



**THE APOSTOLIC
CALL OF GOD IN
THE LAST DAYS**

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FOREWORD:

This book on “Apostle” - “The Apostolic Call of God in the Last Days”, has been written about the Apostles/Messengers of today that have been Called by God. It is meant to help explain what they are Called to do, and to help clear up the misunderstandings and myths that surround the ‘Office of the Apostle’.

This information will help to reveal to the Body of Christ, those who are *truly* the Called ‘Apostles/Messengers of God’ and those who are ‘false apostles’.

The main reason the Christian Church is in a *state of chaos* today, is that it has been without the guidance and accountability of the ‘Apostles of God’.

You might compare the ‘Five Fold Ministry’ of the Church to a five cylinder engine. The engine of the Church has been running on two and a half cylinders instead of the five cylinders that God has intended it to. That is why the Church is running so ‘jerky’.

According to Ephesians 4:11, 12, the Church consists of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. All of these combined offices that make up the ‘Five Fold Ministry’ are responsible for the *perfecting* of the saints, for the *work* of the ministry, and for the *edifying* of the ‘Body of Christ’!

The first cylinder that is missing is the Apostle/Messenger. The Apostle has been left out of this God ordained process, and all the responsibility of the Church has been dumped on the Pastors/Priests. It is no wonder there is so much confusion in the Church today. In addition to this, the over-abundance of responsibility on the Pastors/Priests, has caused too much pressure on them and many have cracked under this pressure and have been burned out.

With only denominational overseers and/or other Pastors/Priests to turn to; most Pastors/Priests are afraid to share their burdens because of possible retribution or betrayal.

Most Pastors/Priests need a friend to confide in, someone who is not a threat, nor has anything to gain from their friendship. They need someone who can be trusted, and someone with whom they can share their utmost secrets with, and who will keep their mouth shut! (1 Thessalonians 3:2) Someone who is like a father. (1 Corinthians 4:15) This type of relationship builds bonds between the Pastors/Priests and the Apostle and instead of being a threat, the Apostle is shown for who he is, a ‘Servant’ to all. This is part of, and perhaps the most important part of the role of the Apostle.

The Pastor’s wife also needs to be included in this relationship; they too need a friend. The Apostle’s wife has a very important role to play. She is the one that can minister to the Pastor’s wife through love, friendship and kindness.

By giving sound counsel, common sense, and showing a genuine interest in their problems; the Apostle's wife can help to bring healing to the Pastor's wives, the Pastors, and their hurting marriages.

The second cylinder that is missing in the 'Five Fold Ministry', is the Prophet. He is the one that goes to the Churches and proclaims the 'Word of God'. Because of the type of ministry that he has, the Prophet has little time to befriend the Pastors/Priests for more than a short period of time.

The 'half' cylinder mentioned is the Evangelist, who although is recognized by the Church, is 'half' out of order. This is because about 'half' of them are not *going out* to 'evangelize the unsaved', but are going church to church for 'so called' revivals. Because they are not being sent out and financed by their home church, they are forced to go it alone church to church. That is where they can get an offering to live on. What they should be doing is going to the 'streets' to evangelize, because that is their Call.

It is the responsibility of the Apostles/Messengers and Prophets to travel church to church.

The Apostles/Messengers role is also to bring the True 'Body of Christ' together, through the 'Holy Spirit'. No matter how good it may seem, it will never be done by man's efforts, such as seminars, crusades, conferences, etc. Nor will it be done by Pastors/Priests or Evangelists.

It must be done by those 'Spiritually Called' and that are 'Accountable' for it.

Churches can send out 'messengers' themselves, and they are called apostles (apostolos), but these are 'Apostles of the Churches' and not 'Apostles/Messengers of God'. To have a school for Apostles is basically a waste of time, except possibly to develop these 'Apostles for the Churches'.

This is because the Call of the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is by Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit does the teaching. (Ephesians 4:8 1 Corinthians 2:13 1 John 2:27)

Although it is a popular theory today, Apostles are not just those who start churches.

This does happen sometimes as a result of the Apostle's work, much like in the early church; however, it is not part of the Call but is a bi-product of the work.

In the early Church, Apostles did temporarily pastor churches to get them started, but today the Apostles/Messengers role has changed. He is bringing the Church together as the 'Bride of Christ' for His soon return, not necessarily enlarging it.

In spite of current beliefs, you cannot be a Pastor/Priest and an Apostle at the same time; the two roles are contrary.

The Apostles/Messengers role will cause him to travel a lot and the Pastor cannot afford to leave his flock for the amount of time that it takes. Some self-styled Apostles have tried to maintain their sole communication to the Churches through radio, computers, faxes and the internet, which are all very important; but *'physical communication'* and travel is a *requirement* for the 'Apostle/Messenger of God'.

Another reason why a Pastor/Priest cannot be an Apostle of God is because the Pastor/Priest usually belongs to a denomination, therefore, he/she cannot go to all types of churches because they would not receive them. It also might be difficult for them to make impartial decisions.

This is why an 'Apostle/Messenger of God' cannot be a leader in a particular Church, although they may be plugged into a local church.

This is also why Apostles are hard to recognize. We are always use to leaders being in the pulpit and in front of the Church. However, when you are a 'Servant to All', you don't always have to be in front. (2 Corinthians 6:9)

Wouldn't it be great to see more church leaders sitting in the pews rather than always on stage and always talking!

I can remember when Timothy II was in the middle of preaching a message, and the Lord told him to shut up. (That's the way the Lord speaks to me because it always gets my attention.) At first I rebuked what I assumed was the devil, like most of us would, then the Lord told me again to shut up. This time I listened.

What He was telling me is that this was the last message I would be preaching for 'eleven months'. He had a plan for me to study Revelation 1, 2, 3, and nothing else for those 'eleven months', so that I could write the book on 'The Seven Golden Candlesticks'.

Although Pastors/Priests cannot be 'Apostles/Messengers of God' at the same time, they can be Called by God into a *new* role as an Apostle; but then they must leave the pulpit. This has kept some from answering the Call because they are too comfortable in their jobs. They are afraid to leave their families and salaries with no visible means of support.

That is part of the cost that Paul talks about, and some aren't willing to pay the price! (2 Corinthians 6:10)

*Note:

As you read this book - Apostle, please keep an open mind, and through thoughtful prayer, let the role of the Apostle/Messenger become clear to you through the 'Power of the Holy Spirit'.

Amen!

TIMOTHY II TESTIMONY

In 1967, I was in the middle of my career as a "Head Football Coach" in a High School in Southern California.

After having an Undefeated Championship Team during the regular season, and being selected "Orange County Coach of the Year", my wife's younger sister was killed in an automobile accident. She was survived by her husband and four children.

This sudden shock in the middle of my most exciting coaching year, led my wife and I to ask the Lord into our lives in a small church in Anaheim.

This in itself would be the conclusion of my testimony, if it were not for God's sovereign intervention.

In 1985, after thirty years of coaching football and winning numerous awards in High School and College coaching, I had a heart attack.

Since 1967, I had been going to Church regularly, attending Bible studies, tithing and reading the Bible daily.

The only problems I had, were alcohol and ego. It started out with the usual occasional use of alcohol but soon developed into daily use.

When I entered the hospital in 1985, I passed all the physical exams and tests I was given. The doctors concluded that I had had a slight heart attack but it was over and I was fine.

However, as I was preparing to go home and my wife was coming to pick me up, I had a "ventricular fibrillation" attack in the hospital.

It was at this time that I had a real "Death Experience" as well as an "Out of Body Experience".

As I fell on the hospital bed, I left my body and went immediately out of this world, and into "Outer Darkness". I went 'floating' on my back into a black void with no sound, in complete blackness, and I knew I was totally separated from God for eternity.

(Job 10:21, 22 & Jude 13)

With "weeping and gnashing of teeth", I cried out to the Lord and said, "I haven't done anything for you Lord, please give me another chance". I also said, "My wife and family wasn't expecting me to die, what will happen to them"?

(Matthew 8:12 22:13 25:30)

I continued to float in "Outer Darkness", weeping and crying out to the Lord.

Just as suddenly as I began 'floating' into "Outer Darkness", I 'floated' back into the hospital room and into my body. I rose up in my body like it was filling up from the bottom to the top and my eyes opened up in front of many doctors and nurses.

After resting about four hours from this experience, I was lying in my bed and I opened up my Bible to Second Timothy. It was at this time that the Lord spoke to me audibly. He said, "My son Timothy, If you don't do My Will, I will remove you from this earth." (Jeremiah 28:15, 16).

I said, "I will Lord".

He then said He named me "Timothy" so that all the work that I do for Him, would be done in this name. This way, my ego would not get in the way and I would know it was Him doing the work and not me.

He told me my work is in 2 Timothy 2:2 "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".

Although this was Paul talking to Timothy, the Lord said this would be Him talking to me. Thus I have taken the name "Timothy II".

Some of the things the Lord told Timothy II, was to tell the 'Body of Christ' that "He is coming soon, very soon, sooner than you think". He told me that the 'Body of Christ', in addition to saving souls, must Repent from its dead works, backslidden conditions, and to restore the divided body from envy, strife, etc., and to also restore Christian marriages.

After this experience was over, the Lord told me to have my sister, who is in the ministry, come and lay hands on me to receive the "Filling of the Holy Spirit", to give me the 'Power' to do His work. This she did.

Later on, the doctors found out through an angiogram, that my left coronary artery was ninety-five percent blocked and I had to have an "angioplasty" to clear it. The Lord healed me through this method and I have been fine since.

The Lord completely delivered me from alcohol and also took away the desire for it.

Since 1985, the Lord has Called and trained myself and my wife Lavona, along with "The Team" which He has raised, to minister with Apostles, and to Prophets, Pastors, Priests, Evangelists and Church Leaders. He has used us to love, encourage, build up, edify, and to rebuke when necessary, these wonderful men and women of God.

God is judging His Church today, for judgment "must begin" at the "House of God". (1 Peter 4:17).

This is being done in the "spirit of Elijah". (Isaiah 40:3 Luke 1:17 Luke 3:4).

The judgement is based on Revelation 2 & 3.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

(Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29 3:6, 3:13, 3:22).

AMEN!

THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER CALL OF GOD ON TIMOTHY II

1. A MINISTRY TO LEADERS:

This Scripture was spoken out to Timothy II in the Hospital by the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Tim 2:2

2 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.

Although this Scripture along with the ‘Apostle/Messenger Call’ was given to Timothy II through a ‘Spoken Revelation’ from the Lord; it took many years of continual revelation to produce the ‘Spiritual Knowledge’ that God has revealed to Timothy II in this book. The Lord only reveals His Knowledge a little at a time. No man can stand all the revelation at one time, because we cannot comprehend that much ‘Spiritual Knowledge’. God prefers to allow us only what we can comprehend, and then let’s us grow in that comprehension, before going on to the next revelation.

We need to worry more today about those people that seem to have it all together and know everything, then those of us who really don’t know everything about what we are doing. We just trust God!

We have found that God wants us to do what He says, even if we don’t know the Scriptures for it. When asking God why, He said so that we will be doing it by Faith; then He will confirm it by the Scriptures. This He has always done.

