Understanding an Apostolic Church IV
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Ephesians 4:8-16/ Matthew 20:24-28
I. RECAP

An **Apostolic Ministry** is one that recognizes and embrace the call of God (**on that local assembly**) in order to be **sent forth** into its surrounding community...

- **HOWEVER;** it doesn’t just go in its own strength (**Missional**)...

- **... BUT IN THE POWER & AUTHORITY** (**Apostolic**) **OF GOD TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM**
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  Apostolic is Synonymous to the word “Ambassador”
  • The Greek word ἀπόστολος is employed by classical authors to describe a person
  • That was in a sense an “envoy,” or “commissioned messenger.”

Ambassador: πρεσβεύω (presbeúō) literally be an ambassador or envoy. Figuratively in the NT, of an apostolic ministry. This meant be an ambassador, be a representative sent by Christ
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RESULTS OF AN APOSTOLIC PEOPLE – Acts 5:12-15

1. The Power of God Manifest As We Promote the Good News Message
2. Community Begins to Reverence God
3. The Church of God Grows & Multiplies
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• Every believer can and should be apostolic in the sense that each is, in a general way, sent by the Lord with his Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20. This differs from the specific commissioning of an apostle, who receives from the Lord a specific sending, for a specific reason, to a specific area of service.

• http://www.truthortradition.com/articles/what-is-an-apostle
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Defining Gifts

• Spiritual gifts are essentially an act of the Godhead who initiates through birthing, directing and imparting a concrete manifestation in word or deed of God’s grace and divine power through an individual for the benefit of others
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Gifts of the Father        Rom 12:3-8

• Motivational Gifts
• These gifts are often considered to be gifts birthed in us by the Father during our Kingdom initiation (Spiritual DNA). They are considered in most studies to be foundational and in sync with our emotional makeup, spiritual construct & personalities. They reveal how we are motivated & tend to operate in God’s Kingdom
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Gifts of the Spirit 1 Cor 12:8-10,28

• Miraculous Gifts
• Gifts which are distributed by the will of the Holy Spirit’s leading and direction “for the profit of all”
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Gifts of the Son  Eph 4:11

• Ministry Gifts

• These are considered gifts that have been given by the founder of the Church, Jesus Christ himself to the body. These gifts are often considered “office gifts”.
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- The Leadership Office is not a New Testament concept, but rather an ancient (OT) concept.

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Jesus embodied the 5 fold Gifts

1. Apostle  Heb 3:1
2. Prophet  Lk 24:19
3. Evangelist  Mt 9:35
4. Pastor  1 Pet 5:2-4
5. Teacher  Jn 3:2
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Ministry Gifts were not to be a “competition but complimenting”

Examples of How Ministry Gifts Compliment

1. Evangelist & Apostles
   Acts 8:5-6,12,14-17
2. Apostles, Elders (*Pastors*) & Prophets
   Acts 15:22-24,32-35
3. Prophets & Teachers
   Acts 13:1-3
4. Apostles & Pastors
   Acts 20:17,28 (GW)
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A. The Value in each Gift

Apostle- *Governs:*
Fathers HeartEstablishes & builds Leaders, ministries, Kingdom...

Prophet- *Guides:*
Provides Spiritual Direction, Instruction, Revelation, Guidance

Evangelist- *Gathers:*
Anointed to appeal to lost w/Gospel & Insures their discipled

Pastor- *Guards:*
Feeds, nurtures, cares for, and protects sheep

Teacher- *Grounds:*
illuminate scripture, reveal truth, help sheep mature
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Why were the gifts of Leadership to such men?

• The gifts were given to equip
• They were given to edify
• They were given to Mature the saints
Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work... 1Thess 5:12-13 (NLT)

Appreciate your pastoral leaders who gave you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness. There should be a consistency that runs through us all. 
Heb 13:7(MSG)