

Modern Day Apostles



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Course Objectives

- **Learn:** Value of Modern Day Apostles and their role in Ministry.
- **Discover:** The importance of Modern Day Apostles.
- **Explore:** The impact of Apostolic Spheres in the Millennium Ministry Concept.
- **Plan:** To engage Apostolic Leadership/ Oversight in Millennium Ministry.
- **Execute:** The vision of the Apostle in all aspects of ministry.

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Millennium Ministry Overview

Vision

Building people and Transforming lives!
(LifeShape Skills)

Mission

*Deliverance by Evangelism, Discipleship by Education,
Development by Empowerment and Deployment by Enterprising.*
(Agile Ministry)

Ethos

Whole life = Whole person
(Mind-Body-Soul)

Assignment

Worshipping God and Serving people!
(CPR) Consistent-Practical-Realistic

Five Fold Ministry Gifts (Ephesians Chapter 4)

Saints-Work-Edification
Unity-Knowledge-Fullness

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Most Apostles in the Bible have SEEN THE LORD, at least in the form of a vision. (1 Corinthians 15)

- An Apostle is a minister to ministers and a leader to leaders.
- An Apostle's mantle is "governmental" by nature.
- An Apostle is a visionary.
- An Apostle writes out a plan and makes it clear.

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

Apostolic ministry, as the fivefold ministry, is given to the Body of Christ for:

1. The perfecting and maturing of the saints,
2. The work of the ministry, to bring saints into the work of their ministry,
3. The edifying, or building up of the Body of Christ,
4. The bringing of saints into the unity of the faith,
5. The bringing them to the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man,
6. To bring them to the measure of the stature of Christ's fulness.
7. To bring them out of childhood unto adulthood.
8. Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:25-29; Hebrews 6:1-2.

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- Apostolic ministry involves establishing new local churches on the sure foundation, Christ Jesus. I Corinthians 3:9-16; Romans 16:20; I Corinthians 9:1; Ephesians 2:20-22.
- The Church is built on the foundation laid by Apostles and Prophets. Other builders are to take heed how they build.
- Apostles & Prophets are foundational pillars of new ministries.

NOTE: *A study of the list of Apostles show that not all pioneered or established Churches, but all were involved in growing them in the faith once delivered to the saints; foundational truths.*

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- Apostolic ministry involves preaching and teaching the Word of God. I Timothy 2:7; II Timothy 1:11.
- Each of the fivefold ministries are "WORD Ministries" but there is a distinctiveness about the ministry of the Word in Apostolic preaching and teaching. There is insight and illumination relative to the Scriptures.
- Apostolic ministry involves, as the Spirit wills, signs and wonders. Certain gifts of the Spirit belong to this ministry gift of Christ. Healing, exorcism, raising the dead, miracles, etc., as the Lord willed (Acts 4:23; 5:12; II Corinthians 10:18; 12:12; I Corinthians 4:19-20; Romans 11:13; 15:18, 19; Acts 3:1-8; 9:36-43; 16:18).
- Apostolic ministry involves ordination and appointment of ministers. Deacons are chosen by the congregation & were approved and appointed by the Apostles to that service (Acts 6:1-6).

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- Paul and Barnabas ordained elders by the laying of hands with prayer and fasting in the Churches they established (Acts 14:23).
- Paul was involved in the presbytery and impartation of spiritual gifts in the ordination of Timothy to ministry (I Timothy 1:18; 4:14; 5:22; II Timothy 1:6; 4:6; and Romans 1:11).
- Apostolic ministry involves the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:14-18; 10:1-16; 19:1-6.
- Peter and Paul both saw people coming into the baptism of the Holy Spirit evidenced with speaking in tongues. However, this is not limited to Apostolic ministry.

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- Apostolic ministry involves preparation and placing of other potential ministers.
- II Timothy 2:2. Paul taught faithful men who would also teach others.
- Paul trained Timothy (Acts 16:1-4).
- Barnabas chose Mark and in time developed him (Acts 13:5, 13).
- Paul sent Timothy and Epaphroditus and others as messengers to the Churches for report and instruction (Philippians 2:19-25; Titus 3:12; I Thessalonians 3:1-2; II Timothy 4:10-13, 21; Romans 16:1-2; Colossians 4:7-12; Acts 15:36).
- The Spirit led and confirmed in all these things.

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- Apostolic ministry involves Church judgments and disciplines. This involves "binding and loosing" ministry given to Apostles (Matthew 16:16-19; 18:15-20; Isaiah 26:9; 4:4; I Peter 4:7).
- It is judgment at the house of God.1) Sapphira and Ananias were judged by the Lord through the word of the Apostle Peter for lying to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-11).2)
- Elymas, the Jewish sorcerer and false prophet was blinded by the Lord through the Apostle Paul for resisting the Gospel (Acts 13:11).