Other Scriptures the Lord has given Timothy II for the ‘Apostle/Messenger Call’ to Leaders:

1 Tim 1:18

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

1 Tim 4:14

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

2 Tim 1:6

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

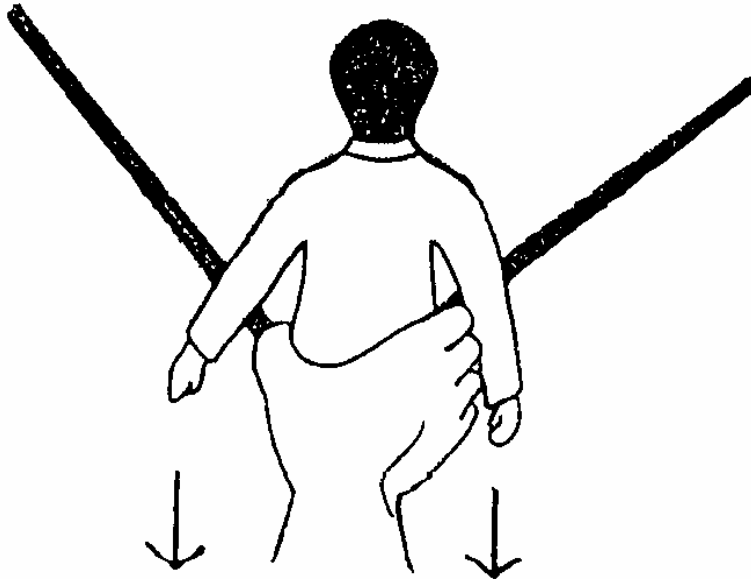
2 Tim 1:14

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

PATRICIA ABEGUNDE'S VISION OF THE TIMOTHY II TEAM

One of our former Team members, Patricia, had a Vision of how God revealed to our group, His Vision for our work. It was a little at a time.

The Vision shows God pulling (leading) us by the seat of our pants, with our backs facing the direction we are going. This way He is always in control and we cannot lead by ourselves. Also, the only place that we can see is where we have been, and not where we are going. This way we must put our trust in Him and have complete Faith in what He is doing. We also can't get puffed up, because as soon as we have seen what we have done, we are already doing something else, so that there is no time to get caught up in ourselves. God gets all the credit, because we may know what we are doing through previous visions or revelations, but we don't know where we are going or when!



After being lead this way by the Lord for many years, not long ago, Timothy II has been shown by the Lord that he is changing this Vision. Timothy II is now to step out in Faith and to go ahead facing forward. Much like Paul, this means he will continue to step forward in confidence, and God the Holy Spirit will stop him when he is going in the wrong direction. Usually this will happen as a matter of the wrong timing and not necessarily the wrong place. (Acts 16:6, 7)

THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER CALL OF GOD ON TIMOTHY II

2. A MINISTRY TO CHURCHES:

On March 19, 1988, Timothy II went on a retreat with about eighty men from the "Church of the Coastland" in Huntington Beach, California. They went to a barren desert place south of Palm Springs.

After fasting for about two days, each of them went to a far off place by themselves, to be alone and to seek the "Will of God" in their lives.

It was here that the Lord spoke to Timothy II for almost two hours. As the Lord outlined "His plan" for "His Work", Timothy II wrote it down in a notebook.

Along with other messages, the Lord outlined His "Ten Commandments for the Church". Then He said, "You will be sent out....."

When the Lord finished speaking to Timothy II, He said to close the book in which he was writing, and not to open it or share the contents with anyone, until he shared it at home with his wife Lavona. This he did.
Even now, not all of the contents have been shared with very many people.

Although Timothy II wasn't sure at the time what the Lord meant about "The Ten Commandments for the Church", He later confirmed His message by the Scriptures in the Bible.

The Lord is now sending Timothy II and "The Team", along with others who are Called by God; to go throughout the world to the churches to help prepare the 'Body of Christ' for "His soon Coming".

This preparation will be done through the work of the "Ten Commandments for the Church". (Revelation 19:7).

On the following page are these "Ten Commandments".

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.”

(For more information, request the book: “The Ten Commandments for the Church”)

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE CHURCH

1. YOU WILL RESTORE MY CHURCH:

2. YOU WILL PRONOUNCE SOUND DOCTRINE:

3. YOU WILL BRING IT (THE CHURCH) TOGETHER:

4. YOU WILL CLEANSE IT WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE:

5. YOU WILL EXPOSE:

FALSE PROPHETS:

FALSE TEACHERS:

FALSE WITNESSES:

FALSE BRETHREN:

6. YOU WILL DENOUNCE FALSE DOCTRINE AND HERESY:

7. SOME WILL DEPART FROM THE FAITH - LET THEM GO:

8. YOU WILL APPOINT NEW LEADERS:

**9. YOU WILL SEE THAT MY BODY WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES BEFORE
ME:**

(LITERALLY ON THEIR KNEES IN AMERICA, NOT OTHER COUNTRIES.)

**10. YOU WILL SEE THAT WE FEED THE POOR WITH MONEY OF THE
RICH:**

THE ABRAHAM EXPERIENCE

On March 19, 1988 at the desert retreat already mentioned, when the Lord spoke to Timothy II for two hours; the very first statement the Lord made at that time was: “You must be willing to give all, at all costs”.

This I call “The Abraham Experience”.

The Lord made this statement prior to all the rest. This I realized later, was because until I accepted this Commandment, the rest of the message would not come to fruition.

What the Lord told Timothy II that he must do, may sound simple; but to actually experience it is amazingly difficult. Remember, this was a Commandment from the Lord, not a suggestion, and if I truly wanted to serve Him I must do it.

In order to answer the Call of God, it takes “The Abraham Experience”. We must be willing to literally give up our most prized possessions. Abraham was willing to give up his son, would you be willing to do the same?

What we prove by going through this experience, is our ‘Fear of the Lord’.

(Genesis 22:12)

This way the Lord knows He can trust us, because we will hate evil and depart from it!

(Proverbs 8:13 16:6)

Even though Timothy II knew that if he didn’t do what the Lord had Commanded, he would be ‘out of here’; it still took Timothy II from March 19, 1988 until May 4, 1989, to actually do “The Abraham Experience” and make this total commitment to the Lord.

I am not sure why, but the Lord was gracious to give Timothy II that length of time to make up his mind. After that, Timothy II would never turn or look back, no matter what the circumstances!

1. WHAT IS IT THE LORD EXPECTED TIMOTHY II TO GIVE UP?

#1. My wife: Would God really ask that of me, and take my wife? (Ezekiel 24:15-18 Luke 14:26,27)

#2. My family: Like Abraham, this too was very difficult. (Matthew 10:37,38)

#3. My Work: I wasn’t ready to retire. (Job 1:8-22)

#4. Our house: We were going to retire there. (Job 1:8-22 Mark 10:29, 30)

#5. Our possessions (toys): Our condo in Palm Springs, our boat, our Cadillac’s.
(Job 1:8-22)

#1. The most difficult decision was my wife. I always depended on her for so much, I didn’t believe I could do this work without her. At the time, we had been married for 37 years and I would miss her so much if anything happened to her.

Even though the Lord had told me in the desert that, “Lavona will be with you in all things”; I didn’t know if He meant ‘physically’ or ‘Spiritually’. I wrestled with that for months. As it has worked out, He meant that she would be with me physically and Spiritually, as she has accompanied me throughout most of our journeys to the Philippines and elsewhere; however, not without an occasional balking.

#2. The family too was very difficult to sacrifice, but I felt the Lord meant that they would not be with me in all things, and they have not as some have fallen away.

#3. The Lord had already taken away my main interest in work, which was coaching football. Out of one hundred Community Colleges in California, ours was the only one to drop football. After that, it was teaching that I had to give up. Although I was able to retire, we had to give up about half of our income and learn to live on much less. I also enjoyed teaching very much, and I didn't really want to give it up.

#4. We had a beautiful home on the water in Huntington Harbour, California, with our own dock and boat right outside the living room. I could fish right off of my own porch. However, we had to sell this house in order for me to retire.

#5. Our possessions consisted of many toys. Our condo in Palm Springs was our weekend retreat. Our boat was my hobby. Our Cadillac's were to show that we have arrived. We sold our condo, boat and Cad's to reduce our debt and to preserve wasted time and energy.

The trouble with most of these things is not that they are evil in themselves, but that they are costly and time consuming to keep up, and they detract from the life style that we are committed to.

Now, the Lord has given us a nice house for entertaining guests, average cars, and enough finances to be able to travel to wherever He Calls.

I never realized, probably much like Abraham, that you must be *willing* to give up all, but the Lord doesn't necessarily take all that we have. Only God knows what we truly need.

2. HOW DO YOU ACTUALLY DO "THE ABRAHAM EXPERIENCE"?

You must go before the Lord and 'Spiritually' build an altar to Him. (Not physically) Then you must take each possession you covet, and 'Spiritually' put them on the altar. You may wonder what I mean by 'Spiritually'; it means you must actually see yourself doing this in front of God.

I had to start with my wife and actually 'Spiritually' see myself laying her on the altar, realizing by doing so that she may not be with me for very long; and then with prayer, raise up the 'Spiritual knife' and bring it down upon her. After that, taking each possession and doing the same.

This is not a game, and it is truly a devastating and humbling experience.

I repeat, THIS IS NOT A GAME!!

Don't even attempt it unless God has told you to. When you do it, you must mean business, or it could literally cost you your life. (1 Corinthians 11:30)

3. SCRIPTURES CONCERNING THE ABRAHAM EXPERIENCE:

Gen 22:1-2

1 And it came to pass after these things, that **God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.**

2 **And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.**

Gen 22:6

6 **And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.**

Gen 22:9-12

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; **and Abraham built an altar there**, and laid the wood in order, **and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar** upon the wood.

10 **And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.**

11 **And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.**

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: **for now I know that thou 'Fearest God'**, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Heb 11:17-19

17 **By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac:** and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 **Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead;** from whence also he received him in a figure.

Rom 4:3

3 **For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**

Rom 4:13

13 **For the promise**, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, **but through the righteousness of faith.**

Rom 4:16-24

16 **Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace;** to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, **and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

18 **Who against hope believed in hope**, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 **And being not weak in faith**, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 **He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 **And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**

23 **Now it was not written for his sake alone**, that it was imputed to him;

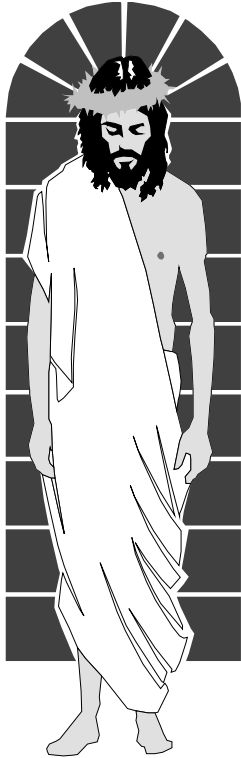
24 **But for us also**, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Luke 14:33

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

THE ABRAHAM EXPERIENCE





JESUS

OUR EXAMPLE OF AN APOSTLE

JESUS THE APOSTLE:

Jesus is our example of an Apostle, as He is an example in all areas of Church Leadership.

Heb 3:1

1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle** and High Priest of our profession, **Christ Jesus;**

HE WAS SENT BY GOD THE FATHER:

John 17:3

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and **Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**

HE CAME TO MINISTER AND TO BE A SERVANT TO ALL:

Matt 20:26-28

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28 **Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister,** and to give his life a ransom for many.

Phil 2:5-8

5 **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 **But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,** and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself, and became obedient** unto death, even the death of the cross.

APOSTLE

THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER CALL OF GOD IN THE LAST DAYS

I. WHAT IS AN APOSTLE?

1. A DEFINITION:

In the Greek: ‘Apostolos’

The Dictionary says:

Apostle: One of the twelve expressly commissioned by Christ to preach the Gospel.

One sent on or dedicated to some high mission; an early or first missionary; a messenger.

Apostolate: The state of being an Apostle.

Apostolic: Pertaining or according to the Apostles.

Strong’s Concordance: (652)

An ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ (‘Apostle’) (with miraculous powers): Apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

Vine’s Expository Dictionary:

Apostolos:

One sent forth.

