

# THE APPEARANCE



*Ephesians 2:20-22*

*Ephesians 4:11-16*

**APOSTLES AND  
PROPHETS  
PREPARING THE  
EMERGING  
ARMY  
RELEASING THE  
ABILITIES AND  
NATURAL  
CALLINGS OF  
EVERYONE**



## **APOSTOLIC PREPARATION # 6**

### **"What Is An Apostle?" (Part 3)**

#### **7. An Apostle is All Things to All Men**

The apostle can do all the tasks in the ministry, due to the fact that he can flow in all of the five fold-ministries. The Apostle will be trained in all of the five-fold ministries. Although he might not hold the office for all of them, he would at least be able to function in some way in all of them. He is able to step in and take the place of anybody if somebody is missing. He is able to flow with all the gifts of revelation. He can flow in signs and wonders and the power gifts, and he can prophesy just like a prophet, as a matter of fact, apostles are known foremost for the signs and wonders that follow their ministries. The apostle is also able to function in all types of temperaments according to the situation at hand. You cannot place him into a specific ministry or temperament. One minute he is explosive and expressive, and the next minute he is austere and unemotional. The apostles do not like to confront people and get into arguments as they have a ministry of reconciliation and unity. They have the heart of a father.

In order to prepare an apostle, the Lord will place him in many different types of situations to deal in different ways. At times he will need to learn to be nice and friendly to people in order to establish new relationships with others in the kingdom. No matter how much bashing and pressing he does, nothing will happen. The Lord is trying to teach him to be patient and compassionate with people. At other times, he will be required to drive forth with a dogged determination and a forehead of steel no matter who gets in the way until he succeeds. **(1 Corinthians 9:20-22)**.

The apostle also has to have experience in various doctrines, denominations and walks of life. He is somebody who knows something about everything. He can tell you about the various denominations in the Body of Christ. He has had exposure to all of the other fivefold ministries, as well as the teachings and heresies in the church. He knows something about everything, and if asked a question he will always have an answer. If he does not know the answer, he will go on a quest to find it. It is not because he is more intelligent than most, but simply because he has more wisdom than most. No amount of head knowledge can give you this kind of training, only the school of the Spirit will bring you to this place of completion.

#### **8. An Apostle is a Strong Leader and Pioneer**

The Apostle is not a follower, but a leader. He is capable of being a servant as well as the master. The apostle always wants to be on the cutting edge of what God is doing. He is always listening, straining in the Spirit to hear when the next step is, and he is there taking it. When the Lord starts moving in the Body of Christ he is there before anybody else is. He has heard, he has seen, and usually he is the one who is releasing it. The apostle does not wait around for others to tell him what to do, but he goes ahead of others. He does not sit around waiting to hear a mighty thundering voice from Heaven before he takes a step. He is always in face to face communion with God, running ahead of the rest setting a trend. He takes reasonable risks, travels uncharted territories and does not mind taking heat for decisions he has made.

People look at an apostle and they are drawn to him. They want to be like him and imitate him. He is the kind of leader who stands out and motivates others just by who he is. He not only has the ability to lead, but he shows others how to lead. Leadership comes naturally to an apostle in office. He may not have started out that way, but the end picture of what an apostle looks like is that he has the ability to lead. When he stands up and walks, people follow him. An apostle is the kind of person who, if you are standing mulling around in a group, as he steps into the room everybody notices him. An apostle has an internal strength and courage that allows him to always stand up for what is right.

He takes responsibility on his own shoulders. You do not have to tell him that he has a job to do, as he automatically steps in and takes on the responsibility. If there is something that needs to be done, he does it. If there is something that needs to be organized, he organizes it. When something goes wrong, he is the one who steps forward and takes responsibility for it. If you are headed for the apostolic and you are waiting around for somebody else to do the job, might as well forget it, the buck stops with you. For this reason, a lot of the apostolic preparation that you will have is learning to be a leader. You will learn soon enough that a leader does not only take responsibility for his actions, but also takes responsibility for the actions of others. When you make excuses for things that you did wrong, it sounds weak. Strong leaders do not make excuses.