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- The Corinthian fornicator was disciplined under apostolic instruction (I Corinthians 4:21; 5:1-13; II Corinthians 2:6-11; 13:2, 10).
- The Apostle John said he would deal with Diotrephes when he came for his arrogance (II John 9, 10).
- Paul dealt with others for their false doctrine (I Timothy 1:20).
- Church discipline was placed on divisionary (Romans 16:17).
- The keys of the kingdom and the binding and loosing ministry promised by Christ to the Apostle Peter and the Church is involved in these Apostolic judgments and disciplines (Matthew 16:16-19; 18:15-20; I Peter 4:17; James 5:9; Proverbs 19:29; 13:23).

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- Apostolic ministry has vision for the whole Body of Christ.
- Ephesians 3:1-9; 4:1-16. Apostles cannot be sectarian but they must have a vision for the whole Body of Christ. They are given to the Body, for the Body.
- Local Churches may either accept or reject apostolic ministry to their gain or loss (Revelation 2:1-6).
- Apostolic ministry will especially care for the Churches one establishes. II Corinthians 11:28. Paul had the care and concern of all the Churches.
- These Churches he founded were the seal of his Apostleship (I Corinthians 9:1-2; 7:17; 11:34; II Thessalonians 3:14).
- Apostolic ministry is willing to sacrificially suffer for the Church.
- A study of the pattern Apostle, Paul, shows how he willingly suffered for the Church, the Body of Christ. He was willing to lay down his life for the flock of God. (Acts 5:18-40; 7; Colossians 1:23-29; I Corinthians 4; II Corinthians 6:3-10; II Corinthians 11-12 chapters).

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Apostolic ministry will be tested & proven true.

- True apostles will be willing to be tried and tested by the Word of God and be willing to submit to other ministries. Cf. Revelation 2:2; Galatians 2:11-13; Acts 17:10-12.
- To try is to test, prove, examine. The Bereans were willing to test Paul's word out by the Scriptures.
- Apostolic ministry is not infallible and no true Apostle is afraid of being tested out as to the revelation one brings.
- Apostolic ministry will be characterised by wisdom. II Peter 3:15, 16; I Corinthians 1-2-3.
- Moses and Solomon had God-given wisdom. So should Apostles in the building of God's house, the Church.
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- Apostolic ministry especially is noted for "word of wisdom" (I Corinthians 12:8). Apostolic ministry may apparently minister in other of the fivefold ministry, as the Lord wills and the need arises, although he majors in one.
- Paul was a teacher/apostle (II Timothy 1:11).
- Paul and Barnabas were listed among the prophet/teachers at Antioch (Acts 13). Peter was a pastor/apostle (John 21:15-17).
- Timothy could have been an evangelist/apostle (II Timothy 4:5).
- Old Testament ministries seem to overlap also. Jeremiah was a pastor/prophet. Isaiah was an evangelist/prophet. So at James there seems to be an overlapping of ministry in ministries according to the need and God's purposes. It is apostolic ministry that reveals the "pastoral/teacher" ministry, as well as the prophetic in the New Testament Epistles. The Lord and the Spirit gives gifts to persons and these persons themselves are gifts to the Church (I Corinthians 12:8-10; Ephesians 4:9-11).

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

- Apostolic ministry will set God's house in Divine order. Note the use of the word "order" in these verses concerning Paul's ministry. I Corinthians 11:34; 7:17; 16:1 -2; II Thessalonians 3:14; Colossians 2:5.
- Apostolic ministry should be identified with a Local Church. Though Paul said he was "free from all to be servant of all" (I Corinthians 9:19), he was not a law to himself. And though he founded Churches, yet he himself was part of the local Church at Antioch for years and reported to them periodically (Acts 13-14).
- It is a good safeguard for all ministries to have the covering of a local Church and other ministries. Apostolic ministry has the ministry of governments also (I Corinthians 12:26-29).

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Recognition of Apostolic Ministry

- The principle used here is applicable to any and all of the fivefold ministry. That is, the recognition and acceptance or rejection of ministry in the members as well as the ministries in the Body of Christ. Jesus said if we receive a prophet in the name of a prophet we receive a prophet's reward (Matthew 10:40-42). And to receive those who have been sent by the Lord is to receive the Lord who sent them. To reject those sent is to reject the One who sent them (Matthew 10:11-14; John 13:20; Matthew 25:40; Luke 10:16; I Thessalonians 4:8; John 5:22, 23).
- If a person has a true ministry gift, and is a tried and true Apostle (Revelation 2:2), then the Church should receive such.
- Receiving them releases their ministry and the Church receives the reward of that ministry's labor in the Word of the Lord. To do otherwise is to bind that ministry, so that there is no release of the Word of the Lord.