Heb. 3:1	John 17:3	The Lord Jesus.
Luke 6:13	9:10	The Twelve Disciples.
1 Cor. 9:1	15:8	Paul.
Acts 14:4,	14	Barnabas.
Rom. 16:7		Andronicus and Junias.
2 Cor. 8:23		Two Unnamed Brethren.
Phil 2:25		Epaphroditus.
1 Thess. 2:6		Paul, Silas, Timothy.

Apostole:

A sending, a mission, signifies an apostleship.

Acts 1:25 Rom. 1:5 1 Cor. 9:2 Gal. 2:8.

2. THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE LAMB:

Some people believe that there are no Apostles today. The confusion lies in the fact that in order to be an 'Apostle of the Lamb' (the twelve), you had to have walked with Jesus and witness His resurrection.

Luke 6:13

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: **and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;**

When Judas betrayed Jesus, he was replaced by Matthias, who although chosen by lot, still had to meet the requirements as mentioned. In Revelation, these are the 'twelve' names that will be in the 'twelve foundations' of the wall of the New Jerusalem. It is obvious, that if there is one more Apostle mentioned after the twelve, then there is a continuous procession of Apostles until today. Actually, there are many that are mentioned after the original 'twelve', as shown in the Vine's Expository Dictionary. Another proof that there are Apostles today is that Jesus gave the 'Doma' Gift of Apostleship upon His leaving this earth, and that Gift is to the Church. (Eph. 4:8, 11)

Acts 1:15-26

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before **concerning Judas**, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 **For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.**

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aeldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: **and his bishoprick let another take.**

21 **Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,**

22 **Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

23 **And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.**

24 **And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,**

25 **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.**

Rev 21:10

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**
Rev 21:14

14 **And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve “Apostles of the Lamb”.**

3. THE APOSTLES OF TODAY:

The Bible teaches that there are two kinds of Apostles/Messengers today. Those that are ‘Called of God’ to the Churches, and those that are ‘Sent by the Churches’. This Book is mainly concerned with those ‘Apostles/Messengers Called of God’.

‘Apostles/Messengers Called of God’ will be called by a ‘Special Revelation’ or ‘Vision’ from God. Without this you cannot be an Apostle/Messenger of God.

Apostles/Messengers Called of God:

Paul’s testimony is our example:

Acts 9:1-20

1 **And Saul,** yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 **And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues,** that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 **And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:**

4 **And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice** saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 **And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus** whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 **And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**

7 **And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.**

8 **And Saul arose from the earth;** and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 **And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.**

10 **And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias.** And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 **And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,**

12 **And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias** coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 **Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:**

14 **And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.**

15 But the Lord said unto him, **Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:**

16 **For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

17 **And Ananias** went his way, and entered into the house; and **putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.**

18 **And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight** forthwith, and arose, **and was baptized.**

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 **And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues,** that he is the Son of God.

A second description of Paul's testimony:

Acts 22:6-15

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, **suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.**

7 **And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice** saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 **And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth,** whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 **And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.**

11 **And when I could not see for the glory of that light,** being led by the hand of them that were with me, **I came into Damascus.**

12 **And one Ananias,** a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 **Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight.** And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 **And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.**

15 **For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.**

Apostles Sent by the Churches:

Apostles that are called by the Churches to be 'sent out', do not have to have a 'revelation' or 'vision' from God.

Notice, Judas and Silas were chosen by the Church to accompany Paul and Barnabas who were 'Apostles/Messengers of God'.

Judas and Silas:

Acts 15:22

22 **Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:**

Acts 15:25

25 **It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,**

Acts 15:27

27 **We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.**

Two Unamed Brethren:

2 Cor 8:16

16 **But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.**

2 Cor 8:18-24

18 **And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;**

19 **And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:**

20 **Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:**

21 **Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.**

22 **And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.**

23 **Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.**

24 **Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.**

4. THE 'SEAL' OF APOSTLESHIP:

Apostles will have a 'Seal of their Apostleship'. The 'Seal' will be those 'people' that are working with them and those 'people' that are affected by the work of their ministry. It will not be the whole 'Body of Christ'. (2 Cor. 6:9)

1 Cor 9:1-2

1 **Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?**

2 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.**

1 Cor 3:6-11

6 **I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.**

7 **So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.**

8 **Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one:** and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 **For we are labourers together with God:** ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation,** and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**
Heb 13:17

17 **Obey them that have the rule over you,** and submit yourselves: **for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,** that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

II. WHAT IS THE ‘CALL’ OF THE APOSTLE?

1. WHO CALLS THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER OF GOD?

Jesus calls the Apostle/Messenger of God through the ‘Doma’ Gifts:

Eph 4:8

8 Wherefore he saith, When he (Jesus) ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave (Doma) gifts unto men.**

Rom 1:1-6

1 **Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,** separated unto the gospel of God,

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

3 **Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,** which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5 **By whom we have received grace and apostleship,** for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

Gal 1:1

1 **Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)**

2. WHAT IS THE CALL OF THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER FOR?

The Call of the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ as in all of the ‘Five Fold Ministry’ is for the Church:

Eph 4:11

11 **And he gave some, apostles;** and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

1 Cor 12:28

28 **And God hath set some ‘in the church’, first apostles,** secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

3. ARE ALL APOSTLES?

No!

1 Cor 12:29

29 **Are all apostles?** are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

4. CAN THIS CALL OVERLAP IN THE ‘DOMA’ GIFTS?

Yes, some who function in the ‘Doma Gifts’ overlap in the ‘Five Fold Ministry’. However, the role of Pastor/Priest and Apostle/Messenger can only overlap temporarily.

Acts 13:1

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch **certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon** that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

1 Tim 2:7

7 **Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle,** (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) **a teacher of the Gentiles** in faith and verity.

2 Tim 1:11

11 **Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.**

5. HOW LONG WILL THE CALL LAST?

The Apostles/Messengers Call will last until the “Body of Christ’ comes together, and until Jesus comes.

Eph 4:13-16

13 **Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things,** which is the head, even Christ:

16 **From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted** by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

6. CAN THE CALL OF GOD BE MADE BY A THREAT?

When Timothy II was Called by God, God told him that if he did not get into His will, he was 'out of here'. This is the way Timothy II heard it, but he knew the Lord meant that if he did not follow Him, he would be taken out of this world. This call was definitely a 'threat' by God. It took a long time before this 'threat' was confirmed by the Scriptures, but Timothy II believed God, just like Paul.

Paul said:

1 Cor 9:16

16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: **for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**

1 Tim 4:16

16 **Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

Col 4:17

17 And say to Archippus, **Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.**

III. WHAT IS THE 'ROLE' OF THE APOSTLE IN THE LAST DAYS?

1. TO PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD:

Some of the first Scriptures Timothy II was given by the Lord when he came out of the hospital, after a heart attack, was about 'preparing the way' for Jesus.

Just as John the Baptist 'prepared the way' for Jesus first visit to earth, so must the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' 'prepare the way' for Jesus return.

Luke 3:4

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

In Luke 3:4, it says to 'prepare the way of the Lord' and to make His paths straight. But in Isaiah 40:3, it says to 'prepare the way of the Lord' and make straight in the 'desert' a highway for our God.

The Dictionary says:

Wilderness:

1. Waste land, a tangled growth of plants; an uncultivated and uninhabited region.

2. A vast confusing aggregation (collection), as a wilderness of signboards. Syn. Desert, waste.

Desert:

A barren track of land; sandy waste.

The Lord told Timothy II that the ‘Wilderness’ and the ‘Desert’ in these last days are the Church; and God wants us to build a ‘Highway for our God’ in the Church. That ‘Highway’ is to connect and bring the people to the Lord.

Isa 40:3

3 **The voice of him that crieth in the ‘wilderness’, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the ‘desert’ a highway for our God.**

The ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ is to go through the Gates of the churches and ‘prepare the way’ of the people by casting up the ‘Highway’, and by raising up a ‘Standard’ for the people, which is Jesus and the Cross. The ‘Stones’ to be gathered out are the ‘unbelievers’.

Isa 62:10

10 Go through, **go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.**

However, it is the Lord that will open the Gates of the churches, not man!

Isa 45:2

2 **I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:**

And it will be the Holy Spirit that will lift up the Standard.

Isa 59:19

19 So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, **the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.**

What is the ‘Highway’ that the Apostle is to cast up? It is to ‘Depart from Evil’, which is the Spirit of the ‘Fear of the Lord’! That ‘Highway’ is only for the True ‘Body of Christ’.

Prov 16:17

17 **The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.**

Jer 31:21

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: **set thine heart toward the highway**, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.

Isa 35:7-9

7 **And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:** in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 **And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it;** but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; **but the redeemed shall walk there:**

The ‘Highway of Holiness’ is only for the redeemed!

The result of this move of God in the Church will bring all types of people together. They are represented here as ‘Trees’. This result will *prove* that the Lord has done this.

Isa 41:18-20

18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 **I will plant in the ‘wilderness’ the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the ‘desert’ the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:**

20 **That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this,** and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Isa 55:12-13

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, **and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

13 **Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree:** and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isa 60:13

13 **The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.**

Isa 61:1-3

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; **that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.**

Remember it is the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ that will be the *catalyst* to bring this move of God about!

2. TO PREPARE THE CHURCH (THE BRIDE OF CHRIST) FOR THE LORD:

Jesus will present a *glorious* Church to himself, without ‘spot or wrinkle’; but the ‘Bride’ must make herself ready. The Lord has given us all the tools necessary to bring the Church into holiness, but there has been a lack of Leadership in the pulpit. The ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will be instrumental in bringing holiness back into the church.

Eph 5:26-27

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 **That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

Rev 21:9

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

Rev 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.**

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: **for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

3. THIS WILL BE DONE IN THE ‘POWER AND SPIRIT’ OF ELIJAH:

The ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will move in the ‘Power and Spirit’ of Elijah, which will also bring families together by bringing the father into his rightful place as the ‘Spiritual Leader’ of the home.

Mal 4:5-6

5 **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:**

6 **And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers,** lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Luke 1:17

17 **And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**

4. TO STAND IN THE ‘GAP’ FOR THE ‘BODY OF CHRIST’:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is to stand in the 'Gap' for the 'Body of Christ' in these last days; much like Moses and the other Prophets of God stood in the 'Gap' for the children of Israel. This is a tough place to be in, because when you are in the middle you take much criticism. God is looking for such:

Ezek 22:30

30 **And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and 'stand in the gap' before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.**

Ezek 13:5

5 **Ye have not gone up into the 'gaps', neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.**

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' and his Company will take the responsibility to stand in the 'Gap'; thus restoring the foundations of many generations that have been wandering.

Isa 58:12

12 **And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.**

Isa 61:4

4 **And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.**

5. TO BRING AN 'AWAKENING' TO THE CHURCH:

Although everyone is talking about a giant revival that is going to take place, I believe the Church is going to go through an 'Awakening', which is different. A revival is a renewal of the old, but an 'Awakening is to 'Awake' to something New! This 'Awakening' will cause the 'Body of Christ' to get out of the *pews* and go to the streets. It will also bring into the Church a mixture of all types of people that have never been seen together before.

Isa 43:19-21

19 **Behold, I will do a 'new' thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the 'wilderness', and rivers in the 'desert'.**

20 **The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the 'wilderness', and rivers in the 'desert', to give drink to my people, my chosen.**

21 **This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.**

Isa 44:3-4

3 **For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:**

4 **And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.**

6. TO RE-ESTABLISH THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH:

The Church has been inundated with 'Unsound Doctrine' and even some 'false doctrine'. The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is being sent to cleanse the Church from all this and bring it back to its *only* 'Foundation' - JESUS!

