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THE SIGN, THE SEAL, AND THE STRENGTH OF AN APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

...raising a people of apostolic and prophetic stature

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The Gift Is to Raise People

My desire is to teach and impart so much to you that the devil will know who is in charge when you stand out there (**1 Corinthians 9:1-2**). The seal of apostleship means, among other things, certification—a fully functional certified, and validated apostle. That is, Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that the statement he was making was not as an impostor.

When people began to question the apostolic mantle on Paul, he categorically said to them that the Corinthian church was actually the seal of his apostleship in the Lord (**1 Corinthians 9:3-14**). The seal of Paul's apostleship was not a paper certificate. No matter the grace of God upon your life and no matter how highly placed your call is, if it does not rub off on your people, you have no certification. That was the seal of Paul's apostleship on the Corinth church. The purpose of the gift is not to preach high revelation; rather, it is

to produce a people.

The Job of an Apostle Is to Raise People

I am of the considered opinion that any apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, or bishop who has not poured himself into a people to raise them to an apostolic and prophetic standard is not entitled to be "milked" from that flock. That would be daylight robbery. However, any group of people who are ungrateful, unthankful, rebellious, and do not tap into the grace that is in the house and bring themselves to the level where they can learn from the pathway that the Father has created in the Spirit and launch out to fulfil destiny are a disgrace to that local church.

The foremost Apostle was Jesus Christ. What was the certification of Jesus Christ? When people saw the disciples in Antioch and called them Christians, and when they took knowledge that Peter and John had been with Jesus because of the

boldness they displayed (**Acts 4:13; 11:26**). People saw that the apostolic dimension had rubbed off on them.

Apostolic People Are Destiny-Driven

The job of an apostle is not to create messages but to raise people (**2 Corinthians 3:1-4**). The greatest certification any apostle could have is to raise an apostolic community—men and women who think differently, have laid hold of that which the prophets have declared, know how to build a strong foundation and lead people into their destinies.

They are men who know how to bring people into the membership of a local church, mature them as disciples, and release them as sons into their destinies. They are men who know how to help others discover, develop and deploy their destinies. The job of an apostle is not to create messages but to create a people. A productive Christian life is not an accident. When

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WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."

THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- *By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Ministry of the Word
- ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers

OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence
- ➔ Financial Integrity
- ➔ Punctuality

you begin to drink from the apostolic source accurately, the things you have been looking for will begin to look for you.

Solomon: A Type of Apostolic Ministry

Solomon was a type of apostolic ministry while his father, David, was a type of prophetic ministry. The father got the blueprint while the son built it with wisdom (**1 Corinthians 3:5-10, Proverbs 24:3**).

When the Queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon in the people, there was no more spirit in her (**2 Chronicles 9:1-8**). That was the apostolic dimension of Solomon. The house that Solomon built represents the people (**1 Timothy 3:15, 2 Corinthians 5, Hebrews 3:1-6**), while the food on his table represents the revelation God has given to the local church (**Matthew 4:4**). It was the wisdom and the impartation of that which Solomon had received that was producing the food on his table.

The Anticipators of God's Needs

The Queen of Sheba also saw the seating position of Solomon's servants, how they knew where they belonged and how they did not break their ranks. They did not assume anything but let God lift them from one position to another. They were men of calibre. You must know that your seating position is to occupy till Jesus comes, as He has commanded (**Luke 19:13**).

The Queen of Sheba saw the service of Solomon's waiters. Who are the waiters? They are those who wait on the Lord, are strengthened as they wait, and do great exploits (**Isaiah 40:31, Daniel 11:32**). These are the ones with a servant's heart and attitude. They are anticipators who anticipate what God would have them do. They always want to do something that would advance the kingdom of God. What you do in the natural speaks of the position you are in the Spirit.

The waiters are intercessors who know how to draw down grace from God. They have prophetic insights into the lifestyle of the local church. They know the leader by the Spirit, not after the flesh. They have the pastoral dimension of the heart of Jesus Christ to take care, not only of

the pastor or other ministers of the local church, but also the pastoral dimension of the heart of Jesus.

When the Queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon and the happiness, fulfilment, contentment, and lifestyle of the people in his domain, she blessed the Lord God who delighted in Solomon. There is a wisdom of God that can be seen in the environment and the people in your domain.

Apostolic and Prophetic Dimensions

The strength of an apostolic ministry is an accountable relationship. That is why the apostles must be people who can be questioned (**Acts 14:26-28**). There should be no hide-and-seek in an apostolic ministry. Everything about the apostolic is relational because they are not creating messages but creating people. They must be lovers of people (**Galatians 5:14, John 13:34-35; 15:12**).

Within an apostolic ministry, there must be a system of evaluation of what everybody is doing. In **Acts 15:40-41**, the Bible says the church commended the apostles to the grace of God and committed them to the life-changing empowerment contained in the grace of God upon their lives.

Apostles are relational people, but prophets are slightly different. Prophets bless people and can be full of compassion. But, relationship-wise, some of the time, they run like lone rangers. If Elisha was not in the Spirit, Elijah would have left him (**2 Kings 2:2, 9**). Elisha, too, was a lonely person who carried the anointing with him to his grave. Even in death, his bones still held power because when a dead man was thrown into his grave, the dead man was brought back to life as soon as his body touched Elisha's bones (**2 Kings 13:21**).

Prophetic Apostles Build Patterns

There are apostolic prophets and there are prophetic apostles. This has nothing to do with prophesying but with different switches in their lives which manifest as different moods and temperaments. A prophetic apostle has insight into building patterns, knows how to lay hold on that because of the grace upon him, and can be a wise master builder. Not only does he have the wisdom to build,

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OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

but he also knows how to accurately receive from the realm of the spirit and bring it to bear. The seal of the apostleship is the people they raised, not the books they have written or the messages they have preached.

Seeing Jesus Is a Sign of the Apostolic

The first thing you will see in a true functional, certified, and validated apostle is that he has seen Jesus Christ. Every true apostle must see Jesus (**1 Corinthians 9:9, 2 Corinthians 12:1-12**). Paul was not with Jesus when He was in the flesh, but the Lord revealed Himself to him. He saw the Lord (**Acts 9:3-20**).

If you cannot handle the heat, get out of the kitchen. If you cannot handle reproaches, slander, abuses, and misunderstanding in an apostolic community, get out of it because all those things will manifest from time to time. However, you can rest assured that God's strength will manifest in your weakness (**2 Corinthians 12:1-12**).

The seal of an apostolic ministry is the people who are transformed and changed by that ministry. While an accountable relationship is the strength of apostolic ministry, perseverance is the sign of prophetic ministry.

Always remember that the purpose of the gift is to raise an inclusive apostolic community—individuals who think differently and have embraced the teachings declared by the prophets throughout history. They know how to build a strong foundation and how to guide others into their destinies.