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Warnings Against False Apostles

- There are false and self-made Apostles (II Corinthians 11:13-15).
- As with every other ministry there is true and false, so it is with apostles. The Scriptures warn against false Apostles. II Corinthians 11:13; 12:11; Revelation 2:2.
- They are false, not because they claimed Apostleship but because of the false doctrines they bring, leading people astray from the truth of the Gospel. It is John, the last living Apostle, who commended the Church at Ephesus for trying out those who said they were apostles and found them liars and deceivers.

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The Original Apostles

- Simon, who was called Peter
- Andrew, Peter's brother
- James the son of Zebedee
- John, James' brother
- Philip
- Bartholomew
- Thomas
- Matthew, the tax collector, also called Levi son of Alphaeus
- James the son of Alphaeus
- Thaddeus (or, Lebbaeus Thaddeaeus), also known as Judas the son of James
- Simon the Canaanite and Zealot
- Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus and fell by his sin
- Matthias, who replaced Judas
- Paul, who was originally called Saul
- Mary – The first “Female” Apostle

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

The nature and work of the five fold ministry is best described by Jesus in His commission to them: **(Matthew 28:19-20)** "Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

“COME AND THEN GO”

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

Acts of the Apostles

- Acts 1:26-2:4 All the Apostles spoke in unlearned, foreign languages.
- Acts 3:1-11 Peter and John instantly healed a crippled man, unable to walk from birth.
- Acts 4:23-31 Room was shaken and people were filled with Holy Spirit after Apostles' persecution, release, and prayer.
- Acts 9:32-35 Bedridden and paralyzed man was instantly healed by Peter.
- Acts 5:12-16 Sick people healed by Peter's shadow passing over them. Multitudes of sick and demon-possessed were healed.
- Acts 5:17-21 All the Apostle were freed from prison by an angel, who instructed them to go preach again.
- Acts 5:1-11 Peter sentenced Ananias and Sapphira to be miraculously struck dead.

Signs – Wonders – Miracles!

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What Was the Work of the Apostles?

Acts of the Apostles

- Acts 8:14-25 Peter and John bestowed miraculous powers to others by laying their hands on them.
- Acts 9:32-35 Bedridden and paralyzed man was instantly healed by Peter.
- Acts 9:36-43 Peter raised Dorcas from the dead
- Acts 10:44-48 Peter preached to the first Gentile converts, who began speaking in foreign languages, while Peter was preaching.
- Acts 12:5-19 Peter was freed from prison by an angel.
- Acts 13:8-12- Paul condemned and struck Elymans blind.
- Acts 14:8-11 Paul instantly healed a crippled man, who had never walked.
- Acts 14:19-20 Paul "curiously" survived being stoned to death.
- Acts 16:16-24 Paul casts out a demon of a fortune-teller.
- Acts 16:25-30 An earthquake opened all the doors and released all the chains in a prison, where Paul was kept.

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Acts of the Apostles

- Acts 9:1-9 & 22:17-21- Paul received visions from the Lord and the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 19:1-6- Paul laid hands on people, imparting the Holy Spirit, by which they spoke foreign languages.
- Acts 19:11-12- "unusual miracles by the hand of Paul". For example, handkerchiefs that he touched could be used to heal people and cast out demons.
- II Corinthians 11:22-33- Paul "curiously" survived an enormous amount of persecution.
- Acts 19:13-17- A demon openly recognizes Jesus and Paul, when unsanctioned people attempt to cast out the demon.
- Acts 19:7-12- Paul raised Eutychus from the dead, after he fell out of a third story window.
- Acts 23 Paul received a message and prophecy from an angel.
- Acts 28:3-6- Paul was bit by a deadly, venomous viper, which did not even cause him to swell.
- Acts 28:7-10- Paul healed Publius' father and many other sick people.
- II Corinthians 12:1-6- Paul (presumably) was carried to "Paradise" in a vision.

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Defining the Modern Day Apostle

- An Apostle is a pioneer.
- Establishes a new churches, but does not necessarily “Pastor”.
- Pioneers a revelation of the truth, found a unique ministry.
- Establishes a new groups of Christians, organize a ministerial fellowship, or ignite new reformations.

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Defining the Modern Day Apostle

LEXICON DEFINITION: 652 *apostolov*, *apostolos*, *ap-os'-tol-os*, from 649; TDNT-1:407,67; *n m AV-Apostle* 78, messenger 2, one that is sent 1; 81 1)

- A delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders, 1a) specifically applied to the twelve Apostles of Christ , 1b) in a broader sense applied to other eminent Christian teachers , 1b1) of Barnabas, 1b2) of Timothy and Silvanus

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Definition of Apostle

- An Apostle is a Christian leader gifted, taught, commissioned, and sent by GOD with the authority to establish the foundational government.
 - *Signs and Wonders (2 Corinthians 12:12)*
 - *Seeing Jesus personally (1 Corinthians 9:1)*
 - *Planting Churches (1 Corinthians 3:10)*
- The gift of Apostle is the foremost ministry in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- An Apostle is not appointed by men.
- The Bible says the Holy Ghost is the one who establishes these ministries in the Church.