Eph 2:19-22

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the 'foundation of the apostles' and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Rev 2:4-5

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because **thou hast left thy first love.** (JESUS)

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and **repent, and do the first works;** or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

7. TO BREAK SATAN'S YOKE:

While on the Island of Mindoro in the Philippines, the Lord showed Timothy II a 'Vision'.

That 'Vision' was about breaking the 'yoke of Satan'. The Lord told Timothy II to 'Commit' (2 Timothy 2:2) to Christians, that they can have complete Victory over Satan (James 4:7), and can get out from under his bondage. Remember, however, that it is the Lord doing it, and not you.

Isa 14:24-27

24 The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, **Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:**

25 **That I will break the Assyrian (satan) in my land,** and upon my mountains tread him under foot: **then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.**

26 **This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth:** and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 **For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it?** and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Isa 14:32

32 **What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation?** That the Lord hath founded Zion, and **the poor of his people shall trust in it.**

Isa 58:6

6 **Is not this the fast that I have chosen?** to loose the bands of wickedness, to **undo the heavy burdens,** and to let the oppressed go free, **and that ye break every yoke?**

Isa 10:27

27 **And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.**

8. TO ESTABLISH THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER OF GOD AS THE LORD'S JUDGE IN THE CHURCH:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is being sent to the Church to help 'establish Judgment' for the Lord. This has to happen in the Church first before it happens in the world. The Apostle/Messenger will Judge for the Lord and not man, and it will be done out of Love. Judgment does not mean criticism, but rather evaluation, both good and bad.

As Jesus Judges the churches in Revelation 2 and 3, He always tells the good things that the churches are doing before telling them the bad news. (Read the 'Seven Golden Candlesticks')

Isa 1:26-27

26 **And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.**

27 **Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.**

1 Pet 4:17

17 **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:** and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Because the Judgment is to be done for the Lord and not man, it must be done through the Spirit of the 'Fear of the Lord', which is to 'hate evil'.

The Apostle/Messenger can be no respecter of persons, nor a receiver of gifts.

2 Chr 19:5-10

5 **And he set judges in the land** throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

6 **And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgment.**

7 **Wherefore now let the 'Fear of the Lord' be upon you; take heed and do it:** for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, **nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.**

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the **Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the Lord,** and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, **Thus shall ye do in the 'Fear of the Lord', faithfully, and with a 'perfect heart'.**

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will usually reveal the Judgment (Evaluation) to the Pastor /Priests, who are ultimately responsible for the Judgment of each individual church. (Revelation 2, 3)

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even **warn them that they trespass not against the Lord (Spiritual Matters)**, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will Judge in the 'Fear of the Lord'; but like Jesus, they need to understand all of the 'Seven Spirits of God' in order to Judge for the Lord. (Read the 'Seven Spirits of God')

Isa 11:2-3

2 **And the 'Spirit of the Lord' shall rest upon him, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord;**

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the **Fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:**

Isa 61:8

8 **For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in Truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.**

Amos 5:15

15 **Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate:** it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

The results of the Pastors/Priests listening to the Judgment, and correcting what may be wrong, will be joy, peace and righteousness in the Holy Ghost.

Isa 32:15-20

15 **Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the 'wilderness be a fruitful field',** and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16 **Then 'judgment shall dwell in the wilderness', and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.**

17 **And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.**

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

Rom 14:17

17 **For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

The results of listening to the Judgment proclaimed by the Apostle/Messenger, is by choice. The Apostle/Messenger is not responsible for that choice nor the results.

1 Cor 11:30-32

30 **For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.**

31 **For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.**

32 **But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.**

Isa 1:28

28 **And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.**

9. TO ESTABLISH THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER AS GOD'S COUNSELOR:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is established through the 'Spirit of Counsel', as a Counselor to Church Leadership, not a critic! This Counsel will come from God!

Isa 1:26-27

26 **And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning:** afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

Isa 40:13-14

13 **Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him?**

14 **With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment,** and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

Paul gave Counsel to the Elders (Leaders) of the Church.

Acts 20:17-18

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, **and called the elders of the church.**

18 **And when they were come to him,** he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

Acts 20:27

27 **For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the 'counsel of God'.**

10. TO ESTABLISH THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER OVER THE 'SPIRITUAL MATTERS' OF THE CHURCH:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is over the 'Spiritual Matters' of the Church, not the Physical. Thus the Apostle/Messenger does *not* get involved in the daily workings of the Church. It is none of the Apostle's business how a church is run, who is involved, etc.; unless it begins to involve the 'Spiritual Matters' of the Lord. The Bible gives a lot of freedom in church administrations and operations, and remember it is the Pastor/Priest who is responsible for their individual church.

Sometimes it is hard to distinguish the difference between the 'Physical Matters' and the 'Spiritual Matters' of the Church, but the best answer for the Apostle/Messenger is to 'butt out', unless the Lord tells you differently.

Nevertheless, the Apostle/Messenger is still responsible for the 'Spiritual or Holy Matters' of the Church.

Exod 28:38

38 **And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things**, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; **and it shall be always upon his forehead**, that they may be accepted before the Lord.

In the following Scripture, the 'Chief Priest' is over all the 'Matters of the Lord', which parallels the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' of today, who is over all the 'Spiritual Matters'. The 'ruler of the house' who is over all the 'king's matters', parallels the 'Pastor/Priest' who is over the 'Physical Matters' of the Church.

This of course does not imply that the Pastor/Priest doesn't have responsibility for what happens 'Spiritually' at their individual church, but they are accountable to the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' as implied in (over you).

2 Chr 19:11

11 **And, behold, Amariah the 'chief priest' is 'over you' in all 'matters of the Lord' (Spiritual); and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the 'ruler of the house' of Judah, for all the 'king's matters' (Physical):** also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.

Paul in speaking about his 'Apostleship' said:

1 Cor 9:1

1 **Am I not an apostle?** am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? **are not ye my work in the Lord?**

1 Cor 9:11

11 **If we have sown unto you 'Spiritual things'**, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

11. TO DISTRIBUTE FINANCES TO THE POORER CHURCHES:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is called to distribute the 'extra finances' of the richer churches to the poorer churches. This helps to relieve some of the burdens of the poorer churches. By the Apostle/Messenger doing the distribution, it takes the responsibility off of the Pastor/Priests to decide to whom they should give the money. Because of the travels of the Apostle, he sees firsthand the many needs of the churches throughout the world; therefore, he will give it where it is needed most and is responsible to see that it gets there. (Acts 11:29, 30)

This is called '**the fellowship of the ministering to the saints**'.

Unfortunately, most of the time it is the poorer churches that do the giving, but their reward will be great in Heaven!

Rom 15:25-26

25 **But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.**

26 **For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.**

2 Cor 8:1-4

1 **Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;**

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and **their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.**

3 **For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;**

4 Praying us with much intreaty **that we would receive the gift, and take upon us 'the fellowship of the ministering to the saints'.**

2 Cor 8:11-15

11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; **that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.**

12 **For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.**

13 For I mean **not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:**

14 **But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:**

15 As it is written, **He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.**

2 Cor 9:1-15

1 **For as touching the ministering to the saints,** it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and **your zeal hath provoked very many.**

3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; **that, as I said, ye may be ready:**

4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5 **Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty,** whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6 **But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.**

7 **Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 **(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.**

10 **Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)**

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 **For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;**

13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, **and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;**

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

1 Cor 16:1-3

1 **Now concerning the collection for the saints,** as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 **Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.**

3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

IV. WHAT ARE THE CONFIRMING 'SIGNS' OF AN APOSTLE?

The following are the various 'Signs' of an 'Apostle/Messenger of God'. They of course may not all be evident at the same time; however, they will appear at sometime during the Work of the Apostle. When you see these 'Signs', this *may* mean the person doing them is an 'Apostle/Messenger of God', but not always.

There is an overlap of these 'Signs' with the Prophet, the Evangelist and the Pastor/Priest that may be in a transition stage. (Acts 6:8 8:5-7, 13)

Eventually Satan will also copy these 'Signs'. (2 Thessalonians 2:9)

1. SIGNS AND WONDERS:

The True 'Signs' of an 'Apostle/Messenger of God' are in Patience, Signs, Wonders and Mighty Deeds.

2 Cor 12:12

12 **Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.**

Along with Miracles and Charisma Gifts:

Acts 14:3

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, **and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.**

Acts 15:12

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, **declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.**

Heb 2:3-4

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, **and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;** (the Apostles)

4 **God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?**

This is what will bring the True ‘Body of Christ’ together, not ‘charismatic rhetoric’!

Acts 2:43-47

43 And fear came upon every soul: **and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.**

44 **And all that believed were together,** and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 **And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple,** and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness **and singleness of heart,**

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 4:30-32

30 **By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.**

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; **and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,** and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 **And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:** neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Acts 5:12

12 **And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch).**

Paul said that he had everything that the twelve ‘Apostles of the Lamb’ had; so do the ‘Apostles/Messengers of God’.

2 Cor 12:11

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: **for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.**

It takes ‘Signs and Wonders’ to *fully* ‘preach the gospel’. That is why the Church today is so tired of hearing rhetoric, they want to *see and feel* the ‘Power of the Gospel’.

Rom 15:19

19 **‘Through mighty signs and wonders’, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have ‘fully preached the gospel’ of Christ.**

2. POWER:

‘Apostles/Messengers of God’ have Power when they speak. This Power is the ‘Authority’ that comes from God through the Holy Spirit, and no man can come against them.

Acts 1:8

8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 4:33

33 **And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus:** and great grace was upon them all.

1 Cor 2:4-5

4 **And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

5 **That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**

The Kingdom of God is not preached through the words of prideful men/women, but is given through the ‘Power of God’.

1 Cor 4:19-20

19 **But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.**

20 **For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in ‘power’.**

2 Cor 4:5-7

5 **For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;** and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

1Thes 1:5

5 **For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost,** and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

3. HEALINGS:

‘Apostles/Messengers of God’ have been ‘commissioned’ to heal the sick through various methods. (Read - ‘Healing - In the Last Days’)

Luke 9:2

2 **And he ‘sent’ them to preach the kingdom of God, and to ‘heal the sick’.**

Luke 10:8-9

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

9 **And heal the sick that are therein,** and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Acts 28:8-9

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom **Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.**

9 **So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:**

4. NOTABLE MIRACLES:

‘Apostles/Messengers of God’ will do ‘Notable’ Miracles.

Acts 3:2-8

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 **And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.**

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.**

7 **And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up:** and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 4:16

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? **for that indeed a ‘notable miracle’ hath been done by them** is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

5. SPECIAL MIRACLES:

‘Apostles/Messengers of God’ will perform ‘Special Miracles’.

Acts 5:14-15

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, **that at the least the ‘shadow of Peter’ passing by might overshadow some of them.**

Acts 19:11-12

- 11 **And God wrought ‘special miracles’ by the hands of Paul:**
 12 **So that from his body were brought unto the sick ‘handkerchiefs or aprons’, and the ‘diseases’ departed from them, and the ‘evil spirits’ went out of them.**

6. DELIVERANCE OF DEMONS:

The ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will be deeply involved in the ‘Deliverance of demons’. These deliverances are for people that are ‘possessed’ by demons.

Timothy II and his Company were first taught by the Holy Spirit how to deliver these demons in the Philippines. Since then, we have actually performed deliverances on hundreds of people; especially young ‘drug addicts’ who have opened themselves up to the occult through drugs. This is an important work, that not many in the ministry do. Do not attempt it without the counsel and coaching from those that know what they are doing! (Read the Study Guide: ‘Demons’)

Jesus set the first example:

Mark 1:23

23 **And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit;** and he cried out,

Mark 1:25-27

25 **And Jesus rebuked him,** saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 **And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.**

27 **And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.**

Then Jesus gave the ‘Authority’ to His Apostles to cast out demons.

