your faith primarily inward-focused (personal growth, personal blessing) or is it outward-facing (making disciples, advancing the Kingdom)? What shift would the Great Commission require of your daily priorities?

My Response:

Prayer

Lord, I receive the apostolic commission as my own — not as a task for professional ministers but as the mandate of every disciple. Show me where You are sending me and who You are sending me to. I will go. Amen.

DECLARATION

I am commissioned and sent. The Great Commission is not someone else's assignment — it is mine.

Day 6 | Building for the Next Generation

WORD OF THE DAY

Generational Anointing

The intentional transfer of spiritual authority, wisdom, values, and Kingdom mandate from one generation to the next — ensuring that what God builds is not lost when a leader transitions. Apostolic ministry always thinks generationally, raising sons and daughters in the faith rather than producing crowds of admirers.

Scripture Anchor — 2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Reflection

Who are you intentionally pouring into — spiritually, relationally, and in terms of Kingdom purpose? Who are the faithful men and women in your sphere who could carry what God has given you further than you can go yourself? And who poured into you — and have you honored that investment?

My Response:

Prayer

Father, give me a generational vision. Let me not build for this moment only — let me build for those who will come after me. Show me who I am called to raise up, and give me the patience and love to do it faithfully. Amen.

DECLARATION

I build generationally. What God has given me, I commit to faithful people who will carry it further than I can go.

Day 7 | The Apostolic Lifestyle

WORD OF THE DAY

Apostolic Grace

The supernatural enabling given to an individual to fulfill their apostolic calling — marked by extraordinary endurance, pioneering faith, sacrificial love, and the ability to establish order and structure where there was chaos. Apostolic grace is not reserved for apostles — every believer carries a measure of sent-ness that requires this same grace to fulfill.

Scripture Anchor — 2 Corinthians 12:12

Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Reflection

As you come to the end of this six-week cycle, what has God established in you — in your understanding, your prayer life, your prophetic awareness, and your Kingdom assignment? What foundation has been laid or reinforced? And what are you being sent to build next?

My Response:

Prayer

Lord, I receive the apostolic grace to fulfill the calling You have placed on my life. Where I have lacked endurance, restore it. Where I have lacked courage, supply it. I will not stop building until You say it is finished. Amen.

DECLARATION

I carry apostolic grace. I am built to endure, sent to establish, and called to finish what God has begun in me.

CYCLE COMPLETE

Six Weeks. Six Foundations. One Kingdom.

The Six-Week Rotating Cycle

- Week 1 — Hearing God's Voice
- Week 2 — Dream Interpretation
- Week 3 — Symbolic & Supernatural Language
- Week 4 — Prophetic Intercession
- Week 5 — Spiritual Warfare
- Week 6 — Apostolic Foundations

The cycle repeats — going deeper each time.

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