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The Pentagon of Ministries

- The 5 ministry types provide different strengths:
 - **Apostle – The sent one.** Vision-keeper for the extension of the church's mission, an entrepreneur/starter. Bring strategic skills, risk taking, and get things off the ground (church planting?).
 - **Prophet – Providing a God's eye view.** Provides the church community with challenge and a call to covenant faithfulness. Strong on advocacy, justice, prayer.
 - **Evangelist – Gifted Communicators** of the good news to unbelievers. Drives growth, ensures the call to salvation is made.
 - **Shepherd/Pastor – Comforters/Encouragers.** Provides stability, a sense of connectedness, loving community, discipleship.
 - **Teacher – Explainers of Truth.** Providers of depth, discernment and focused on maturity.

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The Five-Fold Ministry

- Pastors and Teachers are **SETTLERS**.
- Apostles, Prophets, and Evangelists, are **PIONEERS**.
- An Apostle births things.
 - Leaders
 - Churches
 - Ministries
 - Doctrine
- An Apostle sets things in order. (Titus 1:5)
- An Apostle is a SPIRITUAL LEADER.
(1 Corinthians 4:14-21)
- An Apostle moves in signs and wonders.
(2 Corinthians 12:12)

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The Five-Fold Ministry

- Ministries need to be balanced to avoid their weak points becoming damaging or distorting to the expression of faith:
 - **If Apostles Dominate** – risk of “tiring Christianity”, wounding people due to autocratic style/future-orientation, too much challenge
 - **If Prophets Dominate** – risk of “one-dimensional Christianity”, with a ‘hobby horse feel’ and being either overly driven or otherworldly
 - **If Evangelists Dominate** – risk of “shallow Christianity”, simplistic faith that does not deepen into real discipleship
 - **If Shepherds/Pastors Dominate** – risk of “safe Christianity”, inward-focus, not enough challenge
 - **If Teachers Dominate** – risk of “dry Christianity”, intellectualism, and dogmatism

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Gifts in Ephesians Chapter 4 is referring to the ascension of ministry gifts.

- Ephesians 2:20 Apostles being discussed are the “12 Apostles of The Lamb.”
- The church is built upon their original writings.
- The FOUNDATION Paul is referring to here is the FOUNDATION of the New Testament Apostles and the Old Testament Prophets writings.

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- NOT wise to say that the church is built upon the foundation of modern day Apostles and Prophets.
- The passage gives us a clue as to the foundational nature of Apostles as compared to the other five-fold gift(s).
- Paul would NOT tell us to build our lives upon the foundation of modern Apostles and Prophets.
- NOT meant to be competing with, the final authority of the scriptures written by OT Prophets and NT Apostles.

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Servant Leader – Servant Apostles

The Heartbeat of a Spiritual Leader

- **1 Thessalonians 2:8 KJV** - *So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of GOD only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.*
- **Philippians 4:9 KJV** - *Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the GOD of peace shall be with you.*
- **2 Timothy 2:2 KJV** - *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*
- **1 Corinthians 4:16 KJV** - *Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*
- **1 Corinthians 11:1 KJV** - *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

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The Heartbeat of a Spiritual Leader

- *Philippians 3:17 KJV - Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.*
- *1 Thessalonians 1:6 KJV - And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.*

It is quite clear from the above passages that a spiritual leader is NOT to INVEST just in one's SELF, but to INVEST into their spiritual brothers and sisters.

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The Heartbeat of a Spiritual Leader

- Not just a possible source of spiritual truth and knowledge
- Apostles are sources of revelation
- Being out of fellowship with Apostolic teaching was to be separated from God.
- Apostles declare to you eternal life which was with the Father and is now manifested to us.

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What The Apostolic Movement is Not!

- Spiritual leaders do NOT take place of the Lord Jesus in a minister's life.
- Spiritual leaders must NOT rule over or dominate a minister in a fleshy way.
- Does NOT mean that a minister is dependent on their spiritual leader.
- The goal is NOT some kind of weird loyalty or strange mind control
- Spiritual leader helps ministers grow their dependence on the Lord, and to grow in their own leadership skills using their gifts.

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- **The Goal of Modern Day Apostles**
 - The goal is to grow new leaders who can, in turn, grow new disciples from generation to generation.
 - The goal of ***Apostolic Alignment/Millennium Ministry*** is to INVEST in people, and by so doing, leave a legacy of spiritual leadership on the planet.
 - The goal is reproduction of mighty men and women of GOD who will themselves, by their own anointing, and in their own right, change the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Bring order! (CPR) Apostles bring Consistency, Practically, and Realistic approach to modern ministry.