Matt 10:1 Mark 6:7 Luke 9:1

1 **And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out,** and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

The following verse is the ‘Commandment of Jesus’, giving the Apostle as well as others, ‘Exousia’ (delegated authority) Power over *all* the ‘Dunamis’ (miraculous) Power of the enemy.

Luke 10:19

19 **Behold, I give unto you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, **and over all the power of the enemy:** and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The results of this ‘Delegated Authority’ is the ability to deliver demons.

Acts 5:16

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, **and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.**

Paul's example of a deliverance:

Acts 16:16-18

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, **a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination** met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 **The same followed Paul and us**, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. **But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.**

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will also have the ability to *loosen* 'seducing spirits', many of which are attached to Christians. This is very important, because many Christians have been fooled into thinking that they cannot have demons on them, but they can and do. These demons are not inside (not possessed), but are attached to the outside, thereby attacking the mind and the body.

If this situation isn't taken care of, some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to these 'seducing spirits' and their evil doctrine. This is real, not a myth!

1 Tim 4:1

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to 'seducing spirits', and doctrines of devils;**

Casting out demons is actually taking the 'Kingdom of God' to the people.

Matt 12:28

28 **But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.**

Luke 11:20

20 **But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.**

7. RAISE THE DEAD:

'Apostles/Messenger of God' will at some time 'Raise the dead'.

Acts 9:36-41

36 **Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha**, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 **And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died:** whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, **and the disciples had heard that Peter was there**, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

39 **Then Peter arose and went with them.** When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 **But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.**

41 **And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up**, and when he had called the saints and widows, **presented her alive.**

Acts 20:7-12

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, **Paul preached unto them**, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 **And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.**

10 **And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.**

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 **And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.**

8. VISIONS, REVELATIONS AND ‘OUT OF BODY’ EXPERIENCE:

‘Apostles/Messengers of God’ will have ‘visions’, ‘revelations’, and sometimes ‘out of body experiences’. These are important events to the Apostle because as he travels he is continually being guided by the Holy Spirit. This way he knows the directions he is to take and where and what the Lord will have him to do.

There is a price to pay for these events, that is why the Apostle/Messenger suffers much.

Acts 16:9-10

9 **And a vision appeared to Paul in the night;** There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 **And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.**

Acts 18:9-10

9 **Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:**

10 **For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee:** for I have much people in this city.

2 Cor 12:1-7

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. **I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.**

2 **I knew a man in Christ** above fourteen years ago, **(whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)** such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, **(whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)**

4 **How that he was caught up into paradise**, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 **Of such an one will I glory:** yet of myself I will not glory, **but in mine infirmities.**

6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

7 **And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I should be exalted above measure.**

V. THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN APOSTLE:

1. IS LOVE:

The most important “Distinctive Characteristic” of an ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ is **Love**. Not only is he a ‘Loving Person’, but he is totally motivated by the ‘Love of God’. Everything that the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ does is through **Love**. This does not mean that because of his **Love** that he is not strict in his methods, nor does not rebuke when necessary; on the contrary, it is *because* OF the ‘Love of God’ that he will not be negligent in his duties.

Many people today have the wrong idea about **Love**. They think it is **Love** that motivates one to be easy-going, mellow, a rug to be walked on, imprecise, etc.; when actually that is laziness. *Real Love* is strict, fair, consistent, plays no favorites, tough at times, follows the rules etc. (1 Corinthians 13)

Love is a ‘Fruit of the Spirit’ (Gal. 5:22); therefore, the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will bear the ‘Fruit of Love’ as a result of his walk with God. (Gal. 5:16)

Since ‘God is Love’ (I John 4:8, 16), and Jesus laid down His life for us; the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will *always* act in **Love** for two basic reasons:

1. Because he **Loves** God.
2. Because he **Loves** the brethren.

I Jn 3:16-18

16 **Hereby perceive we the love of God**, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, **let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

I Jn 4:7

7 **Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God;** and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

I Jn 4:12

12 No man hath seen God at any time. **If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

I Jn 4:21

21 **And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

‘Love’ should be without hypocrisy.

Rom 12:9

9 **Let love be without dissimulation.** Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Gal 5:13

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only **use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.**

Eph 5:2

2 **And walk in love,** as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Paul said:

Phil 2:1-2

1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 **Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love,** being of one accord, of one mind.

John said to the Church:

II Jn 1:1

1 The elder **unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth;** and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

II Jn 1:5-6

5 **And now I beseech thee, lady,** not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, **that we love one another.**

6 **And this is love, that we walk after his commandments.** This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

The ‘Apostle of God’ will display a genuine ‘Love’ for his Enemies, which is very difficult to do.

Prov 24:17-18

17 **Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth**, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

18 Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

Matt 5:44

44 **But I say unto you, Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Finally:

1 Cor 16:24

24 **My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

2. A SERVANT:

When the Lord spoke to Timothy II in the desert, one of the words He gave him was to: “Keep the attitude of a Servant (Doulos)”.

An ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ is a ‘Servant to All’.

Mark 10:42-44 Matt 20:25-28

42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, **Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.**

43 But so shall it not be among you: **but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your ‘minister’:**

44 **And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be ‘servant of all’.**

1 Cor 9:19

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself ‘servant unto all’, that I might gain the more.

1 Cor 10:33

33 **Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit**, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

2 Cor 1:24

24 **Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy:** for by faith ye stand.

Phil 1:1

1 **Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ**, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Tim 2:24

24 **And the servant of the Lord** must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

Titus 1:1

1 **Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ**, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

3. LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is *always* Led by the Holy Spirit. That is why he often pays no attention to what man says or does. (Romans 8:14)

Acts 13:2-4

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 **So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost**, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 16:6-7

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, **and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,**

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: **but the Spirit suffered them not.**

Acts 20:22-23

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 **Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city**, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

4. WILL 'AVOID' ARGUMENTS:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will try to avoid confrontation.

1 Tim 6:20

20 **O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:**

2 Tim 2:16

16 **But shun profane and vain babblings:** for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2 Tim 2:23

23 **But foolish and unlearned questions avoid**, knowing that they do gender strifes.

5. HUMBLE:

When the Lord spoke to Timothy II in the desert, He told him: "You must remain humble." When the Lord spoke about the work of the ministry He said: "Remember it is not how high you attain, it is how low you remain".

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is a 'humble' Servant to all.

Matt 23:12

12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and **he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.**

Acts 20:19

19 **Serving the Lord with all humility of mind**, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

1 Cor 15:9

9 **For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle**, because I persecuted the church of God.

6. OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' himself, and his ways, are often misunderstood.

Acts 9:26

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: **but they were all afraid of him**, and believed not that he was a disciple.

Acts 24:14

14 **But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy**, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

7. THE APOSTLE'S SPEECH:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will be humble, but will speak 'boldly', as he represents the oracles of God. He will also be very careful what he says as his words represent the Word of God.

A. WILL SPEAK BOLDLY:

1 Pet 4:11

11 **If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ**, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts 4:29

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: **and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word**,

Acts 9:27

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, **and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.**

Acts 9:29

29 **And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus**, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

Acts 19:8

8 **And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months**, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

2 Cor 7:4

4 **Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.**

A prayer for Boldness:

Eph 6:19-20

19 **And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,**

20 **For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**

B. NOT WITH MAN'S WISDOM:

1 Cor 2:1-4

1 **And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.**

2 **For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

3 **And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.**

4 **And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

1 Cor 2:6-7

6 **Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:**

7 **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:**

1 Cor 2:12-14

12 **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

13 **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

14 **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

C. WILL SPEAK PLAINLY AND WITH KNOWLEDGE:

2 Cor 3:12

12 **Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:**

2 Cor 11:6

6 **But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.**

D. WILL NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY UNBELIEVERS:

Even as Jesus' speech was not understood, so will the Apostle's speech not be understood by those who do not believe. This is because the 'Word of God' is sharp as a

two-edged sword; it will divide in half the ‘soul and the spirit’ of people and the ‘thoughts and intents’ of their hearts, revealing the Truth! This will cause an extreme hatred of God’s Apostle/Messenger by some in the church, including some church leaders.

John 8:42-43

42 **Jesus said unto them,** If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 **Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.**

John 8:47

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: **ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.**

Heb 4:12

12 **For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword,** piercing even to the **dividing asunder of soul and spirit,** and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

E. WILL BE EASILY ACCEPTED BY TRUE BELIEVERS:

God’s Word that is spoken by His Apostle/Messenger will be easily accepted by the True ‘Body of Christ’, because they have received the ‘Spirit of Wisdom’, which is one of the ‘Seven Attributes’ of the Holy Spirit. However, some church leaders may be less receptive because of envy, and strife.

Gal 5:26

26 **Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.**

James 3:14-18

14 **But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.**

15 **This wisdom descendeth not from above,** but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 **But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.**

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

F. SOMETIMES A MAN OF FEW WORDS:

The ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will usually be a man of few words.

Prov 12:23

23 **A prudent man concealeth knowledge:** but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

Prov 17:27-28

27 **He that hath knowledge spareth his words:** and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and **he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.**

James 3:2

2 For in many things we offend all. **If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man,** and able also to bridle the whole body.

8. FASTING OFTEN:

God's Apostle/Messenger will 'Fast' often because it is important in knowing the Will of God, and to be prepared to cast out certain demons. (2 Corinthians 11:27)

A. FASTING TO CAST OUT A 'DEAF AND DUMB' SPIRIT:

Matt 17:14-16 Mark 9:25

14 And when they were come to the multitude, **there came to him a certain man,** kneeling down to him, and **saying,**

15 **Lord, have mercy on my son:** for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 **And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.**

Matt 17:18-21

18 **And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him:** and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 **Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?**

20 **And Jesus said unto them,** Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21 **Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

B. FASTING TO ORDAIN ELDERS:

Acts 14:23

23 **And when they had ordained them elders** in every church, **and had prayed with fasting,** they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

C. FASTING TO SEND OUT:

Acts 13:2-3

2 **As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said,** Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 **And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

9. GOD'S APOSTLES WILL SUFFER:

There is a price to pay to be an ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’. This is one of the reasons why God only reveals a little at a time what is ahead for us. We might turn back if we knew all of the future events.

Some people get caught up in ‘titles’, they don’t count the ‘cost’ involved in doing God’s work. But know this, the ‘price/cost’ is well worth the results that will be achieved by ‘Serving’ the Lord.

Acts 9:16

16 **For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

2 Cor 6:1

1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye **receive not the grace of God in vain.**

2 Cor 6:4-10

4 **But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God,** in much patience, **in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,**

5 **In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;**

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 **By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;**

9 **As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;**

10 **As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.**

2 Cor 11:23-26

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) **I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.**

24 Of the Jews **five times received I forty stripes save one.**

25 **Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck,** a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 **In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;**

Yes, even the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will suffer physical affliction and sickness, in order to keep him from getting ‘puffed up’, because of all the revelations he will receive from God. Most Christians do not understand this, but Paul knew very well why it happened to him. That is why he said he will ‘glory in his infirmities’ and took ‘pleasure in his trials’. Believe me, Paul did not suffer because of a *lack* of Faith.

2 Cor 11:30

30 If I must needs glory, **I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.**

2 Cor 12:7-10

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, **there was given to me a thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 **For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.**

9 **And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:** for my strength is made perfect in weakness. **Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

10 **Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

Here is an example of one of Paul and Silas 'trials' because of casting out the 'spirit of divination' in the damsel. Their attitude in prison exemplifies a true 'Apostle/Messenger of God'.

Acts 16:19-25

19 **And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone**, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, **These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,**

21 **And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive**, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 **And the multitude rose up together against them:** and the magistrates rent off their clothes, **and commanded to beat them.**

23 **And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison**, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, **thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.**

25 **And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and 'sang praises unto God':** and the prisoners heard them.

