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*Imparting The Elijah Anointing*

## APOSTOLIC ADVICE

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### "APOSTOLIC PASSION"

Paul reveals the passion of his heart to the Colossians in 1:25-29, this could rightly be called the *Apostolic job description*.

#### **Colossians 1:25-29 (KJV)**

<sup>25</sup> *Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God;*

<sup>26</sup> *Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*

<sup>27</sup> *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*

<sup>28</sup> *Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*

<sup>29</sup> *Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*

Paul's passion is revealed in vs.29 where he mentions "*labor and striving*", two words that indicate the placement of serious energy from him. The focus of this mighty work was the *perfecting of men* in the image of God as fully mature sons and daughters according to the pattern son, Christ Jesus. He mentions the exercise of his gifts in vs.28 that are releasing the power of God into people for the intended purpose. First he is *preaching*, which is an *announcement* of the facts of the gospel, second he is *teaching* which is the *explanation* of the facts that were announced. When the facts of the gospel are fully explained the result is *all wisdom and perfection* in the believer's life.

This is where apostles are continually striving, giving forth all their energy to bring believers into a maturity (perfection) that allows them to demonstrate the ultimate wisdom of God which he wrought in Christ thru his death, burial and resurrection. Wisdom that “*if the princes of this world would have known, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory*”. This wisdom includes the total defeat and stripping of Satan of all authority, the New Creation Man who is ***created in Christ*** in the image of God, and a restoration of the glory of God to His Temple, which is His Body, the fullness of him that filleth all things. This wisdom results in a ***new man*** walking the face of the earth in a lifestyle that mirrors the Man of Galilee as recorded in the Four Gospels. This ***man*** is ***man as he was meant to be*** from the creation of the world, the image of God in flesh. Paul saw the potential that the wisdom of God made available to man again to rule and reign in this life by Christ Jesus, and declared with great longing, “*I don’t consider myself as having attained that for which I have been apprehended by Christ, but I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*”. Paul intended to lead the way in walking in all God’s wisdom revealed in Christ, which is “***apostolic passion***”.

Paul had a vision to ***build great people*** thru his preaching and teaching of the wisdom of God in Christ. Apostles today have the understanding of what God has done for man thru Christ, this is part of their apostolic anointing (Eph.3:8-10). Apostles understand the story of redemption as it unfolds starting in the Book of Acts, which is a “book of **experience**” including the New Birth and Baptism of the Holy Spirit with Gifts. Then into the epistles, which are “letters of **explanation**” of the experience received in Acts. After the experience and explanation of The Acts and Epistles, we can now go back to The Gospels for an “**example**” of whom we have become thru the wisdom of God. In Jesus of Nazareth we see ***man as he was meant to be***, a ***man in the image of God***, The Pattern Son for all the rest. As apostles, our passion is to step into those shoes of Jesus in the gospels, and ***walk as He walked***, leading the people of God into their new life in Christ.

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