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- **The Goal of Modern Day Apostles**
 - One cannot take this truth of ***Apostolic Alignment/Millennium Ministry*** out of context or out of balance with other Biblical truths.
 - It would be dangerous to misapply it by emphasizing it to the exclusion of other truths in the Bible.
 - Error happens in the body of Christ, not so much as by ignorance or even by bad intent, but usually by an overemphasis of a single truth.
 - Then over time, that overemphasis actually grows into an error or abuse, rather than being a blessing as originally intended.

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Understanding Levels of Anointing & Authority

Many have not understood the functions of each of the Five Fold gifts.

Many simply assume that:

- **Apostles** Apostolize.
- **PROPHETS** Prophesies.
- **EVANGELISTS** Evangelizes.
- **PASTORS** Shepherds.
- **TEACHERS** Teaches.

And that was about all we understood. We had each gift neatly defined and tightly wrapped.

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NOTE: In the above the term, “your messenger” which is more literally translated “your Apostle.”

- This seems to indicate that Apostles may be assigned to certain groups of people.
- An Apostle’s realm of influence may be limited to those to whom he has been assigned by God.
- An Apostle is not necessarily an Apostle to everyone.
- This truth is further confirmed by 1 Corinthians 9:2 where Paul says, “If I be not an Apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine
- Apostleship are ye in the Lord.” This also indicates that a person may be assigned to a certain “Apostle” or “spiritual leader” or “spiritual mentor.”

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Below are some Bible, history, and modern day examples:

- Peter - The Apostle to the Jews.
(Galatians 2:8)
- Paul - The Apostle to the Gentiles.
(Romans 11:13, Galatians 2:8)
- James - The Apostle of the Church at Jerusalem. (Acts 15:13)
- John - The Apostle of the 7 Churches in Revelation. (Rev 1:4)

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My Experience/Revelation

- The Lord has shown me how the Five Fold ministry really works both by my personal observation of the people of GOD over the years, and also by revelation.
- Note the listed order of the Five Fold ministry in Ephesians 4:11.
 - **First - Apostles**
 - **Second - Prophets**
 - **Third - Evangelists**
 - **Fourth - Pastors**
 - **Fifth - Teachers**

(THE FIVEFOLD MINISTRY IS NOT A RANKING SYSTEM IT IS A GIFTING SYSTEM!)

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- With each level of gifting GOD gives a person, there exists not only that specific anointing, but it also includes all the anointing below that gift.
 - A PROPHET is anointed with four gifts: Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher.
 - An Evangelist is anointed with three: Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher.
 - A Pastor is anointed with two: Pastor and Teacher.
 - A Teacher with one: Teacher. An Apostle is anointed with all five levels of authority.
 - You will rarely see a young Apostle.
- Just because someone is older doesn't make them a Prophet or an Apostle either.

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Apostolic Succession

- At least 20 are named and titled as Apostles in the New Testament. And Timothy and Silvanus are implied to be Apostles as well, making the total no less than 22.
 - **The Original Twelve** - *Revelation 21:14 KJV - And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.*
 - **Paul and Barnabas** – *Acts 14:14 KJV - Which when the Apostles <652>, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out.*

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- **Matthias** – *Acts 1:25 KJV - That he may take part of this ministry and Apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles .*
- **Adronicus and Junia** – *Romans 16:7 KJV - Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the Apostles, who also were in Christ before me.*

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- **1 Corinthians 15:7 KJV** - *After that, he was seen of James; then of all the Apostles . Galatians 1:19 But other of the Apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.*
- **Titus** – *2 Corinthians 8:23KJV -Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellow helper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.*

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- **Epaphroditus** -*Philippians 2:25 KJV - Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, & companion in labor, and fellow soldier, but **your messenger**, & he that ministered to my wants.*
- **Priscilla and Aquila** were a first century married couple described in the New Testament and traditionally listed among the Seventy Disciples. They lived, worked, and traveled with the Apostle Paul, who described them as his "fellow workers in Christ Jesus".

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The Apostolic Move (Scripture)

- **LUKE 11:49** Therefore also said the wisdom of god, i will send them prophets and Apostles and some of them they shall slay and persecute.
- **I CORINTHIANS 12:28** God has set in the church first Apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers.
- **I CORINTHIANS 4:9** For I think god hath set forth us the Apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle to the world and to angels and to men.
- **ACTS 16:4** And as they went through the cities they delivered them the decrees for to keep that were ordained of the Apostles and the elders which were at Jerusalem.

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The Apostolic Move (Scripture)

- **ACTS 20:29-30** For I know this that after departing some grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them.
- **MARK 3:14** And he ordained twelve that they should be with him and that he might send them forth to preach.
- **EPHESIANS 5:25-27 (NIV)** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word and to present her to himself as a radiant church without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish but, holy and blameless.