10. SHARE THEIR UNUSUAL TESTIMONY:

'Apostles/Messengers of God' will share their *unusual* Testimony; and it will vary as to what details are told as lead of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's Testimony is an example, as shown here and in (Acts 22:6-15) previously shown.

Paul's sharing of his Testimony with King Agrippa.

Acts 26:13-20

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

11. HOSPITALITY:

Although ‘Hospitality’ is an important characteristic of *all* church leaders, it is especially important for the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’. Much of the Apostle’s work is done in the home, because it allows for an informal setting that is less threatening to people. It is particularly effective for couples or one on one ministry. (Acts 28:30)

When ministering to those of ‘worldly reputations’ and titles, it is also very effective. (Gal. 2:2)

That is part of the reason why the Apostles on occasion, fellowshipped and ministered house to house. (Acts 2:46)

The wife or spouse plays an important role in the Apostle’s Hospitality. She needs to make the home a comfortable place, serve good food, be pleasant to visitors, as well as be a good listener. Many times a Pastor’s wife or church leader’s wife just needs someone to talk to. At our home, there have been numerous times that they have ended up in tears, releasing their built up emotions and tensions.

Most of the many Pastors, church leaders, and government leaders that have visited us, or us them, have just needed some friendship, rest, and peace of mind, without any pressures nor pretenses.

We give our guests a private room, a key, a car if needed, good food, and lots of leisure time. We also have a pool and a Jacuzzi for their relaxation. When ministering we try to encourage them to allow time for golf, the beach, eating out, Disneyland, etc.

(Mark 6:31)

Although not the purpose of Hospitality, because of all of the relaxation and encouragement we give; when the Lord does have a word for these wonderful ‘Servants of God’, it is more easily received because of the trust and friendship we have built up.

(James 3:17)

Another benefit from Hospitality is when the Apostle/Messenger travels, it is much easier and more enjoyable to find lodging with these, your friends.

(Philemon 22)

Scriptures dealing with Hospitality:

A. IN GENERAL:

Rom 12:13

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; **given to hospitality.**

1 Pet 4:9

9 **Use hospitality one to another without grudging.**

B. CHURCH LEADERS:

1 Tim 3:2

2 **A bishop then must be** blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, **given to hospitality**, apt to teach;

Titus 1:7-8

7 **For a bishop must be** blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 **But a lover of hospitality**, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOD'S APOSTLE/MESSENGER:

1. INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' intercedes in prayer on a daily basis for those whom the Lord entrusts in his care. However, there are times that God doesn't want us to pray for people; that is why the Apostle/Messenger must be 'sensitive' to the Holy Spirit about prayer. When this happens we have had to say 'no' to the person, and many times they do not understand; but we must be obedient to the Lord.

I remember one time when a young man at our church was slowly dying. He was in a wheel chair, almost blind, a bad heart, and many other problems due to diabetes. When his wife asked us to pray for him, the Holy Spirit refused to let us. Every time we saw her after that, it broke our hearts, as she did not understand why we would not pray for him. This was very difficult for me, especially seeing the tears in her eyes.

Finally one day at a Sunday service, the Lord said "today is the day".

I told the young man what the Lord had said, and after the service we went forward to pray for him. Along with half the church coming forward to pray for him also, the young man came out of his wheelchair, and was completely healed.

The only explanation I have for this delay in prayer by the Lord, was that it got the whole church involved, and everyone got to see and be involved in the Miracle. (John 11:1-46)

Sometimes the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' may not want to intercede in prayer nor speak the Word of God, because he knows the people will not do what God says, even though they say they will. This will bring certain destruction upon themselves. That is why many times the Apostle/Messenger will warn the people of the consequences.

Jer 42:1-4

1 **Then all the captains** of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, **and all the people** from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, **Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the Lord thy God,** even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

3 **That the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.**

4 **Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the Lord shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.**

Jer 42:6

6 **Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee;** that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God.

Jer 42:19-22

19 **The Lord hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.**

20 **For ye dissembled (deceived yourselves) in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the Lord your God, saying, Pray for us unto the Lord our God; and according unto all that the Lord our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.**

21 **And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.**

22 **Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.**

Jer 43:7

7 **So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the Lord:** thus came they even to Tahpanhes.

Jer 44:16

16 **As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we will not hearken unto thee.**

A. INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR 'THE BODY OF CHRIST':

Rom 1:9

9 **For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;**

Eph 6:18

18 **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

Phil 1:1-4

1 **Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus** which are at Philippi, **with the bishops and deacons:**

2 **Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

3 **I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

4 **Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy.**

Col 1:3

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praying always for you,**

Col 1:9

9 **For this cause we also,** since the day we heard it, **do not cease to pray for you,** and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

B. INTERCEDING FOR ONE ANOTHER:

Col 4:12

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, **always labouring fervently for you in prayers,** that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

1Thes 1:2 Philemon 4

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, **making mention of you in our prayers;**

1Thes 5:17

17 **Pray without ceasing.**

1Thes 5:25

25 **Brethren, pray for us.**

1 Tim 2:1

1 **I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;**

2. WILL GIVE THE HOLY GHOST:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will give the Holy Ghost through 'prayer' and by the 'laying on of hands'.

Acts 8:14-15

14 **Now when the apostles** which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them **Peter and John:**

15 Who, when they were come down, **prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:**

Acts 8:17-18

17 **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

18 And when Simon saw that he offered them money, **through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given,**

Acts 19:6

6 **And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them;** and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

3. WILL WARN (ADMONISH):

It is the responsibility of the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' to warn (admonish) those people whom God entrusts to him, or else it is on him!

There are many in the church today that are not saved, and they must be warned.

Many Pastors/Priests are too lax in this responsibility. That is why the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ is being sent to the House of God to warn the leaders and the people.

Ezek 3:17-21

17 **Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.**

18 **When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.**

19 **Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.**

20 **Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.**

21 **Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.**

James 5:19-20

19 **Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;**

20 **Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**

A. WILL WARN THE LEADERS (ELDERS) OF THE CHURCH:

Acts 20:17

17 **And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.**

Acts 20:28-31

28 **Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

29 **For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

30 **Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**

31 **Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**

B. WILL WARN THE BODY OF CHRIST AS THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS:

2 Cor 12:21

21 **And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.**

C. WILL WARN THROUGH LETTERS:

2 Cor 10:9-11

9 **That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.**

10 **For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful;** but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

11 **Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.**

Phil 3:1-2

1 **Finally, my brethren,** rejoice in the Lord. **To write** the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

2 **Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.**

II Th 3:14-15

14 **And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.**

15 Yet count him not as an enemy, **but admonish him as a brother.**

2 Pet 3:15-16

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; **even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**

16 **As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood,** which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

4. DELIVER DECREES:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will deliver Decrees (Orders/ Regulations) as led by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 16:4-5

4 And as they went through the cities, **they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.**

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

5. WILL TEACH AND PREACH:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is Called to 'Teach' and to 'Preach' to church leaders and world leaders and to all types of people, in many different circumstances.

Acts 14:21

21 And when **they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many,** they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

Acts 15:35

35 **Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.**

Acts 20:20

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, **but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,**
Acts 28:30-31

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 **Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ,** with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

1 Cor 1:17-18

17 **For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel:** not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 **For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**

6. WILL EDIFY:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will edify (instruct).

2 Cor 10:8

8 **For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification,** and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

2 Cor 13:10

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, **according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification,** and not to destruction.

Eph 4:11-12

11 **And he gave some, apostles;** and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

7. WILL ENCOURAGE:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will Encourage and Strengthen; especially Pastors/Priests and church leaders.

Deut 1:38

38 **But Joshua** the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: **encourage him:** for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

Deut 3:28

28 **But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him:** for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

Acts 18:23

23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, **strengthening all the disciples.**

8. WILL RESTORE AND FORGIVE:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God', walking in the 'spirit of Elijah', is in the business of Restoration and Forgiveness.

A. RESTORATION:

Isa 58:12

12 **And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places:** thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; **and thou shalt be called,** The repairer of the breach, **The restorer of paths to dwell in.**

Mark 9:11-12

11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?

12 And he answered and told them, **Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things;**

Gal 6:1

1 Brethren, **if a man be overtaken in a fault,** ye which are spiritual, **restore such an one in the spirit of meekness;** considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

B. FORGIVENESS:

Luke 17:3

3 **Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee,** rebuke him; and **if he repent, forgive him.**

2 Cor 2:10

10 **To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;**

Matt 18:33-35

33 **Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant,** even as I had pity on thee?

34 **And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors,** till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 **So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**

9. WILL SEND OUT OTHERS:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will send out others, to remind those entrusted to him of his teachings, to let them know what's happening, to comfort them, and for many other reasons.

1 Cor 4:17

17 **For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus,** who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, **who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ,** as I teach every where in every church.

2 Cor 12:17-18

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them **whom I sent unto you?**

18 **I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother.** Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

Eph 6:21-22

21 But **that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do,** Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22 **Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.**

Phil 2:19

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus **to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort,** when I know your state.

Phil 2:23-25

23 **Him therefore I hope to send presently,** so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

25 **Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus,** my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but **your messenger,** and he that ministered to my wants.

Phil 2:28

28 **I sent him therefore the more carefully, that,** when ye see him again, **ye may rejoice,** and that I may be the less sorrowful.

Col 4:7-8

7 **All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you,** who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

8 **Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;**

Phile 1:10

10 I beseech thee for **my son Onesimus,** whom I have begotten in my bonds:

Phile 1:12

12 **Whom I have sent again:** thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

10. WILL HEAL MARRIAGES:

God has Called His Apostle/Messenger to help heal Christian marriages.

When the Lord spoke to Timothy II in the hospital, He told him to help bring Christian marriages together. At the time, Timothy II didn't know exactly what the Lord meant, but now it is obvious that the Lord was preparing him for the tremendous war that Satan is waging against Christian marriages and upon those who are contemplating marriage. There is a great need for the Restoration of Christians in their marriages; especially the Pastors and church leaders.

The Lord told Timothy II that in Christian marriages, two must become as 'one mind' in the Spirit as well as 'one flesh'. (Mark 10:8)

This doesn't mean that we don't have a mind or a personality of our own, but when it comes to Spiritual matters we need to be of 'one accord'.

Although Paul is talking about the Church in some of the following scriptures, the meaning is synonymous with those that are married. (Eph. 5:31, 32)

1 Cor 1:10

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; **but that ye be perfectly joined together in the ‘same mind’ and in the same judgment.**

Phil 1:27

27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, **that ye stand fast in ‘one spirit’, with ‘one mind’ striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

1 Pet 3:7-8

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, **and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**

8 **Finally, be ye all of ‘one mind’,** having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

Submitting to one another!

Eph 5:21-22

21 **Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**

22 **Wives**, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Eph 5:25

25 **Husbands**, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

The husband is the ‘Spiritual Leader’ of the home, and the wife is the ‘Builder’ and the ‘Guide’ of the home.

Eph 5:23

23 **For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church:** and he is the saviour of the body.

Prov 14:1

1 **Every wise woman buildeth her house:** but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

1 Tim 5:14

14 **I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house,** give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

As Paul gave his counsel on marriage to the Church; so will the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ give pure, practical, Christian marriage advice, without any of man’s psychology!! Yes, it is possible!

This will be done through the ‘Spirit of Counsel’, one of the ‘Attributes’ of the Holy Spirit.

The following Scriptures are recorded here, not for the counsel that was given, but for the proof that Paul counseled at times without direct Commandments from the Lord.

