

Apostolic Advice

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Apostolic Judgment

There are three areas of sin and demonic activity that apostles seem to be especially gifted to deal with. During the early 1990's, God showed me that when the apostolic ministry was fully restored to the Church, these three areas would be dealt with effectively. We will identify these problem areas immediately in today's Christian community as we look into the Word of God.

In Acts 5:1-11 we see how ***apostolic judgment*** was administered in the case of Ananias and Sapphira who were being "dishonest" in the use of their money. "Dishonesty" is a major problem among God's people beginning with the tithe. Even those in ministry have various views of tithing that include everything from "not tithing period" to "tithing to one's own ministry". Whatever one's view of tithing is, we must all agree that the "*tithe is the Lord's*" and not "ours" to do with as we please. There is no greater test of our heart affection than the use of our money according to the Word of God. "*How can you serve God and money, you will either love one and hate the other*". Apostolic ministry should clarify how money is to be used for the glory of God and the misuse of money should be corrected with all speed, because according to Paul, "*love of money will lead to all kinds of evil*". I believe this is why God dealt quickly through the apostolic ministry of Peter when dishonesty manifested in the early church, in order to stave off all the attending evils.

In Acts 13:8-12 we see how ***apostolic judgment*** was administered in the case of Elymas the sorcerer. Witchcraft is the next area where an apostolic anointing was needed to bring deliverance and judgment on the power of darkness. It seems that the restoration of Prophetic Ministry brought many demons out of hiding that had great success in destroying many works of God. We all know of Absalom, Jezebel, Korah, Ahab and the Religious Spirit. These spirits seemed to "run unrestrained" until the apostolic ministry became recognized and the subsequent authority of the apostle began to set things in order and deal with these demons. Many apostles have come along distraught Pastors who had embraced the prophetic movement and were invaded by all these demons as well without knowing what they were dealing with. Inviting the apostolic into the house made all the difference and brought deliverance to the congregations.

In 1 Corinthians 5, Paul deals with the issue of "immorality" in the Church, a severe issue in today's Church as well. The prophets and teachers in the church seemed to be permissive towards the behavior of the "saints", and the apostolic anointing of Paul was needed to bring judgment in the extreme case of incest that was being overlooked by the church leadership. It seems as though many things will be tolerated as long as the "Spirit is still moving" and the money is coming in. Paul had zero toleration for this unholy leaven and executed immediate action to remove the sin and restore the sinner.

The role of apostles in today's church still requires that these three areas of Dishonesty, Witchcraft and Immorality be dealt with in a scriptural manner. At this present time it seems that the apostolic movement must come together further to provide this kind of leadership to the "non-denominational" church world.

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