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Functions of The Apostolic Ministry

- ❖ PIONEER
- ❖ PLANT CHURCHES
- ❖ ORDAIN MINISTERS
- ❖ REFORM AND BRING CHANGES
- ❖ PREACH, TEACH, ESTABLISH AND SET DOCTRINE
- ❖ RELEASE REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE PLANS AND PURPOSES OF GOD
- ❖ RAISE UP AND ESTABLISH TEAMS
- ❖ RELEASE THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- ❖ STRATEGIZE THE LOCAL CHURCH
- ❖ OPERATE IN SIGNS, WONDERS, AND MIRACLES
- ❖ STRENGTHEN LOCAL CHURCHES
- ❖ BRING JUDGMENT & CORRECTION
- ❖ DEFEND THE FAITH
- ❖ GATHER & ASSEMBLE
- ❖ LAY FOUNDATIONS
- ❖ ROOT OUT, TEAR DOWN, DESTROY, BUILD & PLANT
- ❖ WATER AND HARVEST
- ❖ BLESS THE POOR
- ❖ HELP PERFECT THE SAINTS
- ❖ RELEASE - ACTIVATE - IMPART
- ❖ DECLARE AND DECREE
- ❖ REMIT SINS
- ❖ PROVIDE OVERSIGHT & TRAINING

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Apostolic Ministries of ETERNAL LIFE GLOABAL NETWORK

- ❖ **Apostle of a Church**
- ❖ **Apostle of Multiple Churches**
- ❖ **Apostle of a City**
- ❖ **Apostle of a Region**
- ❖ **Apostle of a State**
- ❖ **Apostle of a Nation**
- ❖ **Apostle of Apostles**
- ❖ **Apostle of Pastors.**
- ❖ **Apostle of Evangelists**
- ❖ **Apostle to A Certain Sub-Culture**
- ❖ **Apostle to A Segment Of Society**
- ❖ **Apostle of The Internet**
- ❖ **Apostle of A Realm of the Media**
- ❖ **Apostle of A Sphere Of The Arts**
- ❖ **Apostle of A Groundbreaking Paradigm**

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Apostle of the Protestant Reformation.
Apostle of Personal Prayer.
Apostle of Holiness.
Apostle of Worship.
Apostle of Brokenness.
Apostle of Evangelism.
Apostle of Bible Study.
Apostle of the Gift of Faith.
Apostle of the Working of Miracles.
Apostle of Faith & Healing.
Apostle of the Charismatic.
Apostle of College Campus Evangelism.
Apostle of Divine Healing.
Apostle of Mainstream Evangelism.
Apostle of One-On-One Evangelism.
Apostle of Signs & Wonders Mass Evangelism.
An Apostle to Spirit-Filled Women.
Apostle of Manhood & Womanhood.
Apostle Of Christian TV.
Apostle Of Higher Education & Activism.
Apostle Of Christian Commentary Radio.
Apostle Of Christian Activism.
Apostle Of The Family Unit & Activism.
Apostle Of Prophets & Church Order.

Apostle Of Mass Miracle Evangelism.
Apostle Of Praise & Worship.
Apostle Of World Missions.
Apostle Of Revival.
Apostle Of Spirit-Filled Publishing.
Apostle Of Pastors.
Apostle Of A Mega church & TV Evangelism.
An Apostle Of Faith & Scripture Confession.
Apostle Of The Kingdom Message.
Apostle Of Fasting & Prayer.
Apostle Of Urban Evangelism.
Apostle Of Women In The Ministry.
Apostle Of The Word.
Apostle Of Faith Confession.
Apostle Of Intercessory Prayer.
Apostle Of World Missions
Apostle of Love & Prosperity.
Apostle of Church Growth & Prayer.
Apostle of Healing & Higher Education.
Apostle of Healing & the Holy Spirit
Apostle of Prosperity.
An Apostle of Faith & the Word
an Apostle of Prayer.
Apostle of Apostles & Prophets.
Apostle To Leaders.

AND MANY MORE....

Modern Day Apostles

Enlarge Your Tent

- A Tent represents an area of ministry.
- Time to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes.
- God is calling Apostles to a greater area of ministry.
- To enlarge means to increase the capacity and scope of your sphere of ministry.

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Enlarge Your Tent

- It is an expansion of a greater capacity to receive and handle all that God is releasing.
- Apostles are breaking forth on all sides.
- Spirits must be enlarged and our vision must increase.
- Apostolic anointing always enlarges and stretches forth the vision of the church.