1 Cor 7:1-2

1 **Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me:** It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

1 Cor 7:6

6 **But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.**

1 Cor 7:12

12 **But to the rest speak I, not the Lord:** If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

1 Cor 7:17

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. **And so ordain I in all churches.**

1 Cor 7:25

25 **Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment,** as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

1 Cor 7:40

40 **But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.**

VII. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOD'S APOSTLE/MESSENGER:

GOD'S APOSTLE/MESSENGER HAS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CHURCH:

1. TO TAKE 'SPIRITUAL CARE' OF THE CHURCHES:

God's Apostle/Messenger has the responsibility to take 'Spiritual Care' of 'all' the churches that God puts under his care.

2 Cor 11:28

28 Beside those things that are without, **that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.**

Num 18:1

1 **And the Lord said unto Aaron, Thou** and thy sons and thy father's house with thee **shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary:** and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2. TO CONFIRM THE CHURCHES AND SOULS:

God's Apostle/Messenger will travel church to church and house to house, confirming the churches and the souls that the Lord leads to him.

Acts 14:20

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: **and the next day he departed** with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 14:22

22 **Confirming the souls of the disciples**, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 15:40-41

40 **And Paul** chose Silas, and **departed**, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 **And he went** through Syria and Cilicia, **confirming the churches**.

3. WILL RESTORE SOUND DOCTRINE:

Because the Church has veered to the left and to the right with every 'wind of doctrine', God's Apostle/Messenger will restore 'Sound Doctrine' to the Church; that is one of the main purposes of the 'Five Fold Ministry'.

1 Tim 1:2-3

2 **Unto Timothy**, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 **As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus**, when I went into Macedonia, **that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine**,

1 Tim 1:10

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, **and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine**;

Eph 4:14

14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Acts 2:42

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

2 Tim 4:3

3 **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Titus 2:1

1 **But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine**:

4. ORDAIN ELDERS (LEADERS):

Part of the Apostle's responsibilities is to 'Ordain' Elders or leaders in the church. This will be accomplished by the Pastors/Priests asking the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' to help evaluate their staff and/or prospective elders to be Ordained. This will be a natural occurrence, not a contrived scheme to take over the Pastor/Priest's authority. We have also 'Spiritually Ordained' potential leaders that the Lord has revealed to our Team, through prayer and fasting and anointing with oil. After a waiting period, we have then recommended them to be Ordained through our official organization, A.I.G.A.

Acts 14:23

23 **And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.**

Titus 1:5

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, **and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:**

VIII. UNUSUAL SITUATIONS OF GOD'S APOSTLE/MESSENGER:

THERE ARE SOME 'UNUSUAL SITUATIONS' UNIQUE TO THE 'APOSTLE/MESSENGER OF GOD' THAT ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, BUT THE LORD KNOWS WHO ARE HIS:

1. RELATIONSHIPS:

There is a 'Spiritual Bond', a 'Special Love', between the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' and the brothers and sisters that the Holy Spirit brings together, for this Work of the Ministry. This 'Spiritual Bond' is expressed by Paul in the many salutations he gives at the end of the various epistles. This close relationship is very important for the Work, and although it is not a threat, it may not be understood by most of the Church, especially the Leadership. It may actually be misunderstood; because there are those in the Church, that have been sent by the enemy, to draw others after themselves. (Acts 20:30)

This won't happen to those who become a part of the 'Apostle/Messenger of God's Company. They won't draw others after themselves nor cause division or strife, because they know that they must be accountable, and maintain credibility. If they do leave their local church, it should be with the blessing of their Pastor.

These Special Relationships consist of knowing who we are in Christ and not 'respecting any persons'; knowing that we have earned nothing, but received our Call by Grace.

Prov 28:21

21 **To have respect of persons is not good:** for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

Rom 2:11

11 **For there is no respect of persons with God.**

Gal 2:6

6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (**whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:**) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

James 2:9

9 **But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin,** and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

This 'Spiritual Bond' teaches us to share each others burdens.

Gal 6:2

2 **Bear ye one another's burdens,** and so fulfil the law of Christ.

1 Cor 12:25-26

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but **that the members should have the same care one for another.**

26 **And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.**

2. THE APOSTLE'S COMPANY:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is surrounded with this Company of dedicated men and women of God to help with all the Work of the Ministry. (Romans 16)

There is a great need for 'responsible' Servants in this Work. Finding those people that will see the 'Vision of the Apostle/Messenger', and are willing to pay the price to achieve that 'Vision', are hard to find.

It is important to realize that this Work of the Apostle's Company, doesn't substitute for the work of the Church nor interferes with it; but is an integral part of the Church that has been missing.

Acts 21:8

8 And the next day **we that were of Paul's company** departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

Phil 4:3

3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help **those women which laboured with me in the gospel,** with Clement also, **and with other my fellowlabourers,** whose names are in the book of life.

JESUS - also had His Company of disciples.

Luke 6:17

17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, **and the company of his disciples,** and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

3. NOT IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' and those in his immediate Company, if they do attend their local church, will not be involved in the church Leadership. The main reason is that

the Apostle and his Company will travel to different churches throughout the world, and it is better that they do not represent any particular church or denomination as Leaders. Being a Leader in a church can cause dissension, because some people may think you are going to spread your church doctrine, recruit their members, etc.

An 'Apostle/Messenger of God' cannot afford to get caught up in these situations.

(2 Timothy 2:16) In fact it is good if members of the Apostle's Company attend different churches.

Time is another factor why an Apostle and his Company cannot be in church Leadership; because Apostolic Work with all its travel is very time consuming;

Num 18:20

20 **And the Lord spake unto Aaron,** Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, **neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part** and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

4. APOSTLE'S SALARY/INCOME:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' will receive income in various ways. It seems God has raised up some who have retired and have a steady income, and some who have adequate finances without working. Others, God has blessed with a business with enough income to only work part time, or like Paul only do seasonal work.

What is supposed to happen is tithing by the Pastors/Priests to the Apostle/Messenger.

Most Pastors/Priests today tithe back to their own church. That doesn't make real good sense, as that is where the money came from in the first place.

The Pastors/Priests will truly be blessed when they start tithing to the 'Apostle/Messenger of God'.

2 Cor 9:10

10 **Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;**

As it says in Numbers 18:20, the Apostle (like Aaron) takes no inheritance (tithe) from the church, God is his inheritance and He has provided the tithes from the Pastors/Priests (Levites).

Num 18:20

20 **And the Lord spake unto Aaron,** Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: **I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.**

The Lord spoke to Moses:

Num 18:25-28

25 **And the Lord spake unto Moses,** saying,

26 **Thus speak unto the Levites,** and say unto them, **When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance,** then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, **even a tenth part of the tithe.**

27 And this your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

28 **Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the Lord of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the Lord's heave offering to Aaron the priest. (Chief Priest)**

Paul chose not to take Tithes from the church, so he worked for his money.

1 Cor 9:6

6 **Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?**

1 Cor 9:14-15

14 **Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

15 **But I have used none of these things:** neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

1 Cor 9:18

18 **What is my reward then? Verily that,** when I preach the gospel, **I may make the gospel of Christ without charge,** that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

2 Cor 11:7

7 **Have I committed an offence** in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, **because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?**

2 Cor 11:9

9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, **I was chargeable to no man:** for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: **and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.**

Paul made tents for a living when the Lord provided him time.

Acts 18:1

1 **After these things Paul departed** from Athens, and came to Corinth;

Acts 18:2

2 **And found a certain Jew named Aquila,** born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla;

Acts 18:3

3 **And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.**

5. THE ANOINTING:

There is a lot of confusion in the Church today when using the term 'Anointing'. Rather than argue about the various uses of the term by different groups, we will only point out

the use of the word ‘Anointing’, as it refers to the Apostle/Messenger, and only according to the Scriptures.

The Call of God has already been discussed, so we will not use the term as referring to the Call.

Jesus was sent by God the Father, (which is His Call as an Apostle) then He was ‘Anointed’ to do the work of His Call.

A. THE ‘ANOINTING’ TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:

In the following verse, ‘Anointed’ means ‘Filled’ with the Holy Ghost (Spirit) and with Power.

Jesus as a man needed to be ‘Filled’ with the Holy Spirit in order to give Him the ability to serve God with His maximum potential and Power.

This gives the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ and others in the ‘Five Fold Ministry’, an example to follow.

Acts 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

The following verse gives the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ and others in the ‘Five Fold Ministry’ the proof that we too are ‘Anointed’ by God in order to give us the Power to fulfill the Call that He has given us.

2 Cor 1:21

21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

B. THE ‘ANOINTING’ TO PREACH:

As Jesus is ‘Anointed’ to preach the gospel as described in both the Old and the New Testament; so are we ‘Anointed’ to do the same, as Paul told Timothy in his epistle.

Isa 61:1

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Luke 4:18

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

2 Tim 4:1-2

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

C. THE ‘ANOINTING’ TO COME AGAINST SATAN:

Before ever confirming it with Scripture, the Lord had Timothy II lay hands on people's shoulders when praying for them, and call out for the removal of burdens. The Lord also had Timothy II lay hands on people's necks, bending them gently side to side, and calling out to break the yoke off of their necks. Many people's shoulders were extremely tight, and their necks stiff and tense. Most of them received immediate relief.

Then the Lord supported this action with the following Scripture, which gives the Apostle the authority to remove burdens off of people's shoulders, and to break Satan's yoke off of people's necks because we have been 'Anointed' to do so.

Isa 10:27

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, **that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.**

D. THE 'ANOINTING' THAT TEACHES US ALL THINGS AND IS THE TRUTH:

The 'Anointing' that is in 'us' teaches us all things. That is why at times, when we are in foreign countries, we have stepped out in faith and done things that we didn't have time to confirm in the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit confirmed it in us, through the 'Anointing'. The Bible also says that this same 'Anointing' allows us to know all things.

I Jn 2:27

27 **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.**

I Jn 2:20

20 **But ye have an unction (Anointing) from the Holy One, and ye know all things.**

E. THE SPECIAL 'ANOINTING':

There are times that the Holy Spirit will come upon the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' in a greater and more powerful way. It is at this time that the Apostle does his greatest work and performs greater miracles, because his outward man becomes overshadowed by the 'Anointing'. This 'Anointing' is only temporary, because it is so powerful that man can't stand to be under it for very long. You get very tired while under this 'Anointing', as you are on a real Spiritual high, and usually you need time to come down from this high and rest after it is over.

One time a Prophet told Timothy II that when ministering under the 'Anointing', do whatever you feel like doing, no matter how ridiculous it seemed. Timothy II went by that word for a long time, until finally he received a confirmation by the following Scriptures.

1 Sam 10:6-7

6 **And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.**

7 **And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.**

F. A WARNING - GOD PROTECTS HIS 'ANOINTED':

God warns others, that His 'Anointed' are 'Special People' and not to touch them nor harm them, because they are protected by Him.

1 Chr 16:22 Ps 105:15

22 **Saying, Touch not mine anointed,** and do my prophets no harm.

6. ANOINTING WITH OIL:

God has a 'Holy Anointing Oil' that is to be used for special purposes.

When first going to the Philippines, Timothy II knew very little about 'Anointing' with Oil. While in the Philippines, however, Timothy II had a Vision from the Lord, and the Lord spoke to him about making up a 'Holy Anointing Oil' for special use.

After returning home, Timothy II read the following Scriptures about the 'Holy Anointing Oil', and the 'Holy Perfume'. From this the 'Holy Anointing Oil' began. (For more information, read the 'Study Guide' on 'Fresh Holy Anointing Oil'.)

Exod 30:25

25 **And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment,** an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: **it shall be an holy anointing oil.**

Exod 30:35

35 **And thou shalt make it a perfume,** a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, **pure and holy:**

Timothy II also noticed that the 'Holy Anointing Oil' wasn't to be made again according to the same formula.

Exod 30:32-33

32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, **neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.**

33 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

Exod 30:37-38

37 **And as for the perfume** which thou shalt make, **ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the Lord.**

38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

So Timothy II asked the Lord how to make this new Fresh 'Holy Anointing Oil'. The Lord said to make it with 'Olive Oil', one of the 'Principal Spices' in the original 'Holy Anointing Oil', and that it represents the Holy Spirit today.

Also 'Myrrh' one of the 'Principal Spices' in the 'Holy Anointing Oil' and that it represents Jesus today, which is one of the gifts given to Him on His birth.

Also ‘Frankincense’, one of the ‘Sweet Spices’ in the ‘Holy Perfume’, and that it represents Jesus today, which is one of the gifts given to Him on His birth.

Exod 30:23-24

23 **Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh** five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

24 And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, **and of oil olive** an hin:

Exod 30:34

34 And the Lord said unto Moses, **Take unto thee sweet spices**, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices **with pure frankincense**: of each shall there be a like weight:

The Lord told Timothy II to use this ‘Holy Anointing Oil’ to ‘Anoint’ various things and for various purposes, in order to make them ‘Holy’, or to make anything leave that is not ‘Holy’. This is why demons must flee when being confronted by the ‘Holy Anointing Oil’.

Exod 30:29

29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: **whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.**

We have seen many many miracles take place through the use of this ‘Holy Anointing Oil’; however, we realize and always explain to those being ‘Anointed’, that it is the Holy Spirit doing the work, and not us, and that the ‘Oil’ is just a point of contact. We believe that the Lord honors the use of the ‘Holy Anointing Oil’ because of our faithfulness in using it, and that it is never ‘sold’ but is always given away free of charge.

Here are a few Scriptures on who the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ and his Company are to ‘Anoint’, and why.

A. FOR LEADERSHIP:

1. CHURCH LEADERS:

To consecrate and sanctify and to send out for the ministry.

The Chief Priest (Apostle): (Ex. 29:7 40:13)

The Prophet: (1 Kings 19:6)

The Priests (Pastors): (Ex. 28:41 29:29 30:30 40:15)

2. WORLD LEADERS:

To consecrate and to sanctify to the Lord.

Captains or Chiefs: (1 Sam. 9:16 10:1)

Kings: (1 Sam. 15:1 16:1, 3, 12, 13 1 Kings 1:39 19:15 Psalms 89:20)

3. SENDING OTHERS TO DO THE ANOINTING:

Kings: (2 Kings 9:1,3,6)

B. FOR HEALING:

Those that are sick, possessed, oppressed, or seduced of the devil. (Mark 6:13 James 5:14)

C. TO SET FREE:

Those with heavy burdens and yokes. (Isaiah 10:27)

D. TO REJOICE THE HEART:

For Gladness. (Psalms 45:7, 8 Prov. 27:9 Hebrews 1:9)

E. TO ANOINT OBJECTS AND ITEMS:

Objects such as are in the church and the church itself. (Ex. 30:26-28 Lev. 8:10, 11)
Items such as garments. (Ex. 29:21)

F. THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS:

The use of 'Holy Anointing Oil' is ordained of God, so it is important that it is not misused. We must be 'guided' by the Holy Spirit in it's use.

Some people see the 'Power of God' being manifested through the use of the 'Oil', and think that they can play with it. But this is not a game to be played with; it is serious business to the Lord. We must be careful who we give the 'Oil' to, and to who and what we 'Anoint'!

Lev 10:7

7 **And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you.** And they did according to the word of Moses.

7. CAUTIOUS POWERS:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God' is given 'Special Powers' that are not to be used except in certain situations. These Powers can cause disastrous results when not used properly. This is why it is a must that an Apostle be even tempered and not easily moved in the things of the Lord.

2 Tim 2:24-25

25 **In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;** if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 **And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.**

These Powers should not be used except by the 'prompting and guidance' of the Holy Spirit. Remember Moses and the rock! (Numbers 20:7-12)

A. CALLING DOWN TEMPORARY BLINDNESS ON A GROUP OF PEOPLE:

II Ki 6:18

18 And when they came down to him, **Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness** according to the word of Elisha.

II Ki 6:20

20 **And it came to pass**, when they were come into Samaria, that **Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw;** and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

B. CALLING DOWN TEMPORARY BLINDNESS ON A FALSE PROPHET:

Acts 13:6

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, **they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet**, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus:

Acts 13:8-11

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 **Then Saul**, (who also is called **Paul**,) **filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,**

10 **And said**, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, **behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness;** and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

C. DELIVERING SOMEONE TO SATAN:

There may be a time when nothing else seems to work, that the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ will resort to turning someone in a never ending ‘backsliding condition’ over to Satan. This would be to teach them a lesson or to save their soul and spirit.

This would only be done in extremely rare situations and led of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 5:1-5

1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 **To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.**

1 Tim 1:19-20

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; **whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

D. BINDING AND LOOSENING:

The 'Apostle/Messenger of God', through the Holy Spirit, has the Power to 'Bind and to Loosen' here on earth, and it *will* be done in Heaven. This is especially important in dealing with demons. We need to know that what we are doing here on earth is being accomplished in Heaven. (Ephesians 6:12 1 Peter 3:22)

Matt 16:18-19

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and **whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

Matt 18:18

18 Verily I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

E. REMITTING (OR FORGIVING) SOMEONE'S SINS:

Since God is the only one who can forgive sins, no man can. However, controversial as it may be, the 'Apostle/Messenger of God' under the direction of the Holy Spirit, can '**declare**' the remitting (forgiving) of someone's sins.

This has nothing to do with our 'physically' forgiving others sins, such as in (Matthew 6:12, 14, 15 18:21, 22), but is actually the '**declaring**' of what God is doing 'Spiritually' with the person.

John 20:21-23

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 **Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.**

F. RETAINING SOMEONE'S SINS:

God is the only one who can retain someone's sins, not man. That is why it is so controversial in the '**declaring**' of the retaining of someone's sins by the 'Apostle/Messenger of God'. The Apostle/Messenger must be sure it is God's Words that he is speaking and not his own! (Jeremiah 1:9)

John 20:23

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and **whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.**

Acts 13:45-46

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 **Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said,** It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, **and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life,** lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

2 Tim 4:14

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: **the Lord reward him according to his works:**

IX. WOMEN APOSTLES:

The question today, as in all Leadership of the Church, is are there Women Apostles? The first thing people do when you pick a position, is to classify you one way or another. Rather than allow for that, let's see what the Scriptures say concerning 'Women' in 'Church Leadership'.

Let's first examine the 'Old Testament'.

The highest 'Spiritual Authority' of God on earth during the time of the Law and the Prophets, were the Prophets themselves. The Prophets of old were much like the 'Apostles/Messengers of God' today.

If there were Prophetesses as well as Prophets in those days, then we might assume that there could be 'Women Apostles' today.

Exod 15:20

20 And **Miriam the prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Judg 4:4

4 And **Deborah, a prophetess**, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

II Ki 22:14

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto **Huldah the prophetess**, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

Neh 6:14

14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on **the prophetess Noadiah**, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

Isa 8:3

3 **And I went unto the prophetess;** and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hashbaz.

Are there also Prophetesses in the 'New Testament'? Yes, even false prophetesses.

Luke 2:36

36 **And there was one Anna, a prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

Rev 2:20

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, **which calleth herself a prophetess**, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Now if there are 'Women Prophetesses' in the 'New Testament', are there 'Women Apostles'?

The biggest argument comes from (Romans 16:7), where a woman's name (Junia) appears in the King James Version of the Bible, as an Apostle of note. It is (Junias) which is a man's name in the A.V. Is this a Woman Apostle or is it a mistake?

Rom 16:7

7 **Salute** Andronicus and **Junia, my kinsmen**, and my fellowprisoners, **who are of note among the apostles**, who also were in Christ before me.

Whether there are Women 'Apostle's of God' or not, there definitely can be Women Apostles of the Church (Women sent out). Paul himself sent Women of his own Company out to the churches.

Rom 16:1-2

1 **I commend unto you Phebe our sister**, which is a **servant of the church** which is at Cenckrea:

2 **That ye receive her in the Lord**, as becometh saints, **and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you:** for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

Phil 4:3

3 **And I intreat thee also**, true yokefellow, **help those women which laboured with me in the gospel**, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

The final comment about 'Women Apostles', is that of all those that are baptized into Christ, there is neither male nor female. So I believe the answer is Yes!

Gal 3:27-28

27 **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, **there is neither male nor female:** for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

X. WARNINGS - TO FALSE APOSTLES:

Today there are many people in the Church that want to be called Apostles. They believe this is a prestigious honor, and according to man's thinking, this is as high on the Christian ladder as one can obtain. How foolish this thinking is!

There is no ladder of Leadership in God's kingdom, and there is no prestige in God's Kingdom. (Matthew 20:20-28)

God is no respecter of persons, and all that counts is what we do with the talents that God gives us. (Matthew 25:14-30)

We don't choose our Call, God does, and all we do is answer it to the best of our ability.

1. THE BIBLE WARNS:

The Bible warns us about how we do the Work of the Lord.

Jer 48:10

10 **Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully,** and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

2. FALSE APOSTLES:

The Bible teaches that there are 'False Apostles of Satan' today, thereby confirming that there are 'Apostles/Messengers of God' today, for Satan to imitate.

2 Cor 11:3-4

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus,** whom we have not preached, **or if ye receive another spirit,** which ye have not received, **or another gospel,** which ye have not accepted, **ye might well bear with him.**

2 Cor 11:13-15

13 **For such are 'false apostles',** deceitful workers, **transforming themselves into the 'apostles of Christ'.**

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Rev 2:2

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: **and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:**

3. FALSE COUNSEL AND FALSE WORDS:

As the False Prophets of old did, the 'False Apostles' of today give 'false counsel' and 'false words'. They will use good sounding words and charismatic speeches; and they will speak about the world. (Romans 16:18 1 John 4:5)

Jer 23:19-20

19 **Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury,** even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: **in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.**

Jer 23:22

22 **But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.**

Jer 23:29

29 **Is not my word like as a fire?** saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Jer 23:32

32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, **and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness;** yet **I sent them not,** nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

Jer 23:39

39 **Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you,** and the city that I gave you and your fathers, **and cast you out of my presence:**
(To Outer Darkness)

XI. CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, as you have read, the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’ is Called by God to help complete the Restoration of His Church. No man has any say in this matter, it is strictly up to God to call the shots and to choose whom He will choose for this work.

One of the most futile efforts of the Church is to have a ‘School of the Apostles’. You don’t train for this Call or this Work. It is given by Jesus Christ, and carried out by the Holy Spirit. That is why Church Leaders do not understand the ‘Apostle/Messenger of God’. They have little to do with the Office, and outside of Christian Accountability, they can’t control it. Only God is in control.

You could have a School for ‘Apostles of the Church’, in order to train them; but it doesn’t take much training to send someone out to deliver finances or other items to the churches.

The following letter by Paul pretty much describes some insight into the ‘Apostolic Office’ and ‘Call of God’.

2 Cor 1:1-24

1 **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy** our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:

2 Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 **Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

5 **For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us,** so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

6 **And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation**, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: **or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.**

7 **And our hope of you is stedfast**, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

8 **For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:**

9 **But we had the sentence of death in ourselves**, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

11 **Ye also helping together by prayer for us**, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

12 **For our rejoicing is this**, the testimony of our conscience, **that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.**

13 **For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge;** and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, **that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours** in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15 **And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;**

16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

17 **When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness?** or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

18 But as God is true, **our word toward you was not yea and nay.**

19 **For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus**, was not yea and nay, **but in him was yea.**

20 **For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen**, unto the glory of God **by us.**

21 **Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;**

22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, **that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.**

24 **Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.**

2 Cor 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

AMEN!

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