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Hyphenated-Apostles

- There are many ways that Apostles minister in different spheres.
 - Many Apostles are “Hyphenated-Apostles.”
 - They are frequently hyphenated with other government gifts, such as
 - Apostle-Prophet or Pastor-Apostle or Apostle-Evangelist, etc.
 - They can also be hyphenated within the different ministry categories pertaining to Apostles: Horizontal-Apostles , Vertical- Apostles, Convening-Apostles , and Mobilizing -Apostles

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Apostolic Spheres

- Relatively low level of practical understanding of Apostolic Spheres.
- Not all are aware that this authority is only activated within a divinely-appointed sphere.
- Once Apostles get outside of their sphere, they have no more authority than any other member of the body of Christ.

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Apostolic Spheres

- Paul relates spheres to authority in 2
Corinthians 10 In verse 8 he “boasts” of his authority, leading to verses 13-16 in which he deals with spheres.
- He says, for example, “We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which GOD appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you” 2
Corinthians 10:13
- This reflects Paul’s remarkable statement in 1
Corinthians 9:2 “If I am not an Apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you.”

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- **Vertical Apostles**

- **Ecclesiastical Apostles.** Apostles who are given authority over a sphere which includes a number of churches, presumably in an apostolic network headed up by the Apostle.
- **Functional Apostles.** Apostles who are given authority over those who have an ongoing ministry in a certain specific sphere of service which has defined boundaries of participation.
- **Apostolic Team Members.** Apostles whose apostolic ministry functions in conjunction with an Apostle who is seen as the leader of a team of one or more other peer-level vertical Apostles. They may be assigned specific spheres by the leading Apostle. These are more than administrators or assistants or armor-bearers.
- **Congregational Apostles.** Apostles functioning as senior pastors of dynamic, growing churches of more than 700-800.

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Horizontal Apostles

- **Convening Apostles.** Apostles who have authority to call together on a regular basis peer-level leaders who minister in a defined field.
- **Ambassadorial Apostles.** Apostles who have itinerant, frequently international, ministries of catalyzing and nurturing apostolic movements on a broad scale.
- **Mobilizing Apostles.** Apostles who have the authority to take leadership in bringing together qualified leaders in the body of Christ for a specific cause or project.
- **Territorial Apostles.** Apostles who have been given authority for leading a certain segment of the body of Christ in a given territorial sphere such as a city or state.

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Marketplace Apostles

- Marketplace Apostles can also be vertical (perhaps within a large company)
- They can also be Horizontal (bringing together peer-level marketplace Apostles)
- Broaden our understanding and awareness of the existence of (and need for) marketplace Apostles is important.
- We can following Paul's example in business for the market place today.

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Today's Apostles Are For An Eternity

- To be an Apostle is an issue of choice in eternity, to be sent forth by the Father with a mandate to preach the kingdom of God
- Lays the foundation of Jesus Christ into people's lives. The apostolic burden is to establish a people and a community of believers, who are willing to be led by the Holy Spirit and demonstrate a life under the order of God.
- Apostles are part of eternity's plan; they were commissioned before they were born, chosen by God. Apostle ship is not a learned skill it is an eternal choice, selected, appointed "... **Before the foundation of the world...**" when asked, Paul said of himself, he had been chosen from his mother's womb

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The title “Apostle”

- Discussions pertaining to the necessity of actually applying the title “Apostle”
- Some argue that functioning as an Apostle is enough without needing to use the title.
- The function is the most essential consideration[there is increased power in the use of the title “Apostle.”
- The function, in my opinion, will be more anointed and more of a service to the church if the title is used.

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The title “Apostle”

- Jesus Himself was the one who coined the new term “Apostle,” (Luke 6:13)
- Jesus had a distinct purpose for doing it.
- It does not appear in the Old Testament
- Paul and Peter introduced themselves in their epistles with the title “Apostle.”
- Today we freely use the titles “pastor” or “reverend” or “bishop” or “evangelist” or “doctor” (i.e., teacher), and there seems to be little reason.
- To exclude the title “Apostle” as a designation for contemporary church leaders.

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Characteristics of The Apostle

- A true Apostle will have had a personal encounter with the resurrected Christ. (**Acts 22:8**)
- They have been personally commissioned to an apostolic task. (**Acts 26:16-18**)
- They fulfill their Apostleship through some other gifting, e.g. prophet, teacher, pastor. (**Acts 13:1**)
- They will be an equipper of the saints, releasing and empowering. (**Eph.4:11-12**) Apostolic task is the empowerment for others.
- They have a foundational grasp and a steward of the mysteries of God, of which they have a divine revelation.

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Characteristics of The Apostle

- An Apostle will recognize and be recognized in their order of Apostleship.
- They lead or they will certainly be a part of an apostolic “body of ministries” and they will prove to be the catalyst for the other ministries.
- They may be an Apostle built into another Apostle’s sphere as Barnabas was with Paul

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Characteristics of The Apostle

- They will be a wise master builder (architect) of the house of God.

(1 Corinthians 3:10)

- Their authority is given by Christ.

(2 Corinthians 10:8)

- They demonstrate grace and wisdom in their relationships with people so that a sphere of apostolic ministry and influence emerges in the lives of the people.

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Characteristics of The Apostle

- The Apostle will be the living example of all they want the people to become, and do. Therefore, personal Christ-Likeness will be evident to all so that they are secure in following their example.
- Apostolic Continuity – Paul had a deep sense of Abrahamic continuity and that being part of an apostolic call to walk in the continuity of a line of faith. Paul had a theology developed from the eternal realm, drawing on Dream, Prophecy, and Visions.
- Supernatural involvement, heavenly assistance to bring about a system of life to enable economy, love and care in creation

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The 21st Century Apostolic Move

- Apostolic ministry and its function there are joys of advance along with concerns in our day.
- Places where no one would receive the apostolic or are reluctant to call any one apostolic.
- Alongside this we find a huge growth of the apostolic that seems like every time someone sneezes an Apostle is appointed.

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The 21st Century Apostolic Move

- The apostolic positioned to be higher than others taking control, taking a hierarchical title for position.
- Produce the wrong function and aims and the calling discredited.
- For the church the apostolic, just as the other Ascensions Gifts (**Ephesians 4:11**) are required for the body of Christ to come to maturity, which must be our greatest burden to see the maturity of God's creation.

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The 21st Century Apostolic Move

- The Apostle is one part of the complement of gifts given by the ascended Christ to our world. These ministries (**Ephesians 4:11**) are the gifts of the ascended Christ himself. For he “... **Gave of himself...**”
- Gifts to mankind, so that Christ will be fully produced in his ecclesia, church.
- Without the full complement of gifts (Ascension gifts) maturity and the fulfillment of God's call will elude his cosmos, creation.

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The Apostolic Family

- Christ ascended and descended and give gifts of himself to the body.
- First responsibility of these ministries to find one another. For these Five Fold gifts (Eph 4:9-11) are the Christ, and they must first find one another to be the full presentation of the ascended Christ.
- Their call is to bring the body to maturity and impart themselves into the corporate people.

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The Apostolic Family

- The people of God might become the Christ and be apostolic, prophetic, instructive, caring and evangel in function in our world. The ecclesia being the full Christ.
- Being part of an apostolic family is an imperative that we might become the all of God in our society.
- This is not an association or network but a true belonging, a place of mutual support, accountability and empowerment for each other

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THE APOSTOLIC FAMILY

(Ephesians 4:11-16) “11 it was he who gave some to be Apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare god's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of god and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 from him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

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The Apostolic Family Purpose

The purpose of servant leaders: is to develop ministries. The purpose of ministry: is to develop maturity the purpose of maturity: is the unity with Christ and his church.

Ephesians Chapter 4

SAINTS – WORK – GLORY

UNITY – KNOWLEDGE - FULLNESS

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What Does This Mean In Practice?

- It requires Apostles to concentrate on their primary role of equipping, and to cease doing everyone else's work.
- It requires members of the congregation to discover their own ministries and begin to practice them effectively ("so that the body of Christ may be built up") and diligently ("as each part does its work")
- It requires leaders to lead and church members to follow their leaders into the exciting task of seeing before our eyes the church of Jesus Christ begin more and more to feel and sound and act and love like Jesus Christ himself in this world.

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What Does This Mean In Practice?

- The spiritual gifting and office of the Apostle is a vital to our faith which demands a Biblical understanding.
- It is believed that there are modern Apostles, while others dismiss the authority of the ancient Apostles.
- Both of these beliefs constitute critical dangers for us.
- Those who believe in modern Apostles subject themselves to the authority of men, who may be perverting the true gospel, jeopardizing their own souls and the souls of their followers. (Galatians 1:6-8)

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What Does This Mean In Practice?

- Others fail to heed the writings of the Bible, because of their failure to understand the authority of true Apostles.
- Leads some to dismiss the importance of the Biblical pattern, and fails to appreciate the position of the Apostle.
- Luke 10:16 Therefore, we must be careful to understand the nature of the Apostles, so that we may properly understand God's will for us and appreciate the authority of God that is behind the writings of the Apostles.

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Your
Questions

The image features the words "Your Questions" written in a highly decorative, cursive calligraphic style. The letters are thick and filled with fine, parallel lines, giving them a textured, three-dimensional appearance. The word "Your" is positioned above "Questions". The "Q" in "Questions" is particularly large and features a prominent, sweeping tail that loops under the rest of the word. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional calligraphy or penmanship art.

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A close-up, black and white photograph of a man's eye, looking directly at the camera. The eye is the central focus of the image, with the surrounding skin and hair visible in a soft, slightly blurred background.

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